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Dear Parents,

I regret to inform you that a child went home this week with

### **DOG Excrement on their uniform.**

We have previously brought to your attention our concerns about **dog excrement** on the school grounds and advised that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. Unfortunately, we regularly continue to find dog excrement on our grounds, to include on the playing pitch.

Dog Excrement has the potential to cause serious injury and illness to our pupils and we have previously advised you of the risk of Human Toxocariasis especially,

- Human Toxocariasis is a potentially serious infection, resulting in eye disorders, blindness, asthma, epileptic fits, among others.

The Board of Management has a duty of care to our pupils and is very anxious to ensure that the dog fouling now **stops**.

**We are therefore again reminding everybody that dogs are strictly not allowed on any part of the school grounds at any time (whether school term, weekends or holidays) and irrespective of whether the dog is on a leash.**

In the event further episodes of dog fouling occur, the Board of Management will have to consider taking the enforcement measures open to it. We very much hope it does not come to that point.

Thank you for your cooperation, we are doing this in the interest of protecting the health and safety of your children.

Board of Management of Kiltale NS

