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Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents,

A huge Rayleigh Primary welcome back to school!

Ralph, our registered therapy dog, and his lovely owner Christine, will soon be coming back into Rayleigh Primary School to visit us! This was really successful last year and the children really loved to see him. Ralph is a registered and assessed therapy dog, which means that he has met very high standards in terms of temperament and training. More information about Therapy Dogs Nationwide, where Ralph is registered and has been assessed, can be found here: <https://tdn.org.uk/>. Ralph's remit is to work closely with Mrs Dearman, our Inclusion Mentor, to help benefit children's well-being in school. For example, Ralph might hear children read, be a comforting presence while they talk, or might form a reward for positive behaviour - demonstrating our values of being altruistic, ethical and pioneering.

If you are happy for your child to interact with Ralph, there is no need to do anything! We also already have information on file for your children if you responded to the form last year. Therefore, if nothing has changed, please be assured that any arrangements made will still be in place and the new class teacher will be notified. Therefore, there is no need to do anything! However, if you have a new concern or change in circumstances (for example a new allergy or fear), we would ask you to register them via this [Google form](#) by Monday 14th September, so that we can take these into account.



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No child will be forced to interact with Ralph if they do not want to, but equally, because of Ralph's training, he is likely to be a positive influence on children who might have been frightened in the past of other dogs. If you have any other questions or concerns about Ralph that are not covered by the Google form, please email [schooloffice@rayleighprimary.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rayleighprimary.org.uk) FAO Mrs Pettifer.

We really look forward to working with Ralph and Christine again!

Mrs Pettifer and the Rayleigh Primary Team (including a woof from Ralph!)



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