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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some exciting news about a new addition to our school community. We are pleased to introduce Nellie, our new therapy dog, who will soon begin her gradual integration into life at Stockport Academy.

Nellie is a five-month-old Zuchon, a cross between a Bichon Frise and a Shih-Tzu. She has a naturally calm and friendly temperament, and as a hypo-allergenic breed, she is well-suited to interacting safely with a wide range of students and staff.

Over the coming weeks and months, Nellie will begin her formal training for her role within school. As part of this, she will be slowly introduced around the Academy so that students can become familiar with her in a controlled and positive way. Once fully trained, Nellie will be working closely with our SEND department, where she will support students through a structured referral process.

The purpose of this letter is simply to ensure all parents and carers are aware that a therapy dog will be present in the school environment. We understand that some families may have questions, and we are more than happy to help.

If you would like any further information or wish to discuss this in more detail, please contact us via our enquiries email address:

[enquiries@stockport-academy.org](mailto:enquiries@stockport-academy.org).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McCann  
Principal



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