Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce that The Dog Mentor programme will be commencing work in our school with a number of children. The Dog Mentor programme has built upon the benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences with dogs that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially.

Over the last eight years The Dog Mentor programme has been proven to have a positive impact on children in all areas including self-esteem, behaviour, peer relationships and better engagement skills. These improvements then result in improved academic achievement.

**<NAME>** will be bringing **<HIS/HER>** dog **<NAME>** into school from **<DATE>**. We envisage that The Dog Mentor will bring a positive influence into the school environment as a whole and look forward to the impact The Dog Mentor programme will have on our children.

Please complete and return the slip below as soon as possible if you DO NOT wish your child to take part in any activities with the Dog Mentor.

Yours Sincerely,

Headteacher

I DO NOT wish for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class to take part in activities with the Dog Mentor.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer