



Stowlawn Primary School Dog Risk Assessment : September 2020

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Bites and scratches	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	Headteacher

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Allergies Germs	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 • Should the dog defecate on the school site, the Headteacher will clear this up immediately and dispose of it in a safe manner. The dog will be trained to toilet in an area of the school that our pupils don't have access to on a regular basis if required the area will then be disinfected with an appropriate animal disinfectant. • All immunisations are kept up to date and the Head Teacher keeps a register of this. Flea treatment is carried out at 6 weekly intervals. Worming treatment is carried out in line with European Vet guidelines, at 6 monthly intervals • The dog will not go in the school dining hall at meal times; he will not be permitted into the food preparation area of the kitchen. 	Headteacher
Phobias	Staff and pupils	Low/Medium	<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 	Headteacher

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<p>Activities and games involving the dog</p> <p>Dog getting over excited</p> <p>The dog gets loose from his pen or from his lead.</p>	<p>Staff, pupils, dogs</p>	<p>Low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler(s) remain with dogs at all times • Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and ensure 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 • Time limit set on activities as, so dogs do not get tired • The dog's crate/space is big enough for him to be happy and safe during the school day and the children are taught not to tease him. If the dog does get loose from his pen the Headteacher put the dog back in his pen. • The dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult and will never be allowed to freely roam the school premises. Children are never left with the dog unsupervised. • Pupils will be taught what to do to prevent the dog from chasing them. (i.e. stand still, cross arms) • Children will be taught commands and expectations that are learnt by the dog through puppy training classes. 	<p>Headteacher Staff member</p>
<p>Children misbehaving</p>	<p>Staff, Pupils, dogs</p>	<p>Low</p>	<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 	<p>Headteacher School staff</p>

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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 areas • Handler/ HT provides suitable toys if necessary • Areas/classrooms are quiet and calm before dogs visit 	Headteacher
Claim is made against the school re: behaviour of the dog	School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Teacher ensures Pet Insurance is up to date and adequately covers the school for unforeseen costs. • The insurance certificate is kept in the school office and renewed annually 	Headteacher
Risk of passing infection re Covid-19	Staff, pupils, dogs	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler ensures they are kept up to date with evidence / risk of infection (currently no risk) • If evidence of spreading coronavirus through canine contact is found, the dog will not be permitted in school until it is safe to do so. 	Headteacher