



CAMPSMOUNT

10th March 2026

Dear Parent,

Camps Mount Therapy Dog

We are writing to share an exciting proposal with you.

Camps Mount Academy is hoping to become the first school within the Leger Education Trust to introduce a therapy dog as part of our continued commitment to student wellbeing, inclusion, and academic success. If approved, we would be delighted to welcome a Maltipoo from a local breeder in Norton to become a valued and much-loved member of our school community.

Therapy dogs are increasingly used in schools across the country, and the benefits for students are well evidenced.

These include:

- Reducing anxiety and stress
- Supporting emotional regulation and wellbeing
- Encouraging calm behaviour and positive relationships
- Improving confidence, engagement, and motivation
- Supporting students who may find school challenging
- Providing comfort during difficult or high-pressure moments
- Supporting reading confidence, fluency, and enjoyment through targeted reading interventions

Should we proceed, the therapy dog would be fully trained and carefully introduced. Comprehensive risk assessments would be completed, and clear routines, boundaries, hygiene procedures, and supervision would be in place at all times. Student interaction would be planned, purposeful, and closely supervised by trained staff, with both student and dog welfare always a priority.

We recognise that some students may have allergies or may feel uncomfortable around dogs. Careful planning will ensure that the dog's presence is managed appropriately within the school environment, and no student will ever be required to interact with the dog.

We believe this could be a positive addition to Camps Mount Academy, supporting both wellbeing and learning and making a meaningful difference to those who need it. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@campsmount.com.

Kind regards,

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