



Risk Assessment: School Dogs

The risk assessment below is a working document and will be checked annually by key staff and the governing body.

Hazard	Risk	Risk 1 - 5	Controls in place	Review date
Dog getting over excited when interacting with children.	<p>Child knocked to the ground.</p> <p>Child scratched by dog.</p> <p>Child bitten by dog.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3</p> <p>3</p>	<p>At the current time, the dog will be in the care of a responsible adult and will never be allowed to roam freely around the school premises.</p> <p>Children will not be left unsupervised with the dog.</p> <p>The dog will be on a lead or carried when walking around the school premises, unless it is able to stringently follow their owner and stay by their side.</p> <p>Pupils have been and will continue to be taught about how to interact with the school dog (further guidance on this can be seen in our 'Dog Policy').</p> <p>Pupils will be taught what to do to prevent the dog from chasing them, jumping up at them, scratching them or even biting them (further guidance on this can be seen in our 'Dog Policy').</p> <p>All staff will have been introduced to the dog and expectations of having a school dog.</p> <p>The dog will attend the vets regularly to ensure she is in good health and that her claws are kept short.</p>	
The dog causing allergies.	Children or staff have allergic reactions	1	<p>Parents have been asked to inform the school of any known allergies before the introduction of the dog to the school.</p> <p>A list of any children/staff who should not interact with the dog will kept in school.</p>	



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			<p>The children will have the opportunity to interact with the dog as they wish and those with allergies will be able to opt out of interaction.</p> <p>Children will be taught to wash their hands after active participation with the dog</p>	
Children getting germs from the dog.	Children or staff will contract diseases that can be carried by dogs.	1	<p>Should the dog defecate on the school site a member of staff will clear this up immediately and dispose of it in a safe way.</p> <p>They will be trained to toilet in an area of the grounds that children have limited access to. The area will be disinfected as required.</p> <p>All immunisations are kept up to date in accordance with the European Pet Passport Scheme and a record will be kept of this.</p> <p>Flea treatment is carried out at monthly/or quarterly interval, depending on the age of the dogs.</p> <p>The dog will not be allowed in the school dining hall at mealtimes; and never in the food preparation area.</p>	
Financial cost of the dogs' upkeep.	School unable to afford the ongoing cost of the Dog's day to day upkeep or medical bills.	1	<p>The dogs are ultimately the responsibility of Mr King (Hugo) and Mrs Spry (Whiskey) in a well-being and financial aspect.</p> <p>St Mary's will be insured by the school, for Public Liability Insurance.</p> <p>All vets' costs are covered by the staff members or pet insurance.</p>	

KEY: 1- Low risk

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3 -Medium risk of injury

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5-High risk of injury



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