



Duncan – Our school dog

All about Duncan

Talk to the person next you. Can anyone remember...

- What breed of dog Duncan is?
- How old Duncan is ?
- Who Duncan lives with?
- What Duncan might do at school?



- Duncan is a Basset Hound.

The Basset Hound, originally bred in France as a hunting companion, is a medium-sized hound dog with a long, low body and short legs. They are known for their distinctive features, including their long, droopy ears, wrinkled foreheads, and sad-looking eyes. These gentle and affectionate dogs make great family pets.

- Duncan is 3 years old
- Duncan lives with Mrs Neal and her family. At Mrs Neal's house he likes to sleep on his chair and go out for walks to the park. He also likes to play with baby Martha!



Our school dog

- Duncan is our school dog. He plays an important role at our school. Duncan will be coming into classrooms so everyone who wants to, will have a chance to see him.
- Duncan will be listening to children read.
- Duncan will be going on the track with children.
- Duncan will be on the playground some mornings or evenings to greet you or to say goodbye!



Our rules for Duncan

1. When we want to stroke Duncan we must approach him calmly. We can hold out our hand for him to sniff. We approach him from the front so he can see us. We don't approach him from behind.



2. When we stroke Duncan we stroke him downwards (from the back of his neck to his tail). We stroke him with very kind hands. We don't stroke his ears unless Mrs Neal is there to help.



3. We don't use LOUD voices around Duncan. We don't shout at him or scream. We use calm, soft voices to talk to him.

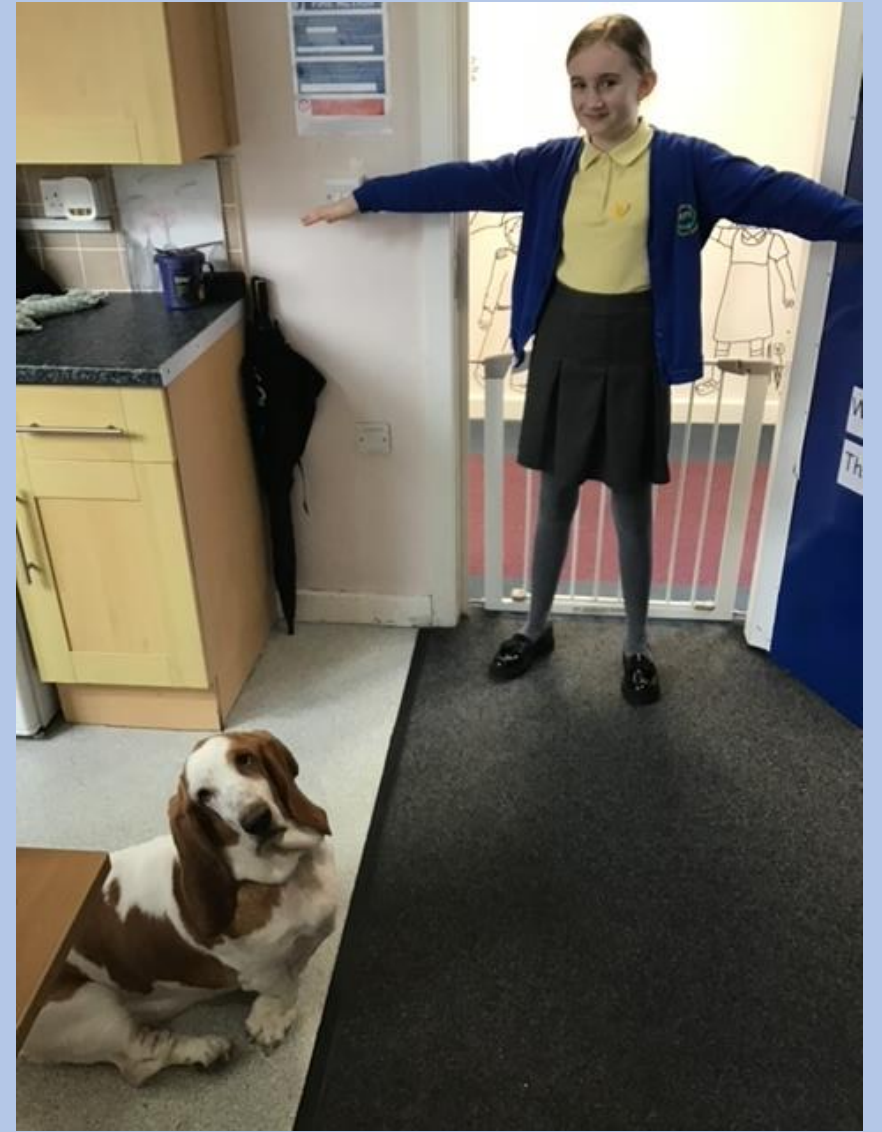


4. We never give him food or objects to put in his mouth. Sometimes adults will give him treats at school but these are made for dogs and safe for Duncan to eat.





5. We give Duncan plenty of space. Try to give Duncan plenty of room for him to wag his tail and shake his body! When we stroke him we try and stroke him one at a time.



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Things to remember

- Duncan is very friendly. He loves children and he loves coming to school.
- Duncan doesn't jump or bark – so if you don't have a dog or have never stroked a dog before, Duncan is a great dog to say hello to!
- Duncan can get tired at school, so if he needs a sleep you'll see him in Mrs Ball's room having a break.