

**St Mark's CofE 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   | Impact on 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  | 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<br>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. Child to wash hands before and after handling dog. | 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  | Germs 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 by pupil                               | Pupil could injure dog by being too rough while, stroking, hugging or playing with dog.   | 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   | Mitigation actions are all in place  |
| 10      | Major Injury to dog by pupil                               | 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.                        | 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.   | High   | Unlikely   |                                   | Handler to intervene if risk is realised. Pupil or dog to be removed from environment   | 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   |                                   | Dog removed from school environment.  | Mitigation actions are all in place  |
| 12      | COVID-19 Risks   | If multiple persons are handling the dog, COVID-19 may spread from person to dog to person.   | Dog Handler                  | Medium                     | Unlikely  |                                   | Any persons who handle dog should wash their hands before and after use. Handlers must wash hands regularly.  | Medium   | Unlikely   |                                   | No contingency plan   | Mitigation actions are all in place  |