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School Dog risk assessment

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HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the dog	Staff, pupils and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All dogs that visit are vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas Dogs are groomed before the visit All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs Handlers clear up dog urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas 	Susie Kemp
Allergies	Staff and pupils	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We seek parental permission for children to interact with dogs Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies 	Sian Mitchell

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Phobias	Staff and pupils	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We tell parents and children about the visit in advance Contact with dogs is optional Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia 	Sian Mitchell
Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handler(s) remain with dogs at all times Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and make sure the area and activity is safe We check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a dog at once Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces School staff remove children who misbehave or upset dogs We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so dogs do not get tired 	Susie Kemp Class teachers
Children misbehaving	Pupils, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave School staff are present at all time during the visit School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset dogs 	Class teachers Sian Mitchell

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Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs remain on a lead at all times • Dogs are kept in secured rooms, with closed doors • Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary • Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before dogs visit 	Susie Kemp

