

The Dog Mentor Risk Register

Organisation: St Francis' Catholic Primary School

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Risk ID	Description	Impact	Owner	Impact	Probability	Risk Rating (Value)	Mitigation Plan	Adj Impact	Adj Probability	Adj. Risk Rating	Contingency Plan	Status
Risk No	Risk written in terms of the issue that could occur	Impact on the school, pupil, handler or dog		select Low, Medium or high	select unlikely, likely, highly likely or certain	Green < 0.25 < Amber < 0.60 < Red	What can be done to prevent the risk being realised	Risk following mitigation activities	Probability of issue occurring following mitigation activities	Green < 0.25 < Amber < 0.60 < Red	What could be done to minimise the impact if the risk is realised	Commentary of dates, actions and progress to minimise and retire this risk
1	Minor injury to pupil by dog (such as scratches)	Could require medical treatment (in school). Could also impact pupil confidence.	Dog Handler	Low	Likely		Dog supervised at all times. Educating pupil on behaviour around dog. Limiting tricks performed for smaller pupils (high five, etc). Dog's claws trimmed. Dog on lead at all times	Low	Unlikely		Minor first aid	Mitigation actions are all in place
2	Serious injury to pupil by dog (such as biting or mauling)	Would require medical treatment (in school or at hospital) after assessment. Could also impact pupil confidence.	Dog Handler	High	Unlikely		Dog supervised at all times. Educating pupil on behaviour around dog. Monitoring Dog's health and temperament at all times. Dog on lead at all times. There are open railings on stairways and very heavy doors in the school. Handler to ensure that dog walk up stairs next to a wall. Handlers have been trained on passing through doors.	High	Unlikely		First aid after in school or in hospital after assessment by first aider	Mitigation actions are all in place
3	Other injuries	Trips, slips or falls not directly related to dog.	Dog Handler	Low	Likely		Children supervised at all times. Dog trained to not pull while on walking on lead.	Low	Unlikely		First aid after in school or in hospital after assessment by first aider	Mitigation actions are all in place
4	Allergic Reaction	Allergic reaction to dog	Dog Handler / Head of School	Medium	Unlikely		All pupils to have completed consent form indicating any issues. Pupils with severe allergies to not work directly with dog All pupils to follow hygiene controls to minimise risk of affecting other pupils	Medium	Won't Happen		If dog comes into contact with pupil who has allergy, remove pupil from environment and seek medical advice if symptoms arise	Mitigation actions are all in place
5	Illness transferred from dog to pupil	Pupil could become unwell after infection requiring treatment and/or time off school. Examples are worms, rabies, fleas, etc	Dog Handler	Medium	Likely		Dog to be inoculated against all recommended diseases as per recommended schedule. Worm and flea treatment to be carried out by handler regularly.	Medium	Won't Happen		Dog has up to date medical history from vets. Flea and worm treatment carried out monthly.	Mitigation actions are all in place
6	Dog excrement	Hygiene issues within school. In extreme cases, faeces can cause a disease which can cause blindness.	Dog Handler	High	Likely		Dog to be removed from indoor environment. Taken to appropriate location. Faeces removed from school grounds.	High	Won't Happen		Appropriate action to completely clean area, all waste disposed of in correct manner	Mitigation actions are all in place
7	General Hygiene	Germ's could be spread between dogs and humans.	Dog Handler / Head of School	Low	Highly likely		All staff and pupils to wash hands after coming into contact with dog. Keep dog away from all food preparation areas and away from pupils during times when they are eating.	Low	Unlikely		No contingency plan	Handler to request that handwashing is put in place or introduction of some other method such as alcohol gel or wipes.
8	Impacts on Dog from other animals	If other animals such as dogs, cats or foxes are around in the school grounds, the dog could be attacked or chased which could adversely impact both the dog and/or pupils and staff.	Dog Handler	Medium	Unlikely		Dog to be kept under control at all times. Handler to be aware of environment at all times	Low	Unlikely		Dog training and control is required to reduce impact and likelihood of occurrence	Mitigation actions are all in place
9	Minor injury to dog	Pupil could injure dog by being too rough while, stroking, hugging or playing with dog. Environmental risks exist where dog could get injured (e.g. open stairways, heavy doors or gates or roads near to school)	Dog Handler	Medium	Likely		Handler to be aware of situation at all times. Education of pupils on behaviour while in presence of dog	Low	Unlikely		Handler to intervene if risk is realised. Pupil or dog to be removed from environment. First aid may be required	Mitigation actions are all in place
10	Major Injury to dog	Intentional injury to dog by pupil who is showing uncontrollable or unreasonable behaviour. This could also result in injury to pupil if dog reacts adversely. Environmental risks exist where dog could get injured (e.g. open stairways, heavy doors or gates or roads near to school)	Dog Handler / Head of School	High	Unlikely		Handler to be aware of situation at all times. Pupil's temperament to be monitored. Pupils showing unacceptable behaviour will not be allowed to work with dog. On open stairways, dog to be walked on wall side. Handler to always follow training methods on movement around school	High	Unlikely		Handler to intervene if risk is realised. Pupil or dog to be removed from environment. First aid to be administered and then taken to vet.	Mitigation actions are all in place
11	General welfare of dog	If overworked, dog could become tired and may display unwanted behaviour or become ill.	Dog Handler	Medium	Likely		Handler to be aware of dog's characteristics. Provide dog with regular breaks and access to water. Limit the number of pupils working with dog at one time to reduce chance of dog being overwhelmed.	Medium	Unlikely		Extended rest period for dog	Mitigation actions are all in place
12	Long term health issues of dog	Florence has several long term health issues that have been diagnosed by her vet. These conditions are heart related but the vet has confirmed they can be managed and there is no reason to prevent her from working in school. However, there is a heightened risk of her conditions becoming worse if her activity level is not managed correctly.	Dog Handler	High	Likely		Florence requires adequate rest throughout the day. She should be monitored during active periods especially in hot weather. Florence should have her time with balls limited to a minimal as possible to prevent increased heart activity levels during the school day.	High	Unlikely		Extended rest period for dog	Mitigation actions are all in place