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Hello Cavendish Close School Communities,

My name is Mandy and I'm an autism assistance dog who has been trained by Support Dogs. Support Dogs are a registered charity who train assistance dogs to help people and are recognised by Assistance Dogs UK (ADUK) just like Guide Dogs. I have been in training since I was 8 weeks old for this job, and have passed multiple assessments along the way to make sure I behave like a good girl when I'm working.

I will sometimes accompany my family to and from school, so you might see me at drop off and collection times. When I have my blue working jacket on, I have a very important job to do by keeping my humans safe. If you see me around school and I have my blue jacket on, please give me and my family plenty of space and do not try to stroke me. I don't want to get distracted from my important job and there is a risk assessment in place to make sure I do my job properly.

If you are worried by dogs, please don't be afraid of me. I'm very friendly and wouldn't want to hurt anybody. If you do see me around and are a bit worried, please just calmly walk away from me – if you run or make a big noise, I might think that you want to play with me.

If you'd like to know more about assistance dogs or Support Dogs, you can visit our website www.supportdogs.org.uk. You can also watch my friend Tinks on the CBeebies show Dog Squad!

I'll maybe see you around,

Mandy 🐾🐾



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