

Risk Assessment – Dog in School
Riverview C of E Primary & Nursery School

Signed: A Bates

Date: 25/3/2021

	<i>Hazards</i>	<i>Who is at risk?</i>	<i>Control measures</i>	<i>Actioned by when and by who</i>	<i>Date of Review: 19/4/21</i>
Poor hygiene	Infection, illness	Pupils, teachers, adult helpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts and abrasions on the exposed skin of hands and arms are covered before handling animals. Pupils and adults always wash their hands after stroking the dog - hand washing is <i>supervised</i> to ensure that it is done properly. Paper towels for drying hands hygienically are provided. Pupils are closely supervised to ensure they do not put their fingers in their mouths before hands have been washed. Dog will be on lead at all times when not in the Head's office and not allowed to wander unrestricted around the classroom. 	<p>Staff to supervise handwashing</p> <p>Site manager to provide paper towels</p>	
Animal behaviour	Bites, scratches	Pupils, teachers, adult helpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog will stay in the Head's office while assessments are carried out to ensure that she is docile, friendly and gentle in the presence of children. The dog will be trained not to jump up. Pupils are warned of the hazards of some dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sudden movements around dog. Not to stare into dog's eyes. 	Key Workers to be responsible for training dog not to jump up /have no mouth contact	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not to put face near to dog. ▪ Approach dog standing up. • Dog is closely supervised by an adult at all times. • Dog trained to have no mouth/teeth contact and to respond to command "stop". • Pupils are closely supervised by an adult when visiting the dog. • First Aid kit is available and there is access to a First Aider. • All animal bites are carefully washed and a first aider contacted. • Dog to have 'third party insurance' on owner's insurance. 		
Diseases, parasites and allergies	Illness, allergic reaction	Pupils, teachers, adult helpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are asked to identify any pupils known to have allergic reactions to animals and these pupils have very restricted access to the dog. • Dog regularly wormed and treated for flea prevention. • Dog walked and toileted in a demarcated area of the school grounds. Faeces removed in poop bags. • All waste produced, whether accidental or routine, is double bagged and disposed of hygienically. Contaminated items and surfaces properly washed and disinfected. 	Office staff to send home parent questionnaire to find out about allergies/ phobias Dog walked by Key Worker	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils and adults always wash their hands soon after handling the dog. • Pupils are instructed not to rub their eyes before washing their hands and are closely supervised. • Medical assistance will be sought where an allergic reaction does not subside once the animal and the afflicted person are kept apart. 		
Phobias			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are asked to identify any pupils known to have a phobia of dogs. • Where there are pupils with phobias, every effort is made to segregate the dog from children/ adults with phobias. • Notice signs in school entrance advising of dog presence and noted on school website. • All parents aware dog is in school. 	<p>Office staff to send home parent questionnaire to find out about allergies/ phobias</p> <p>Hanna to make signs for school entrance.</p>	
Dog becoming anxious or tired	Dog gets irritable or distressed	Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe space in Head's office for "quiet time". • When dog is sleeping it will not be woken unless by familiar adult • Educating children how to behave when 		

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			dog is on school site.		
Fire alarm	Dog left in building	Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog has practiced fire alarm procedure to become familiar with alarm sound. Key member of staff will be responsible for removing dog from the building in each area. Dog will be signed in as a member of staff so Fire Marshall knows when she is on site. 	Office staff to produce signing in sheet for dog	
Dog not following basic commands		Pupils/adults/dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog has learned basic commands "Sit", "Wait", "Gently", "Stop". 	Owner and Key Workers	
Dog unwell		Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If unwell dog will not be in school. Adult to clean up sick wearing gloves, using paper and disinfectant 	Key Workers	