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5th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Dog Mentor Programme

We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing our own school dog and will be joining **The Dog Mentor Programme.** The Dog Mentor Programme has built upon the benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences with dogs that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially.

Over the last nine years The Dog Mentor Programme has been proven to have a positive impact on children in all areas including self-esteem, behaviour, peer relationships and better engagement skills. These improvements then result in improved academic achievement.

Mrs Davies (a member of our MAT team) will be bringing her dog (Dolly) into school from Monday 10th March. We envisage that The Dog Mentor Programme will bring a positive influence into the school environment as a whole and look forward to the impact The Dog Mentor Programme will have on our children. Full training will be given to both Dolly and our staff that will work with Dolly to ensure that the welfare of everyone involved is maintained as a top priority.

Please feel free to visit The Dog Mentor's website and Facebook page for more details and to see some of the schools that have introduced their dogs into school:

www.thedogmentor.co.uk www.facebook.com/thedogmentor

I hope that you share our excitement, please feel free to contact the school with any questions you may have on 0121 716 0444 or email enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org.

If you do not wish your child to take part in this programme, please complete and return the slip below by **Friday 7th March.**

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Young
Head of School

Mr Wiliams
Headteacher

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I DO NOT wish for my child _____in _____ class to take part in activities with the Dog Mentor. This is due to (tick as appropriate):

☐ pet allergies

☐ acute fear of dogs

☐ other (please specify if you wish) _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____