



Black Rock
Pre-School

Black Rock Pre School Centre Inc.

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Registered Number A0002536R

DOGS ON PREMISES POLICY

1. Authorisation

This policy was reviewed by BRPS Committee in April 2019 and April 2020 will be reviewed as required.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the committee, staff, parents/guardians, children, visitors, volunteers and students involved with the service.

3. Background and Relevant Legislation

The Black Rock Pre School is aware that many families have pets/dogs. With this in mind and considering the safety of all children the following policy was developed.

- Companions Animal Act

4. Definitions

Premises: means all areas of Black Rock Pre School including car park area and the surrounding pathways/walkways that children would use to gain access to the Pre School.

5. Policy Statement

This service is committed to:

- The safety and wellbeing of all children.
- Providing a safe and healthy environment for children while at the service.
- Providing information regarding access to dogs/animals on our premises
- Complying with all legislative requirements.

6. Policy

The preference is that all dogs/animals remain off the premises. However the Pre School recognizes that dogs/animals are a part of our community and as such will accept them outside the Pre School provided they; -

- remain securely tied to a leash on the fence around the grass/ trees to the left of the driveway
- not placed anywhere near the entrance or exit to the Pre School

Responsible dog ownership is expected and this means accepting full responsibility for the dog and its needs.

The Companion Animals Act and its regulations introduced new standards of care for dogs and imposed duties and responsibilities on their owners. The Act requires that a dog must wear a collar around its neck with a tag identifying its name as well as the name, address and telephone number of its owner. The Act prohibits dogs from a range of areas for public health and safety reasons.

Black Rock Pre School is able to control, restrict and prevent access to dogs and their owners at any time should there be any concerns.

Black Rock Pre School is not responsible for the actions of dogs in the grounds.

7. Key Responsibilities and Authorities

Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible for:

- Implementing this policy.
- Ensuring confidentiality is maintained.

Dog/Animal owners are responsible for:

- Not bringing animals onto the Pre School grounds.
- If required to attend, have them leashed/tied up securely away from any walkways or areas children may play or walk on their entrance or exit to the Pre School. Excluding dog aides.
- Dogs/animals must be under effective care at all times.
- If being left for a period time, please ensure they have water
- Clean up any mess left behind

8. Resources and Support

Training

If appropriate, training may be provided for the staff of Black Rock Pre School to deal with enquiries.

9. Evaluation

In order to assess whether the policy has achieved the values and purposes set out under 6. Policy Statement, the Committee will:

- Monitor complaints received and assess whether a satisfactory resolution has been achieved.
- Monitor and manage appropriately any incidences that may arise in regards to dogs/animals on the premises.
- Take into consideration feedback on the policy from staff, parents/guardians and Committee members.