

# Ormesby Village Infant & Junior Schools Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

We are lucky enough to have been offered the opportunity to have a 'reading dog' in the Infant school. The dog has received specialist therapy and behavioural training and we understand that she is an avid reader! Whilst this is a fantastic opportunity for the children we are aware that some children have a phobia of dogs and we do not want to cause any undue upset. When the dog is in school, we will make sure that those children who do have a phobia do not come in to contact with her. To ensure this happens could you please complete the attached slip indicating whether you wish your child to come in to close contact with the dog or not. This is a valuable initiative we wish to pursue, so please ensure this slip is returned as soon as possible.

Reading dogs provide a calm, relaxing and safe environment where a child can enjoy a book without any judgement. The child can develop their vocabulary, as well as improve their reading skills. Spending time with animals is proven to develop confidence, encourage positive social behaviours and enhance self-esteem. We feel incredibly lucky to have been offered this opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs Angel and Miss McMylor  
(The Ormesby Federation SENDCo Team)

To the Office:

Reading Dog

I give/do not give (**delete as appropriate**) permission for my child

\_\_\_\_\_ to come into close contact with the Reading Dog.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

