

HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT			
Dog in School	Ref No: EBOR/HS/RA56		
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Sigglesthorne C of E Primary Academy

Dogs in school risk assessment

Assessment conducted by: S Owens	Job title: Lead teacher	Covered by this assessment: All staff, pupils
		and visitors
Date of assessment: 12th July	Review interval: Annually	Date of next review:

Related documents
Health and Safety Policy, Infection Control Policy

Risk rating		Likelihood of occurrence			
		Probable	Possible	Remote	
	Major Causes major physical injury, harm or ill-health.	High (H)	High	Medium (M)	
Likely impact	Severe Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid.	High	Medium	Low (L)	
	Minor Causes physical or emotional discomfort.	Medium	Low	Low	

Issue	Risk rating prior to action H/M/L	Recommended controls	In place? Yes/No	Recommended further actions to be taken to reduce risks	By whom	Deadline	Risk rating following action H/M/L
Health – diseases and parasites	Н	 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 is permitted only (in the Y2/3 classroom, playground and field) and the area is 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. 	Y	 The dog will go to the vet for a termly check-up, to identify whether the dog has any transmittable diseases. 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. 	S Owens		M
Hygiene	Н	 The dog is suitably toilet trained. The designated area for the dog to defecate, (at the bottom of the field), is situated away from pupils and staff. All faeces are immediately picked up by the handler, using a clinical waste bag, and disposed of into the clinical waste bin. The handler immediately washes their hands with sufficient soap and water after picking up faeces. 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. 	Y	 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. 	S. Owens All in contact with dog		M

		 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	Н	 The dog has been 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. 	 Pupils/staff/visitors are only permitted to stroke the dog during allocated time-slots. The dog is provided with a place it can go to get away from people.
Minor injuries related to dog housing and equipment	М	 All dog bedding/housing is regularly checked for defects. All dog equipment is stored (middle classroom cupboard) 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. 	All dog bedding/housing is replaced annually. S Owens L
Allergies	M	 Pupils and staff known to have allergies to animals have restricted access to the dog. 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. 	A supply of antihistamine tablets is kept in the main office in case anyone has an allergic reaction. Hypoallergenic dog to reduce risk of allergies
Phobias	М	Pupils and staff known to have a phobia of dogs are given restricted access to the dog.	During busy times, such as breaks and time between lessons when lots of pupils and During busy times, S Owens L

	The dog is prohibited from roaming freely around the school without the supervision of the handler.	staff will be coming past the dog, the dog will be kept in a safe	
		and secure area away from the commotion.	