

14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**RE: Detection Dog**

Dear Parent / Carer,

As part of our commitment to safeguarding our students and staff, we invited our partners from [K-9 unit](#) into school today who brought a 'detection dog' called Axel in to work with us. Detection dogs are trained to search and indicate for illicit substances.

You may remember we had another dog called Jhura come into site in January. There was no specific intelligence or reason why we brought this dog onto premises – it is part of our usual routine and regular partnership work to ensure our school remains a 'drug-free' environment. We will never be complacent with this and we fully expect Axel or one of his friends to come in regularly.

Axel was warmly welcomed by students who were excited to pat and stroke him and he was also a very good boy! We were sensitive to all students' needs during the process.

**As expected, Axel did not detect any evidence of illicit substances on site.**

I'd like to thank all students for their maturity and co-operation over the course of the morning.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr J Barton - Headteacher**