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# Manchester Communication Primary Academy

Dog in School Risk Assessment

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To calculate the risk value, multiply likelihood by severity. E.G. a shark attack at Blackpool beach is very unlikely (1) but could be very severe (5),  $1 \times 5 = 5$ , the risk is therefore low.

20-25	Severe risk
15-20	Significant risk
10-15	Some risk
0-10	Low risk

<b>What are the main hazards?</b>	Dog jumping and knocking over children, trips and falls, diseases carried by dogs, the dog escaping.
<b>Who may be harmed?</b>	Children / Staff

<b>Hazard</b>	Dog getting over excited when interacting with children.
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Risk	Control measures	Likelihood (/5)	Severity (/5)	Risk (/25)
The dogs knocks over a child.	The dog has been trained in basic socialisation and behaviours prior to coming to school. There will always be an adult supervising the dog's interaction with children. The dog will never be let off the lead around children. Adults should not allow a child to go into the main office as this is where the dog is off the lead.	2	2	4
The dog scratches a child.	The dog will be trained in basic socialisation and behaviours prior to coming to school. The dog will always be an adult supervising the dog's interaction with children. If the adult sees that the dog is becoming too excited or agitated, they will remove the dog from the situation. Children will have had class discussions on how to behave around the dog.  The dog will attend the vet and dog groomers regularly and will have his/hers claws clipped regularly.  <b>The dog will always be on the lead around the school building and whilst working with children.</b>	2	3	6
The dog bites a child	The dog has been trained in basic socialisation and behaviours prior to coming to school. The dog will always be an adult supervising the dog's interaction with children. If the adult sees that the dog is becoming too excited or agitated, they will remove the dog from the situation. Children will have had class discussions on how to behave around the dog.  <b>The dog will always be on the lead around school. The dog may walk round school on the lead with Mrs Cullen to do attendance checks and will only work with children with Miss Noble (Dog's owner) as she builds up her time and confidence within school and out of the office since lockdown and the summer break.</b>	1	5	5

<b>Hazard</b>	The dog runs from the office and is loose around school.
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<b>Risk</b>	<b>Control measures</b>	<b>Likelihood (/5)</b>	<b>Severity (/5)</b>	<b>Risk (/25)</b>
The dog has got out of the office.	<p>The dog will be in the school office which is a staff only area. Staff will close the door behind them when entering or leaving the room.</p> <p>There will be members of staff to call upon at different times of the day to ensure that the dog is safely collected and placed back in the office. These are staff who the dog knows very well and are confident in handling her. (office staff, Miss Noble, Miss Carty, Mr Reed)</p> <p>Children will be advised that if they see the dog running, not to chase it.</p>	1	2	2
The dog has come off the lead.	<p>Children will be advised that if they see the dog running, not to chase it, just to stand still.</p> <p>There will be named members of staff to call upon to help retrieve the dog and place him/her back on the lead or in the office. (office staff, Miss Noble, Miss Carty, Mr Reed)</p>	1	2	2

<b>Hazard</b>	Dog hair causes allergies.
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<b>Risk</b>	<b>Control measures</b>	<b>Likelihood (/5)</b>	<b>Severity (/5)</b>	<b>Risk (/25)</b>
Children have allergic reactions.	<p>The dog is a low shedding, curly haired hypoallergenic cockapoo. This should limit allergic reactions.</p> <p>Letters will have gone home advising parents of the dog. They will be given the opportunity to inform us of any allergies and concerns they may have.</p> <p>Children will be able to opt out of any interaction with the dog. There will be a list of children available who are unable to spend time with the dog if necessary</p> <p>Children will have learnt to wash their hands after any interactions with the dog.</p>	2	5	10

<b>Hazard</b>	Children getting germs from the dog.
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<b>Risk</b>	<b>Control measures</b>	<b>Likelihood (/5)</b>	<b>Severity (/5)</b>	<b>Risk (/25)</b>
Children/staff contracting diseases carried by dogs.	<p>Should the dog defecate on the school site a member of staff will clear this up immediately and dispose of it in a safe manner. The dog will be trained to toilet in an area of the school that our pupil's don't have access to on a regular basis, if required the area will then be disinfected with an appropriate animal disinfectant.</p> <p>The dog will be regularly vet checked and all immunisations (including rabies vaccination) are kept up to date in accordance with European Pet Passport scheme and the Head Teacher keeps a register of this.</p> <p>Flea treatment is carried out at 6 weekly intervals. Worming treatment is carried out in line with European Vet guidelines, at 6 monthly intervals.</p> <p>The dog will not go in the school dining hall at meal times and will not be allowed in the food preparation areas.</p>	1	5	5

<b>Hazard</b>	Financial costs of the dogs upkeep.
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School unable to afford ongoing cost of the dog's day to day upkeep or medical bills.	<p>The dog belongs to and is the responsibility of Miss Noble who is financially responsible for all of the dog's care and upkeep.</p> <p>Should the dog need further training to be suitable in school, the school should accommodate those costs.</p> <p>Ensure there's funding available in the SEN budget to ensure this training.</p>	1	1	1

<b>Hazard</b>	Claim is made against the school about the dog's behaviour.
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School not adequately covered financially.	Insurance	1	5	5

Approval

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