School Dog Risk Assessment January 2025

Hazard	Risk	Risk Category 1-5	Likelihood 1-5	Control in place
Animal Health, diseases and parasites	Children/staff will contract disease that can be carried by a dog	2	2	Dog has all the vaccinations before coming to school Dog has regular vetinary checks Dog to follow worming and be kept clear of ticks and fleas Dog to be groomed regularly Dog to live with the owner and family when not in school Dog's bedding to be washed and kept clean
Dog excrement & urine	Children/Staff will get ill from contact with excrement/urine	1	2	Dog will be toileted away from the school site and where children Any excrement or urine which happens on site will be cleared up immediately and will the area will be washed with water- staff will wear gloves. This will be disposed of in an appropriate poo bag and dog bin The member of staff looking after the dog will carry poo bags with them

Hygiene/Infection	Children/staff will get ill from contact with the dog	1	2	Any children stroking the dog will wash their hands immediately after their session and will be reminded not to touch their face or mouth Children in Year 3 and below will be watched to wash their hands All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered Food stuffs will be stored carefully to prevent contamination and infestation Dog will be groomed regularly
Allergic reaction	Children have allergic reactions to hair or saliva	1	1	Posters will be on the Head teacher's office door and main school entrance informing children and staff when the dog is on site Parents will have informed Head teacher that they do not wish their child to have contact with the dog- a list will be held in both office and in Head teacher's office Staff will know if they have allergies that they will manage their contact themselves The dog will have no unsupervised contact with staff/children and will always be on a lead Pupils and staff will be taught of the procedures of meeting and handling the dog
Dog gets loose from pen or lead	Dog will exit the head teacher's office and not be in the lead and run around the school	2	2	Dog will have their bed in a crate in the head teacher's office. If the head teacher leaves the office and does not intend to take the dog with them, the door will be closed on the crate until the

				head teacher or another member of staff returns to the office to close the door and let them out.
Dog gets over excited when interacting with children	The dog jumps up, scratches when it becomes over excited	2	2	The dog is assessed for their behaviour and temperament to ensure their suitability for being a school dog. If the dog's behaviour changes, the dog will be assessed again. Supervising adult will ensure that the dog is not over petted to avoid incidents If the dog appears anxious / avoidant /overstimulated to remove the dog to a peaceful space/crate
Fire drill and evacuation of dog	Dog will be left in the school building when alarm is sounded	3	2	Member of pastoral staff or head teacher will put the dog on the lead and take it outside. Dog lead will be left hanging on the back of the door of the head teacher's office at all times that the dog in not on the lead
A third party could sue the school for injury caused by the dog	School not adequately covered financially	2	2	The school will ensure that the animal is covered by an appropriate insurance policy including third party liability insurance