

## **Polite Notice**

### **Dog Fouling on St Mary's Primary School Field**

After consultation with the Environmental Quality Officer from Babergh District Council, we have respectfully asked members of the public not to bring dogs onto the school field.

Dog fouling on the school field has been an issue for some time. However, there have been increasingly frequent incidents recently when dog mess has had to be removed from the field or children have got it on their shoes / clothing. This is unpleasant and a health and safety risk for the children. On one day in October, more than ten children got it on their trainers during a PE lesson, which is unacceptable.

The field is owned by Suffolk County Council for the use of the school. Currently, we have no desire to close the field to the public out of school hours as we enjoy being at the heart of the community. However, we hope that dog-owners will respect the fact that this is a school field, regularly used by children during the school day. It is not common for members of the public to be allowed use primary school fields in this way.

We hope that members of the public will respect the wishes of the school community in this matter.

**Please do not allow your dogs onto the school field.**