



General Details

Assessor	Abby Bassett
Assessment Date	24/08/2022
Assigned Reviewer	Abby Bassett
Next Review Date	20/08/2025
Operation Assessed	Visiting Therapy Dog

Associated with specific area

- Education
- Academy Schools
- An Daras Multi Academy Trust
- Windmill Hill Academy

Description of work area and/or activity assessed

Visiting Therapy dog in school

Overall Current Risk

Medium



Persons Affected

- Children / Students
- Cleaner
- Contractors
- Employees
- Maintenance Staff
- Members of the Public
- Office Staff
- Trainees / Young Persons
- Visitors
- Volunteers

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low 	Organisational Policies and procedures	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
The Headteacher ensures that all staff, and where appropriate, visitors, pupils and their parents, are aware of and adhere to the following school policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Safety Policy - Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy - First Aid Policy - Dogs in School Policy - Positive Relationship and Behaviour Policy - Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy - Fire Safety Policy - Allergen Policy Visiting Therapy Dog is registered through Therapy Dogs Nationwide where checks have been carried out and documentation produced. DBS is completed for owner of the Dog and volunteer (previous Governor) assisting. The Owner and Headteacher ensures that the dog is cared for in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 2006.		

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Low 	<p>No Remedial Actions Entered</p> <p>If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.</p>

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low 	Animal Dog's Welfare	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
The dog's base is in the Library. The dog has access to fresh, clean water at all times. Pupils leave the dog alone when instructed by its owner. The dog's welfare is considered as a priority when planning the activities that it will participate in. If an activity risks the dog's welfare, the activity is amended.		

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Other (See: Hazard Details) Site Security	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
Owner has full responsibility of the dog. The site manager ensures that the site is secure and that precautions are in place to limit the chance of the dog getting loose. The dog is kept on a lead. The site manager ensures that the premises is secure, e.g. fences are not broken. The dog has a collar with tag (contact details).		

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Organisational Evacuation Procedures	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
Owner signs in/out when in school. The school's Fire Procedures and Invacuation Policy is reviewed to ensure it includes provisions for the dog. The person handling the dog during specified activities is responsible for the dog's safety during an lockdown or evacuation.		

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Behaviour Disobedience and dangerous behaviour	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>The therapy dog has is registered through Therapy Dogs Nationwide where checks have been made. The owner has embedded routines with the dog and allowed her to get used to school and school life. The handler is equipped and trained to react to and control any dangerous behaviour.</p> <p>Pupils are not expected to handle the dog unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Their parents have provided permission. - They feel safe and confident in doing so. - They have received training to handle the dog. <p>The dog's obedience is ensured as far as reasonably possible; however, staff, pupils, visitors and parents understand that animals can be unpredictable.</p>		

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Medium 	Organisational Parental notification and permission	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Parents have been informed that the dog will be present on the school's premises via a letter to each child. Parents are informed of the activities that the dog will be participating in, e.g. used as a therapy dog. Obtain consent from parents for pupils to be in proximity with, or to handle, the dog. Parents are asked to inform the school if their child has an allergy to dogs.</p>		

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Low 	Welfare Dog's health	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
The dog's owner is in charge of caring for the dog while on the school premises. The handler is responsible for permitting people to touch the dog. The dog's base is the school library where it is fully supervised by the owner. The dog is given no opportunity to come into contact with wild rodents on or off the school premises.		

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Other (See: Hazard Details) Hygiene	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
The dog is toilet trained. The designated area for the dog to defecate is situated away from pupils and staff. All faeces are immediately picked up by the handler, using a dog waste bag, and disposed of into a separate waste bin aware from pupils. The handler immediately washes their hands with sufficient soap and water after picking up faeces. Any pupils, staff and visitors who touch the dog are advised to wash their hands afterwards, and sufficient hand washing facilities are provided throughout the school. Anyone with an exposed wound who touches the dog has the wound suitably covered. If the dog is ill with an infection or a disease, it does not return to the school until it has recovered. Hand sanitiser is provided for anyone who touches the dog.		


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Medium 	Animal Injuries	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>The dog is trained and is used to coming into close contact with people.</p> <p>The dog has a quiet base with limited children whilst in school.</p> <p>Pupils, staff and visitors around the dog are closely supervised by the handler.</p> <p>Pupils, staff and visitors are advised not to put their face close to the dog.</p> <p>The dog is being trained to not pull on the lead or jump up at people.</p>		

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Allergy Allergies to dogs/dog's food/treats	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Pupils and staff known to have allergies to animals have restricted access to the dog and is in line with consent form completed by parents. These are to be shared with owner of the dog and volunteer assisting.</p> <p>The vast majority of food and treats given to the dog are free from many known allergens.</p> <p>Be extra vigilant around pupils with allergies and follow in line with parental consent.</p> <p>All pupils, staff and visitors are advised not to touch their face after touching the dog.</p> <p>All pupils, staff and visitors are advised to wash their hands thoroughly after touching the dog.</p> <p>All pupils, staff and visitors are advised to not let the dog lick their face.</p>		

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<p>Low</p> <p>■ ■ ■ ■ ■</p>	<p> Stress / Distress Phobias</p> <p>Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury</p> <p>Pupils and staff known to have a phobia of dogs are given restricted access to the dog (in line with parental consent). The dog will be kept on a lead with walking around the school. During busy times, the dog is kept in a safe and secure area away from any commotion.</p>	<p>0 0 0</p>

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