

Final



Risk Assessment Form

		LIKELIHOOD				
		VERY UNLIKELY	UNLIKELY	LIKELY	HIGH	ALMOST CERTAIN
SEVERITY		VERY SEVERE	SEVERE	SERIOUS	MINOR	NEGIGIBLE
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Risk Assessment for (Activity/Process/Operation) Provision of a School Dog to Support SEMH Needs

Service	All Saints Ce Primary School and Nursery		Team / Section	Pastoral Team	
Assessment Completion Date	3.11.25		Next Assessment Review Date	3.11.26	Reference Number

What are the hazards? (i.e. what can cause harm, eg slips, trips, falls, manual handling, lone working)	Who might be harmed and how? (e.g. employees, pupils, members of the public, etc. and the significant risk(s) eg fracture, muscle strain, fatality)?	What are you already doing to control the risks? (e.g. what controls do you have in place? e.g. physical barriers, training, documentation, PPE)	Considering those controls you are already doing, what is the current risk level? (i.e. high, medium or low – use the matrix above)	What further action can be taken to control the risk? (i.e. only record action/additional controls measures you are going to implement, e.g. introduce a lone working buddy system, provide additional training)	Who needs to carry out the action and when is the action needed by?	Action completed (Date)
Dog Excrement & Urine	Staff and pupils – illness, slips and falls	- Dog will be wormed, vaccinated and kept free of fleas, ticks etc. - Any excrement or urine will be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly and disposed of responsibly and hygienically. - Hand cleansing facilities made available close to where the dog will be housed. - A bag containing poo bags/plastic bags, kitchen roll, antibacterial spray, rubber	Low			

		- gloves etc will be carried by member of staff walking dog. - This area should be cleaned regularly with antibacterial cleaner. Any excrement to be removed immediately and disposed of responsibly and hygienically. - Dog needs to be exercised regularly.	Low		
Allergic reaction to dog	Staff and pupils – allergic reaction	- Letter to be sent to parents and staff so that any problems raised can be dealt with. - Dog to be kept clean and well groomed. - Dog bed in cage/crate in Rainbow Room to ensure no accidental encounters. - Signs to be put up warning of dog presence and any expected procedures. - Rainbow Room to be kept well ventilated. - Dog bedding and equipment washed and kept to a high standard. - Regular vacuuming and cleaning of Rainbow Room. - Lint rollers to be provided to remove dog hair from clothes. - Hand cleansing facilities are located in the Rainbow Room. - Notices up to advise where the dog may be encountered so can be avoided if necessary - Dog to be frequently groomed by a professional approximately	Low Low Low Low Low Low Low Low Low Low		

		every 8 weeks. Sophie Seaman brushes dog regularly.			
General hygiene and safety	Staff and pupils	• Dog will not be allowed in school kitchen. • Hand washing and sanitiser stations are located all-round the school. • If it is a wet day, the dog will be towelled dry and paws wiped. • 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. • Owner will provide suitable toys to stimulate dog.	Low Low Low Low Low Low Low	Pupils and staff should all be made aware of the procedures and etiquette on meeting and handling the dog, which will always be under supervision, to any risk is minimised.	Mrs Seaman – class meet and greets by 28/11/25
Scratches, Dog bites	Staff and pupils – scratches and bites	• The dog should be chosen and trained to be sociable and good natured. • There should be no unsupervised contact with the pupils. • Dog bed in cage/crate in Rainbow Room to ensure no accidental encounters. • Dog should be closely supervised and kept under control when out of its base. • Pupils and staff should all be made aware of the procedures and etiquette on meeting and handling the dog, which will always be under supervision, to ensure any risk is minimised. • Hand cleansing facilities should be nearby. • First Aid Kit nearby.	Low Low Low Low Low Low		

Children not behaving well around the dog	Staff and pupils	• Children and adults will be told in advance how to behave and what is expected. • School staff will be present at all times when a dog is with a child. School staff will be ready to remove the dog or child (whichever is more appropriate at the time) if a child is misbehaving.	Low			
Noise, barking	Pupils who do not like noise, disruption to lessons	• The dog should be a breed that is very sociable and good natured. • As the dog has been introduced to many busy places at an early age it has become acclimatised to a noisy environment so the risk of barking should be greatly minimised. • Dog should be removed from the situation that is causing it to bark.	Low			
Fire Drill, evacuation of dog	Dog locked in school	• A clear evacuation exit should be available for the dog and not left in a locked room. • Dog will be under the supervision of a member of staff at all times	Low			

