

**SAMUELWARD ACADEMY – DOG RISK ASSESSMENT**

<b>Persons at Risk: Pupils, staff &amp; visitors</b>		
<b>Hazard/Risk</b>	<b>What precautions are in place?</b>	<b>What else can we do?</b>
<p><b>Dog getting over excited: Scratching or biting/nipping</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Medium</b></p>	<p>Parents will receive full information about the school dog and asked to supply information re: anxieties Pupils to be taught the impact of their actions - Pupils will be taught what to do to prevent over stimulating or upsetting the dog and how to remain calm around him. Dog to remain in The Study. A gate to be in use to prevent the dog getting out into the corridor Dog has time away from people whenever he needs it Dog is responsive to commands which are shared There will be no unsupervised contact with pupils Dog closely supervised and kept under control Supervising member of staff to ensure dog is not over petted to avoid any incidents If dog appears anxious or over-stimulated, to be removed to peaceful surroundings First aid and first aider always on site</p>	<p><b>Residual risk: Low</b></p>
<p><b>Allergic reaction to dog</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Medium</b></p>	<p>Parents will receive full information about the school dog and asked to supply information re: allergies A post will be placed on the website and included in the visitors/signing in book letting new parents/visitors know there will be a dog on site so if a child is allergic the school can be informed. If this occurs we will ensure that the child does not come in to close contact with the dog Dog kept clean and groomed Dog bed kept in The Study where number of students is controlled Dog bed to be kept clean The Study to be kept well ventilated First Aid and first aider always on site Hand sanitiser to be used after petting dog</p>	<p><b>Residual risk: Low</b></p>

<p><b>Animal health, diseases and parasites</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Medium</b></p>	<p>Dog to be up to date on vaccinations, flea and worm treatment</p> <p>Dog to live with family and owner when not at school</p> <p>Dog will not go into the school canteen at all and will not be permitted into food preparation areas or food tech rooms</p> <p>If the dog is ill he will not be allowed in school until well</p> <p>Dog will not be allowed on the school field at break or lunchtimes</p>	<p><b>Residual risk: Low</b></p>
<p><b>Dog excrement and urine – illness and falls/slips</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Medium</b></p>	<p>Dog to be wormed regularly and kept free of fleas and ticks</p> <p>Any excrement will be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly disposed of responsibly and hygienically by the owner or adult with responsibility at the time of the incident</p> <p>Hand sanitising facilities will be close to dog</p> <p>A bag of poo bags, paper towels and rubber gloves to be carried by member of staff walking the dog</p>	<p>Dog will be exercised out of school</p> <p><b>Residual risk: Low</b></p>
<p><b>Hygiene/infection</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Low</b></p>	<p>Adequate provision for hand sanitising in place</p> <p>Food stuff stored carefully to prevent contamination</p> <p>Dog to be bathed/groomed regularly</p>	<p>Hand sanitiser to be available in dog's usual place of residence (The Study)</p> <p>Residual risk: Low</p>
<p><b>Fire drill and evacuation of dog</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Low</b></p>	<p>Dog recruited to be of a calm nature and not easily spooked by noises and people</p> <p>Dog to be put on a lead immediately and walked to fire evacuation point with adult supervising at the time</p>	<p>Dog will be under the supervision of a member of staff at all times</p> <p><b>Residual risk: Low</b></p>
<p><b>Claim is made against school re: behaviour of the dog.</b></p> <p><b>Initial risk: Low</b></p>	<p>Dog not allowed to roam freely outside of school building and field</p> <p>Dog can get away from people if she requires</p> <p>The school will ensure that the dog is covered under their insurance policy and take out comprehensive additional insurance including public liability insurance</p> <p>Governors are aware of the school dog on site.</p>	<p><b>Residual risk: Low</b></p>

<p>Further Comment:</p> <p><b>Reasons to have a dog in school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calming behaviours</li> <li>• Increase social skills and self-esteem - pupils can identify with animals, have empathy for the dog and may therefore better understand how classmates may feel.</li> <li>• Increase confidence</li> <li>• Teach responsibility and respect to all life</li> <li>• Motivate children who are often less attentive</li> </ul>
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