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Dog Policy

Epsom College recognises that the safety of pupils, staff and visitors on site is of paramount importance, and as such the College continues to take precautions to reduce the risks to the health of pupils, staff and visitors which might be associated with dogs on site.

Visitors are therefore discouraged from bringing dogs onto College grounds.

Owners are responsible for the behaviour and actions of their dog and all dogs must be under strict control and on a lead, whilst on College grounds. Fouling is to be avoided, and any excrement cleared away by the owner immediately, bagged and placed in one of the bins on site.

As the majority of the site is used for school teaching/sporting/social activities, we would ask that dogs are not, whenever possible, exercised on the grounds. If this is unavoidable, then visitors are asked to keep their dogs to the perimeter of the site.

The College reserves the right to ask any visitor to leave the school grounds, if unwilling to keep to these rules.

It is normally inappropriate for dogs to be allowed into a School Building, with the exception of assistance dogs. There may be an occasion when it is appropriate for a dog to be brought into a school building, including pupil houses, but permission must be sought from the Second Master or Bursar.

Dogs are permitted to be kept in residential properties owned by the College with the prior agreement of the Bursar as per the Accommodation Policy.