The Baxter Project

Information for parents and carers



Hello,

I'm Baxter

One of my friends from The Baxter Project will be visiting your child's school soon. We can't wait!

The school will let you know when.

Why is my friend coming to school?

Your child's school is working with The Baxter Project, an award-winning early intervention that supports children's emotional wellbeing. My friends help our trained practitioners create a calm, low-pressure space where children feel safe and more able to talk. Sometimes they join a walk, pop over to say hello, or simply have a snooze nearby.

Nobody ever has to stroke a dog or come close.
A wave from across the room still counts as hello.

My friends take their jobs seriously

Our visiting dogs are behaviour-assessed, temperament-checked and fully insured. A trained, DBS-checked practitioner stays with them throughout. They are never left alone, do not roam around school and keep away from busy areas. Everyone is encouraged to wash their hands after meeting them.

Please tell the school if your child has

A dog allergy

We can keep our distance, use different routes around school or avoid contact altogether.

A fear or phobia of dogs

That's completely fine. We can arrange for the visiting dog to stay out of sight.

Any other needs

Sensory, cultural, religious or anything else. We'll plan a way that works for your child.

One small ask

Please let the school know before our visit. A quick word or short message is all it takes.

WHO TO TELL

Your child's class teacher
or the school office