

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:	School Dog - Also refer to the School Dog Policy	
Establishment: Cefn Glas Infant School	Assessment by: Kathryn Wood, Ceri Carr, Paul Davies (COG)	Date: 28.4.25
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Hazard / Risk	Who is at Risk?	How can the hazards cause harm?	Normal Control Measures	Are Normal Control Measures Y/N/NA	
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Animal Health: Disease / Parasites	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Disease / Parasites	- School dog to be fully vaccinated and under the care of a local vet. He will be taken to a vet immediately in the event of signs of ill health. - School dog receive up to date flea and worming treatments. - Agreement that confirms if unwell the school dog will not be brought to school or removed from school site. - Arrangements are in place for care during holidays and weekend. - Members of staff involved in the handling and care requirements are experienced. - Bedding kept clean for the well-being of the animal, pupils and staff - School dog to be regularly groomed and bathed. - An insurance policy will be implemented.	Y	

Bites, scratches, injuries	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Diseases / infections / injuries	• Full training given 'Be Safe, Be Kind' from Dog's Trust, relating to key dog behaviours to all staff and pupils before the dog is introduced to pupils. • Key information displayed introducing the school dog. Information provided to all school visitors. • Pupils will be instructed in handling of the school dog and will be closely supervised by adults	Y	
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			• Key adults work with specialist dog trainers and cascade the information to staff • No student will be unsupervised at any time with the school dog. • If the school dog is displaying any warning signs he will immediately be removed from that particular situation or environment. • Expectations regarding student and adult behaviour explicitly articulated in the school's policies. • Pupils regularly reminded during assemblies and within classrooms. • School dog will be trained to work in an educational setting. • School dog will have its own rest and relaxation area to avoid becoming over stressed. • The school dog will have days off at weekends and school holidays.	Y	
School dog snatching food	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Injuries	• Pupils reminded not to approach the school dog with food as this is a desirable reward for him. • Key staff to work with specialist dog trainers • School dog to be kept away from areas containing food	Y	
Allergies	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Skin rashes, irritation to the eyes and nose or breathing difficulties	• Staff, visitors and pupils known to have allergic reactions to the school dog must not go near her. Parents will be asked to advise if their child does not desire contact with the school dog for health / emotional reasons. A timetable for the school dog will be produced and the school will ensure that pupils have no direct school initiated contact with the dog. • This will not include visits to classrooms on learning walks or walking around the school site during the day. • The school dog will be under the full control and supervision of an adult. • Pupils will never be left alone with the school dog and there will be appropriate adult supervision at all times when the school dog is present with pupils.	Y	

			• Good general hygiene and hand washing followed. • Supply staff advised of the school dog both on booking and on arrival at the school. • School dog information built into the recruitment process and induction process.		
Phobias, harm to school dog	Dog	Harm to school dog	• Headteacher to be made aware of any children with phobias / pupils that may hurt the school dog. • Monitor pupil behaviour closely when interacting with the school dog. • Appropriate action to be taken in line with the schools Behaviour Policy.	Y	
Dog excrement in school	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Diseases	• School dog to have an allocated area in the school to toilet. This will be immediately cleaned by staff. • Dog to be walked a minimum of once daily and encouraged to toilet then. • Dog will be taken to designated toilet area at regularly intervals throughout the day.	Y	
Hygiene	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Diseases	• Adequate provision for hand washing readily available. • All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered. • Soiled bedding disposed on in sealed plastic bags • Toileting completed away from pupil areas and disposed appropriately. • Any dog foul will be cleaned immediately and disposed of appropriately by an adult only. • School dog is not allowed near the school kitchen.	Y	

Additional Control Measures <i>(to take account of local/individual circumstances including changes such as working practices, equipment, staffing levels).</i>	Action by Whom <i>(list the name of the person/people who have been designated to conduct actions)</i>	Action by When <i>(set timescales for the completion of the actions – remember to prioritise them)</i>	Action Completed <i>(record the actual date of completion for each action listed)</i>	Residual Risk Rating
DATE OF REVIEW: <i>Record actual date of review</i>	COMMENTS: <i>Record any comments reviewer wishes to make. Including recommendations for future reviews.</i>			
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