

All About Me – Toby our school dog

Why does Fullbrook have a school dog?

There is a huge amount of research showing that children can benefit from working with a dog alongside their teacher, a dog can support children's;

- Empathy and Theory of Mind
- Wellbeing, Relationships and self-regulation,
- Listening and attention,
- Communication,
- Physical skills,

Want to find out mor? See our school website and prospectus.

What do I do each day at school?

At the moment, I'm helping look after the staff's wellbeing, but from January I will be able to;

Join a group for story time,
Work 1:1 with some of the children
Help children when they feel sad or anxious,
Help improve attendance and wellbeing.

What special training am I having?

Just like our children, I have to learn how to be a school dog. So for the 1st year I will be coming to school, but not working in contact with the children. I will be going to weekly lessons and having training in school. From January, I'll be ready to start seeing children. For now, the staff are able to benefit from my company and the children can see be at a distance whilst on the lead. I am insured to be on site and have a *fully risk assessment in place*.

Where will you find me at school?

You will *always* find me with Andrina, I will either be in;
Andrina's office,
Walking on a tight leash around school
Working with a small group of children,
Having Toby time with a child.



My favourite things;

Coming to nursery to see the children,
Living with my family,
Wagging my tail!
Eating my special dog food!
Going for long walks ,
Running in long grass,
Playing fetch with a ball or frisbee.
Sleeping.

Things I don't like;

Loud noises,
Fast cars or big lorries,
Lemons!

What happens if you'd prefer not to meet me?

I am a Labrador who has been specially chosen for my kind, loving and gentle temperament around children and adults. Some of my cousins have special jobs guiding the blind or warning against epileptic seizures. So, I'm perfect for this job, but if you are allergic to me or nervous around me please just say and our paths will not cross.