



# MILTON ABBEY

## DOG POLICY

Milton Abbey welcomes staff dogs on the premises, as we believe it adds to the 'home from home' atmosphere which we nurture here. Parents' dogs are also allowed on site when they are visiting school, for example when watching sports matches, but the site is not to be used for routine dog walking.

It must be remembered that this is a school and the welfare of the children and staff comes before that of a dog. Dog owners **MUST** be aware that dogs are potentially dangerous; they can be a health hazard and not all children and adults like them.

The following must be adhered to:

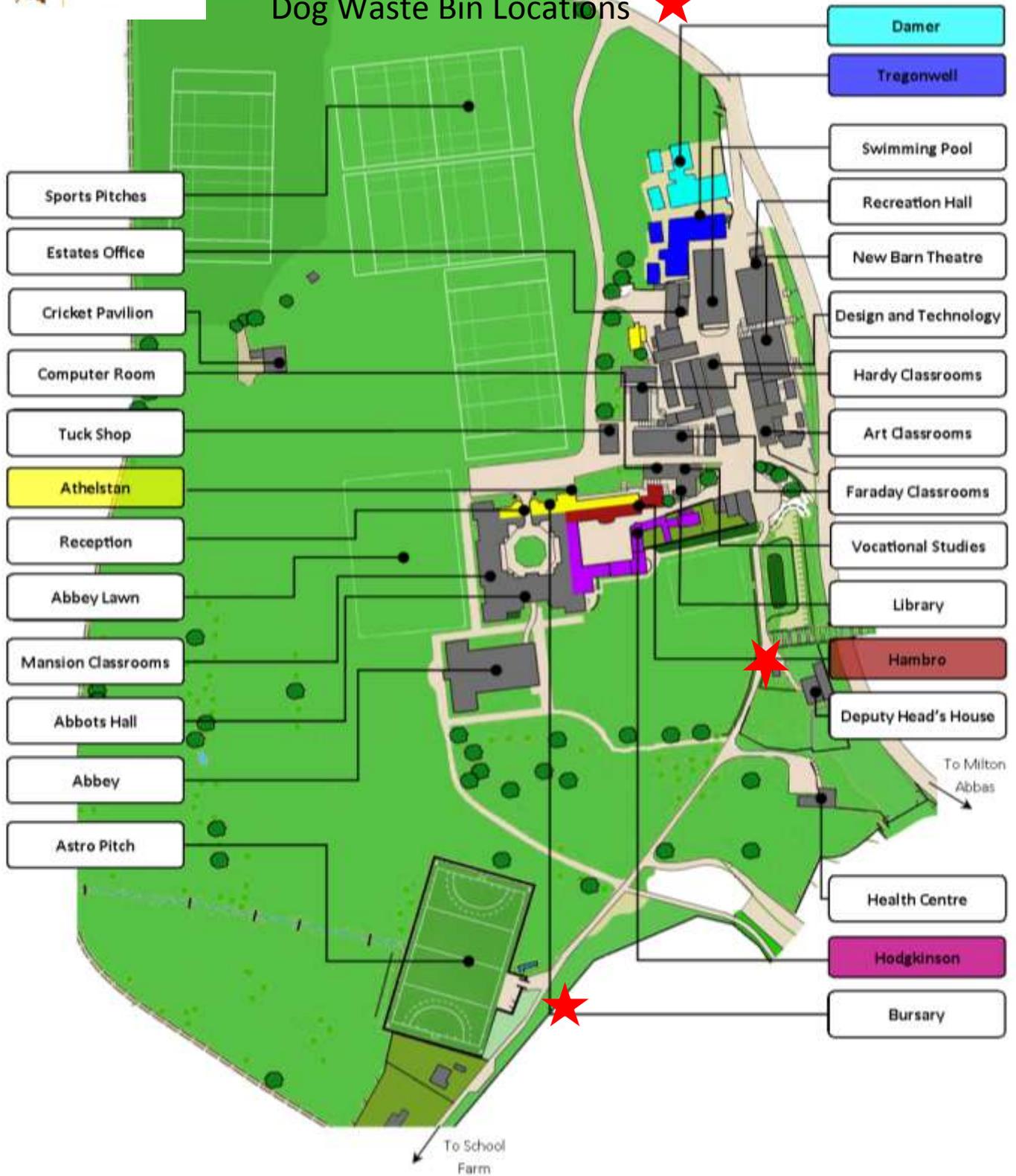
1. All dogs must be fully insured and have up to date injections. The Bursar is entitled to ask to see insurance policies at any time, and no dog is allowed to walk around the site until it has had its injections.
2. Dogs are allowed inside buildings but not in the dining room or sleeping accommodation. House staff dogs must not go into sleeping accommodation and preferably not into common room areas either.
3. Dogs are not allowed in classrooms, laboratories, workshops, the Tea Rooms or any areas where pupils are taught. Dogs are also not allowed in any rooms adjacent or linked to rooms where pupils are being taught.
4. Teachers and Support Staff may take well-behaved dogs into their offices. They must remove their dogs if they become a distraction or if any child feels uneasy in the close proximity of a dog. It is important to realise that children from different countries, not least those where Rabies is endemic, may have a much more anxious response to dogs than British children.
5. Dogs may be walked around the whole site, with the exception of sports pitches and playing surfaces, and all dog dirt **MUST** be removed with a plastic bag and disposed of off-site or in the bins provided. (See Dog Waste Bin locations on map attached).
6. All dogs must be either on a lead or under the immediate supervision of the handler at all times. Dogs are not allowed to roam unattended anywhere on school premises.
7. When walking puppies and young dogs around the immediate site they must be kept on a lead.
8. If a pupil takes a dog for a walk, the dog must always be on a lead. It is also imperative that the owner is satisfied that the pupil is fully aware of his/her responsibilities as far as scooping dog dirt is concerned and that the pupil is able to control the dog.
9. Staff should remind parents of these policy terms if they see them being flouted.
10. The dog remains the responsibility of the owner at all times and as such the owner may be liable for any accident for which the dog is responsible.
11. The Headmaster and Bursar have the right to ask any member of staff or parent to remove his /her dog from the site if they fail to follow these guidelines.

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## Dog Waste Bin Locations



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