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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Dogs Trust – Building Confidence**

Today we had a whole school assembly delivered by Alison Gray from The Dogs Trust. She spoke to the children about how to keep themselves safe around dogs, how to read the signs and messages dogs give us through their body language and she taught the children three key rules for when they meet a new dog.

The rules are:

- Ask the owner's permission before approaching a dog
- Hold out your fist for the dog to smell before touching it
- Ask the owner how to touch the dog e.g. pat, stroke, avoid its head etc.

Following assembly, she delivered a more in-depth workshop for our EYFS children and Class 1. The information she gave was invaluable and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Alison has offered to run a confidence building programme for children who have severe anxiety around dogs. The programme will run once a week for four consecutive weeks towards the end of January 2018. There are only 4-6 places available on this programme and it is targeted at supporting children who have a real fear or anxiety around dogs. If you think your child would benefit from this programme, please complete the form below and we will contact you to discuss the programme in further detail.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Myers  
Headteacher

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I would like my child to take part in The Dogs Trust Confidence Building Programme and would like to find out further information. Name of child:.....

Signed: .....(parent/carers)

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