

Health & Safety Risk Assessment Record

Applicable to: Staff/Students/Visitors		Dogs in school	
Assessment Date: January 2026	Lead Assessor: Adam Dean		
Review Date: January 2027	Further Action Required? (circle)	Yes	No

Process/Activity *	Hazards Identified*	Persons at Significant Risk	Existing Controls *	Are existing controls adequate ? Y/N	What additional controls are required? (See Actions attached)
Dogs wandering around school unsupervised.	There is a small risk of injury caused by over exuberance of the dog or from student hurting the dog unintentionally.	Staff, students and visitors	While the pupils are on site the dog will always be supervised by a trained member of staff. While moving around the school between the hours of 9 and 14:30 the dog will be kept on lead when not in the office or courtyard.	Yes	Staff, students and visitors to be made aware of the attached risk assessment.
Dog walking	Dog excrement – illness, slips and falls	Students, staff and visitors	Dogs will be regularly wormed, vaccinated and kept free of fleas, ticks etc. Any excrement will be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly and disposed of responsibly and hygienically by the member of staff responsible for the dog. Members of staff walking dogs must ensure they carry plastic bags to remove any excrement.	Yes	None

Dog walking.	Being pulled over by a dog	Students	<p>Students to be shown how to correctly hold a lead. No running with the dogs. Care to be taken when the ground is wet. Walks supervised by a trained staff member. Pupils walking dogs must use a 'halty' collar to ensure close control. If the dog is off the lead, they must be under close control of the owner at all times. If they are not able to be under close control, then they must remain on the lead.</p>	Yes	
Dogs in classrooms/offices.	Allergic reaction	Students. Staff and visitors	<p>Students whose parents have not given consent for their child to interact with the dog will not be exposed to the dog. Classrooms and offices to be kept well ventilated. Dogs to be kept clean and groomed Dog bedding and equipment washed and kept to a high standard of hygiene. Regular cleaning and vacuuming of carpets to be undertaken. First aid kits and trained first aiders on site. Where an individual is known to be allergic checks will be done by</p>	Yes	.

			the school nurse to ensure that it is safe for the dog to be on site around individuals with known allergies.		
Dogs in classrooms/offices	Scratches, dog bite	Students, staff and visitors	Only sociable, good natured dogs to be allowed in school. No unsupervised contact with students. Dogs are closely supervised. Students and staff to be made aware of the procedures and etiquette on meeting and handling a dog to ensure that any risk is minimised. First aid kits and first aiders on site. Any excrement or urine will be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly and disposed of responsibly and hygienically by the dog owner.	Yes	Dogs to be kept away from school if they are unwell.
Dogs in classrooms/offices	Barking	Students unable to cope with noise	Owners to be aware of the triggers to minimise instances of barking.	Yes	
Fire drill, evacuation of dogs	Barking Dogs locked in	Dogs	Students must be evacuated before animals. If known fire drill then dogs to be left alone in classroom/office.	Yes	
Other areas	Dogs getting into school kitchen, wash	Students, Staff,	Owners must supervise their dogs at all times when walking in the	Yes	

	up room, residential areas etc.	visitors	vicinity of these areas, particularly the kitchen as they pose a risk to health and hygiene.		
Known allergy	Staff member with known severe allergy to dogs and dog hair.	Specific staff member	Dog restrained to AD office and courtyard until staff member has obtained epi pen. Staff member not to be brought into direct contact with the dog. Note – staff member encounters other staff who possess dogs on a daily basis and has not shown a strong reaction.	Yes	