

Reading with Charlie

Charlie is a 10-year-old Border Collie who belongs to Mrs Beard.

He has been coming into school for the last 9 years. His main purpose is to listen to children read. Reading to Charlie can be very beneficial as he gives unconditional acceptance and is non-judgemental which means students can relax and enjoy reading at their own pace. He makes an amazing listener and our students love reading to Charlie.



Charlie can support the children on many levels as working with him can help improve self-esteem, acceptance from others and lift moods, often provoking laughter and fun and relieving anxiety.

Mrs Beard has completed the Assisted Therapy course. The course has enable Mrs Beard to work with Charlie and the children by using programmes which are suitable for the needs of the children.