Risk	**Dogs in School**

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing (existing Control Measures)?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk (Additional Control Measures)?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Allergies (eg. respiratory, skin sensitivity, eyes, nose, anaphylaxis)	*Staff and children*	Identify allergies and avoid/manage possible exposure (as appropriate). All parents / carers to sign a form advising teaching staff of any pupil allergies. Allergic children will have reduced/no contact as agreed with their parents. Staff to notify school office of allergies so this can be kept on record. Staff responsible for not having contact with the dog. Ensure availability of adrenaline (eg. epinephrine, EpiPens or Anapens) if child requires this medication, held in office and	Dog's working timetable to be displayed on Head of School office door so that staff and pupils can manage access.	*All staff*	*ongoing*	

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		used according to medicines policy. *Ensure availability of inhalers or medication if child requires this medication, held in classroom or office and used according to medicines policy.*				
Stress related reactions (eg. resulting from phobias, fear)	Staff and children	Consideration of a person's vulnerabilities including fears and phobias – dogs introduced slowly and carefully. Conversations with parents if consenting for dog involvement but knowledge of fears/ phobias. Whole school assembly to be used to talk about dog behaviours and appropriate interactions to maximise knowledge for children and staff.	Questions on home school agreement sent out when children start school for parents to complete. Information held on Sims	All staff Admin staff	ongoing	

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		Initial consent letter sent to parents and carers upon first introduction of the school dog.				
Physical injury (eg. from animal bites and scratches)	Staff, children and visitors	Adequate medical and first aid facilities in place. Support Staff are trained in First aid. Dog to always be supervised by a member of staff. Children, adults and visitors will need to request interaction with the dog – this will therefore be denied if dog is agitated. Dog will have a timetable to ensure focussed intervention time is minimised to between 3 and 4 20 min slots a day to minimise potential 'stressful' times. Dog will have a safe place to rest and relax in between	Member of staff in charge of dog to remove dog from the area in case child becomes hysterical.	All staff	ongoing	

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		interventions to ensure he is well rested and feels safe.				
Infection resulting from physical injury (eg. from bites and scratches)	Staff, children and visitors	Personal hygiene rigorously enforced (eg. hand washing procedures). Children to wash hands after sessions with the dogs and always before eating as normal.	Parents are asked to complete questionnaire with regard to tetanus injections. Parents would also be called to inform them that a dog has bitten their child.	All staff	ongoing	
Surrounding environment (eg. excrement, uneaten food/drink, parasites) Hygiene	Staff, children and visitors	Dogs will be toileted on the grass verge on the far side of the car park and mess cleaned up immediately by the staff member walking the dog. Bins containing food will be kept on worktops when the dog is in school.	Grounds are checked daily by caretaker for excrement.	All staff	ongoing	

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		Training will focus on minimising licking behaviours. Dog will be fleaed and wormed at regular intervals as advised by the vet. Dog will be groomed every 6 – 8 weeks to ensure cleanliness.				
Animal welfare (eg. stress causing unpredictable animal behaviour)	Dogs	Reasonable (prior) checks for animal suitability (eg. potential for harm). Dog has visited on site and with small groups of children to test their response. Dog will be introduced gradually and attend weekly training classes to develop obedience. Dog, when not at school, will attend doggy daycare to		Dog owners	ongoing	

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		ensure he continues to develop socialisation skills. Ensure suitable environment and preparation prior to animal arrival – equipment for dogs including quiet areas and beds are in place. If the dog is unwell they will not attend school. Dog will have timetabled downtime and will always have access to food and water. Treats will be used to re-enforce desirable behaviours.				
Exposed cuts and potential routes for infection	Children	Exposure to cuts and open wounds appropriately controlled. Children taught not to let dogs lick open wounds, hand washing as appropriate and use of plasters if deemed		All staff	Ongoing	

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		necessary. All Support Staff trained in first aid.				
Inappropriate or inadequate supervision of animals or children	Staff, children and visitors	Animal welfare overseen by nominated person (eg. hygiene, comfort). All dogs are the responsibility of their owners or other named staff member when on site. Appropriate and adequate supervision in place. Dog will not be unsupervised and will travel around school on a lead. Dog will attend puppy training with both heads of school to ensure staff responsible are knowledgeable of what is needed.		Dog owners	Ongoing	
Inadequate provision of information to those	Staff, children and visitors	Behaviour management appropriate to activity (eg. safe procedures). Owners will always		All staff/Dog owners	Ongoing	

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working with the dogs		be present with the dog or a nominated member of staff who knows the dog well. Ensure adequate information, instruction and training for all involved. All staff and children will meet the dogs and learn about them and their responses before the lengthier visits take place and the dog begins work.				
Untrained dog resulting in less effective intervention	School staff and children	When school dog is old enough he will be assessed yearly by 'Pets as therapy' to get his therapy dog certification. Dog to regularly attending dog classes to develop obedience. Dog will be trained using Kennel club for reading intervention when old enough.		Head of School	August 2022	

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Assessor's comments		Common sense will be used at all times and the owner's judgement will be sought and their decision final (in consideration of treatment by children, suitability of activity, welfare, stress, illness etc). The school has taken out Pet Insurance on all the dogs to cover accident and injuries on site.				

Risk Assessor G Morley	Signature G Morley (digitally signed)	Date 2.11.21
Responsible Manager J Bailey	Signature J Bailey (digitally signed)	Date 2.11.21

Date Reviewed	Signature	Role

Action Plan for Risk Assessment

Action Plan to be completed based on the findings of the risk assessment. The following actions are to be undertaken to reduce the risk level as far as reasonably practical and to ensure that all of the standard controls and local arrangements are in place.

No	Hazard not fully controlled	Performance Status High Medium Low	Action required	Person Responsible	Target Date	Date of Completion
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Responsible Manager	Signature	Date