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Article 28: Children have a right to a primary education.

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### Ad Astra's Dog Park

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are enjoying our fairly new 'Ad Astra Dog Park', which is just inside our drive-in entry gate on the left as you come onto the school site. My aim was to provide a place for you to tie your dogs up while dropping or picking up your children, which would keep both our children and dogs safe. On the whole, I think that this is working really well.

As the owner of four dogs myself and a serious dog lover, I can understand the temptation to head over to our dog park and interact with the dogs there. However, please can I ask that none of us give in to this temptation. I deliberately situated the dog park behind the walk in gate to provide as much of a screen as possible between the dogs tied up there and everyone coming and going onto the school site. This is because it can be frightening to dogs for unknown people to come up to them, especially when their owners are not there. This also gives us all an excellent opportunity to teach our children that we must never touch a dog that we don't know without asking permission from its owner.

Thank you very much.

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Mrs Clare Tantrum  
Headteacher



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