

Risk Calculator

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Rationale: To provide a structure for the introduction of a school therapy dog in a controlled manner for short periods during the school day (condition training)

	LIKELIHOOD		
CONSEQUENCE	<i>Unlikely</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Likely</i>
<i>Slightly harmful</i>	Trivial	Acceptable	Moderate
<i>Harmful</i>	Acceptable	Moderate	Substantial
<i>Extremely harmful</i>	Moderate	Substantial	Unacceptable

Residual Risk Controls

Risk Level	Control
Trivial and Acceptable	No action required
Moderate	If it is reasonably practicable to undertake some action to reduce the level of risk this should be done. If the risk is moderate because the consequences are extremely harmful it is unlikely that there can be any further reduction without significant effort. Ensure there is a suitable system in place. Continue to monitor.
Substantial and Unacceptable	Action must be taken to remove or reduce the risk. If action cannot reduce or remove the level of risk the activity should be undertaken. If this level arises as the result of a Decision Making assessment the activity should cease immediately.

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Hazard	Risk	Persons at Risk	Level of Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Action Required
Allergies	Dog causing an allergic reaction. This could manifest as mild discomfort to difficulty breathing.	Staff, pupils, visitors. Particularly those in direct contact.	Acceptable	<p>Parents previously asked to inform school of allergies. No known allergy sufferers based on current medical information.</p> <p>Additional letter to parents explaining the role of school dog, control measures and option to avoid contact.</p> <p>Allergies to be recorded on MIS.</p> <p>Pupils to be taught to wash hands following physical interaction with school dog.</p>	Moderate	<p>Letter to parents</p> <p>MIS updates with allergies</p>
Germ	Disease or infection carried by dog	Staff, pupils, visitors. Direct contact with dog or contaminated surfaces.	Acceptable	<p>Specific area of school grounds for toileting used away from pupil access. Dog toilet trained including on command to limit chances of accidents indoors.</p> <p>An indoor accident ‘clean up’ pack readily available and bags carried at all times. Any accidents to be cleaned immediately including any defecation outside.</p> <p>All immunisations up-to-date with records available. Flee and worming treatment carried out every 4 weeks.</p> <p>No contact allowed during meal times or in food prep areas.</p>	Acceptable	<p>Clean up pack stocked</p> <p>Vet records available for inspection</p>

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Hazard	Risk	Persons at Risk	Level of Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Action Required
Over excited dog	Getting knocked over, scratched or bitten	Staff, pupils, visitors within proximity	Substantial	<p>Dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult and not allowed to roam free around school premises.</p> <p>Pupils will never be left unsupervised with the dog.</p> <p>The dog will always be on a lead/trainer lead unless undergoing structured training with no access to others not participating.</p> <p>Pupils to be taught how to approach and behave around dogs and understand body language and other signals.</p> <p>Dog professionally trained and training will continue. Level 1 basic obedience passed prior to starting school conditioning training. In school training to be built on gradually starting with short sessions and limited pupil contact.</p> <p>Staff to be familiar with dog prior to introduction to pupils/school environment.</p> <p>Claws to be kept short and introduction to school is only when biting/teething has finished.</p>	Moderate	<p>Regular vet visits and claw inspection</p> <p>Training to continue</p> <p>Pupil training</p> <p>Secure timeout area</p>

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Hazard	Risk	Persons at Risk	Level of Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Action Required
				<p>Supervising staff to recognise signs of distress and limit contact. Dog to have secure area for time out.</p> <p>Risk assessment to be reviewed as training progresses.</p> <p>Staff suitably first aid trained should an incident occur.</p>		
Escape	Getting knocked over, scratched or bitten	Staff, pupils, visitors	Acceptable	<p>Dog secure when not being directly supervised.</p> <p>Dog on lead at all times when about school secured to collar or harness. Supervising staff to remain in control at all times.</p> <p>Training to include recall and walking to heel.</p>	Acceptable	Spare lead available
Financial Cost	Ability to provide for upkeep of dog	Owner	Trivial	<p>Dog insured for medical treatment with a 'Lifetime' policy.</p> <p>Ownership and general costs lie with staff member deemed to be financially secure.</p> <p>Dog signed up to local vets pet scheme to cover inoculations, flea/worming and check-ups.</p>	Trivial	Details kept on record

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Hazard	Risk	Persons at Risk	Level of Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Action Required
Claim against school	3 rd Party Liability due to injury resulting from contact with dog	School	Acceptable	Owner's insurance policy includes liability cover. Business Manager checked school policy which covers injury claims in most circumstances.	Acceptable	
Covid-19	Spread through contact	Staff, pupils	Moderate	Contact limited to one person at a time with no cross bubble mixing if working in a group. Hygiene standards adhered to including thorough hand washing following contact with dog.	Acceptable	

Checklist

- [] Copies of vet records on file
- [] Copy of insurance policy on file
- [] Training records on file
- [] Letter to parents sent and returns analysed
- [] Secure area for dog to be left in
- [] Cleaning pack for accidents available
- [] Spare lead available