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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Therapy Dog

We are hoping to have a therapy dog on site next year to support some of our most vulnerable students via Animal Assisted Activities (AAA). There is a vast amount of evidence that this is incredibly beneficial in supporting young people, and specifically young people with autism. To read more on the benefits and reasons behind this program please see <u>The British Association</u> for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

One of our lovely teachers is having her Labrador, Indie, go through this process via <u>Canine</u> <u>Assisted Learning</u>, and as part of this we need to have Indie at school for him to learn the site and to check whether this too is right for Indie. As such, Indie will be in school all day on Thursday 15 June.

We thought it may be nice to show you who Indie is....

Should you have any concerns, please contact us via the front office should you need. We hope that you can see the benefit of having Indie as part of our support for students next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Burns Head Teacher



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