

November 9, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to inform you that we now have a school dog – a French bulldog called Remy.

Remy belongs to two teachers at St Aldhelm's Academy and your child may have already met him. He is almost five months old, he is a very placid, friendly dog and we believe his presence at St Aldhelm's Academy will have a multitude of benefits.

We believe children can benefit educationally and emotionally from interacting with a dog, that it will increase their understanding of responsibility and help them develop empathy and nurturing skills. There is also the simple fact that many children take great enjoyment from interacting with a dog or find it a relaxing, soothing experience. This can help promote positive behaviour and boost the confidence of anxious children.

We understand there may be some students who are allergic to dogs or who do not wish to interact with Remy. If this is the case, please complete the slip below to make us aware of this. If we do not receive a slip from you then we will presume you are happy for your child to interact with Remy as and when it is appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



Hayley Yarrow  
Vice Principal - Inclusion



**REPLY SLIP – please complete ONLY if you do not wish your child to interact with Remy**

I do not wish my child (insert name).....to interact with Remy.

Parent signature.....

Parent print name.....

Date.....