

St Saviour's & St Olave's School therapy dog risk assessment

Carried out by: HPA

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Hazard	Who is affected/at risk	Severity of risk 1-5 (1 = lowest)	Likelihood of risk 1-5 (1 = lowest)	Actions/control measures	Person responsible
Bites and scratches	Staff, students and handlers	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog must have a good temperament and be used to being around students • Dog will spend limited time with students while teething • Dog must be well trained not to bite, scratch or jump up • Staff member will remain with dog at all times • Students are taught how to approach and interact with the dog 	HPA Staff member in control of dog
Poor hygiene and health risks	Staff, students and handlers	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas • All staff and students are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs • Staff member takes dog off site to toilet and safely dispose of any waste • Dog is not taken anywhere near food preparation areas 	HPA
Allergies	Staff and students	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog breed is low moulting • We inform students and parents and log updated information about allergies • Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies • Dog follows a set route from the staff room to the MFL corridor • Dog follows the same route for the fire drill • Dog can meet staff in a designated corner of the staff room • Sanitiser and wipes are kept in this designated corner 	School HPA
Severe allergies	1 x staff member	5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff member detours through DT to reach staff room / staff kitchen • School community members with severe allergies held by HPA • Staff informed of those with severe allergies 	Staff with severe allergies HPA

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Phobias	Staff and students	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We tell parents and students about the dog in advance • Contact with dogs is optional • Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia if applicable. 	School
Activities and games involving the dog	Staff and students	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff member remains with dog at all times • Staff member checks with HPA in advance and ensures the area and activity is safe • Staff member checks with HPA in advance and we set a limit for the number of students who can interact with a dog at once • School staff remove students who misbehave or upset dogs • We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so dogs do not get tired 	Staff member
Students misbehaving	Staff and students	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are told in advance what to expect and how to behave • School staff are present at all times during the visit • School staff are ready to remove students who misbehave or upset dogs 	Staff member
Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dog	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog remains on a lead at all times • The dog is kept in secured rooms, with closed doors • HPA brings suitable toys if necessary • Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before dogs visit 	Staff member