



Dog Fouling in Your Area

Dear Parents and Families

Many people in the area have been raising issues concerning the amount of dog waste being left on pavements, grass verges and on the open spaces in the area.

Residents are concerned that this degenerates the community and makes it unsightly, unsafe and a general nuisance; after all, you don't wish to walk the waste into your home, have your children covered in it or see someone in a wheelchair have to steer their wheelchair through it because they cannot avoid it.

Environmental Protection Service are committed to making your area a better place to live, work and play and because of this we need your help.

Dog owners – please pick up after your dog! Most dog owners are responsible; please help us to keep your community clean. Thank you for doing this.

We will issue fixed penalty notices and / or prosecute those people who do not pick up their dog's waste to make sure that people can live safely and cleanly in their area. Don't allow your dog to stray – in addition to the fouling problem, a straying dog can cause traffic accidents and can cause nuisance to others through fighting.

Everyone - If you see anyone who allows his or her dog to foul and then fails to clean it up, please let us know. We will then be able work with those people to educate them about what the waste they have left behind does to the community, and to those who live in it.

Remember, your children have to play in the open spaces in the area. How much better will it be for them if they can play without the fear of getting covered in dog waste?

Officers from Environmental Protection Service will be patrolling the area regularly to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

The Service is also a valuable source of information on owning and keeping dogs and other animals, if you would like any advice or would like to report dog fouling offences, please don't hesitate to contact us in the following ways;

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FAMILY OF SCHOOLS PROJECT ~ EDUCATING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

Across the Westfield Family of Schools we are running a project, supported by Amey, around improving our environment through educating dog owners to clear up after their dogs. The problem of dog fouling locally was identified through our parent consultation last year when 77% of parents (who completed the consultation across the 10 schools) stated that dog-dirt was an issue locally.

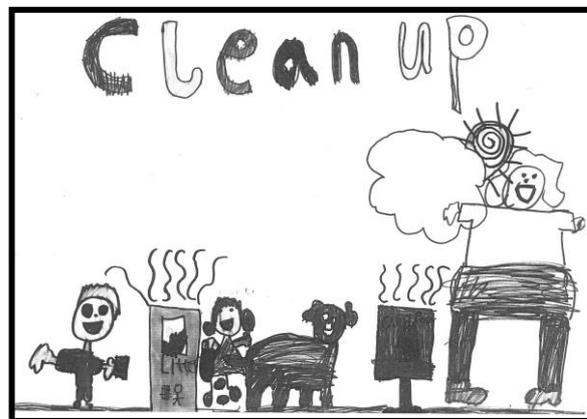
The children in Blue, Yellow and Green bases have been working on the issue in assemblies this week. Our work has included showing the children a short animation that was made by a previous pupil, David Hudson.

Our School Council have been working on identifying the problem areas and have been planning how we can help dog owners to remember to clear up after their dogs. Next Monday the Council children will be sharing their work in assembly. Millie, from Amey, is also coming to talk to the children as this is a city-wide problem.

The Family of Schools is running a poster and Poetry competition around the theme of 'Educating Responsible Dog Owners'. The closing date for posters and poems is 14th November.

If any children would like to make posters or write poems at home we would very much welcome them. Please bring any entries to the school office and ensure that your child's name, age and class are clearly marked on the back.

A competition held across the city a few years ago was won by a poster from our school (see below).



We hope that our project makes a difference across the Family of Schools and the local area. Many thanks for your support.

Helen Stokes.