

School Dog Risk Assessment

Hazard	Initial Risk	Control Measures	Implemented?	Further Action	Responsible	Residual Risk
Health – Disease & Parasites	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog has a designated handler who is in charge of feeding and caring for the dog while on school premises, ensuring there is a supply of fresh water available. The handler is responsible for permitting people to touch the dog. The dog will reside in the office and the areas are kept clean and secure for the wellbeing of the animal, pupils, staff and visitors. The dog is given no opportunity to come into contact with wild rodents on or off the school premises. The dog is fully inoculated. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog will go to the vet for a bi-annually for a check-up, to identify whether the dog has any transmittable diseases. Annual inoculations will be booked in and worming will be completed fortnightly till 8 weeks then monthly up to 6 months. On hot days, the handler will ensure there is appropriate provision in place to keep the dog cool, and ensure the dog avoids too much activity during the hottest part of the day. 	JP	Low
Hygiene	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog will be suitably toilet trained. The designated area for the dog to defecate will be clearly marked and not accessible to pupils. All faeces are immediately picked up by the handler, using a waste bag, and disposed of into a separate waste bin. The handler immediately washes their hands with sufficient soap and water after picking up faeces. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the dog is ill with an infection or disease, it will not return to the school until it has recovered. Hand sanitiser is provided for anyone who touches the dog. 	JP	Low

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any soiled dog bedding is immediately disposed of in sealed clinical waste bags, and into the clinical waste bin. The handler takes the dog's bedding home regularly to wash it. Any pupils/staff/visitors who touch the dog are advised to wash their hands afterwards, and sufficient hand washing provision is provided throughout the school. Anyone touching the dog, who has an exposed wound, must have the wound suitably covered. 				
Bites and Scratches	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog will have training sessions with a specialist canine behaviourist who will ensure that the dog is trained well, and is used to coming into close contact with people. Pupils/staff/visitors around the dog are closely supervised by the handler. Pupils/staff/visitors are advised not to put their face close to the dog. The dog is prohibited from roaming freely around the school without the supervision of the handler. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils / visitors are only permitted to stroke the dog with the handlers supervision. The dog is provided with a place it can go to get away from people. 	JP	Medium

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Minor Injuries (e.g. trips)	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All dog bedding/housing is regularly checked for defects. • All dog equipment is stored in the office when not in use. • The dog's food and water bowls are kept out of the path of people to avoid any trips. • Any spillages from the dog's bowl are wiped up immediately. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All dog bedding is washed (not using school machine) regularly and replaced when required 	JP	Low
Allergies	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils and staff known to have allergies to animals will have restricted access to the dog if requested. • All pupils and staff are advised not to touch their face after touching the dog. • All pupils/staff/visitors are advised to wash their hands thoroughly after touching the dog. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter outlining the low risk of an allergy due to the breed of the dog will be circulated to all parents. • Parents who have a child who is allergic to dogs will have the option to opt their child out of interactions with the dog. 	JP	Low
Phobias	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils and staff known to have a phobia of dogs are given restricted access to the dog if requested. • The dog is prohibited from roaming freely around the school without the supervision of the handler. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During busy times, the dog will be kept in a safe and secure area away from the commotion. • If the dog is unsettled, the dog will be kept in a safe and secure area away from the commotion. 	JP	Low