



# Dogs in schools risk assessment

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the dog	Staff, pupils and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All dogs that visit are vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas</li><li>• Dogs are groomed before the visit</li><li>• All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs</li><li>• Handlers clear up dog urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away</li><li>• Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas</li></ul>	J Akrill Handlers

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Allergies	Staff and pupils	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We seek parental permission for children to interact with dogs</li> <li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies</li> <li>• Dog is a breed classed as Hypoallergenic</li> </ul>	J Akrell HoS Handlers
Phobias	Staff and pupils	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We tell parents and children about the dog being at school</li> <li>• Contact with dogs is optional</li> <li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia</li> </ul>	J Akrell HoS Handlers

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Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler(s) remain with dogs at all times</li> <li>• Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and make sure the area and activity is safe</li> <li>• We check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a dog at once</li> <li>• Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces</li> <li>• School staff remove children who misbehave or upset dogs</li> <li>• We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so dogs do not get tired</li> </ul>	J Akrell HoS Handlers
Children misbehaving	Pupils, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave</li> <li>• School staff are present at all time during the visit</li> <li>• School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset dogs</li> </ul>	J Akrell HoS Handlers

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Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs remain on a lead at all times</li> <li>• Dogs are kept in secured rooms, with closed doors.</li> <li>• Signage on door to inform that dog is present and to knock and wait to be invited in.</li> <li>• Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary</li> <li>• Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before dogs visit</li> </ul>	J Akrell HoS Handlers