

Dear Parent/ Guardian

As you may have heard from our very excited pupils, we will be having a school dog as of September. Bili, will join Mr Schrimshaw on July 25th and will spend the summer getting used to the school surroundings.

There is a list of benefits to having a school dog, all of which can be found in our school dog policy on the website. Having a school dog is becoming more and more common and the benefits to child wellbeing and academic progress is well researched and documented.

The pupils will be given the chance to work with Bili in the next academic year, this will include a range of activities, all supervised by a member of staff. The school risk assessment for these activities and the dog are included in the school dog policy.

We are extremely excited to be welcoming a dog into the Ysgol Esgob Morgan family, however, we are aware that having a dog in school can cause some discomfort or anxiety for some people. We have text a link, and placed one on seesaw, to allow you to opt out should there be any reason for your pupil not able/want to take part in activities with Bili. Please return this ASAP. This is an opt out only form. If you are happy for your child to take part in activities with the dog, you don't need to do anything.

If you have any further questions about Bili, or the activities, please feel free to speak to Mr Schrimshaw. Our door is always open and we would like to make this a positive experience for all.

We look forward to introducing you all to Bili very soon!

Regards

Mr Schrimshaw