

Risk Assessment for Children's Services (Schools).



Assessment Title: Friday School Dog	School Dog on school premises	Ref. Number	
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School Name:	Meanwood C of E Primary	School Address:	Green Road Leeds LS6 4LD
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Date Assessment Undertaken:	Name of Assessor (print):	Assessor Signature:	Assessment Review Date:
18/4/25	EMMA CALDWELL		18/4/26

Name of Head Teacher / Centre Manager (print):	Head Teacher / Centre Manager Signature:	Name of Chair of Governors (print):	Chair of Governors Signature:
JAMIE CHAPMAN		Verity Stewart	

Main Legislation and/or Information Source:	- Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. - Management of H & S at Work Regulations 1999.
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Guidance: This is a SAMPLE risk assessment and will remain so unless the following criteria are satisfied: 1. The boxes highlighted in grey above must be completed with the required details. 2. LCC no longer requires a Chair of Governors signature. Your own Educational Visits Policy might – therefore check. 3. The Ref number can be the EVOLVE visit number if this is for Educational Visits. 4. The signature boxes above may be typed when uploading to EVOLVE. 5. The control measures identified below MUST be either complied with or AMENDED to reflect the establishment's control measures. 6. The Visit Leader is responsible for completing the 'Action' and 'Complete Y/N (Date)' columns. Once criteria 1-6 have been satisfied, you should remove the 'Sample' watermark. FORMAT-BACKGROUND-PRINTED WATERMARK and choose the option that says 'No Watermark' or 'Page Layout' – 'Watermark' – 'Remove Watermark' or 'DESIGN' - Watermark – Remove Watermark.

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Control Measures. What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action By Whom?	Action By When?	Complete Y/N (Date)
Animal Health, diseases and parasites being passed to humans	Pupils/Staff/Visitors	- Dog to have necessary vaccinations before coming into school - Dog will be vaccinated and kept free of fleas and ticks. - Dog to have regular veterinary checks - Dog to be bathed weekly - Dog to live with family and owner when not in school Dog will not be allowed to come into contact with wild rodents due to possibility of disease transmission	check with HT that vaccinations etc are up to date	EC	23.4.25	Y
Dog excrement & urine causing illness and falls/slips	Pupils/Staff/Visitors	- Dog will be wormed. - Any excrement or urine 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 - Hand washing facilities close to where the dog will be. A bag containing poo bags/plastic bags, kitchen roll and rubber gloves will be carried by the member of the staff walking the dog.	Ensure HT reads risk assessment	EC	23.4.25	Y
Hygiene/Infection	Pupils/Staff/Visitors	- Adequate provision for hand washing - Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed - Younger pupils should be seen washing their hands - All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered - Soiled bedding/puppy pads disposed of in sealed plastic bags with normal refuse - Food stuff stored carefully to prevent contamination and infestation Dog to be bathed weekly	Share risk assessment on website	EC / RM	23.4.25	Y
Allergic reaction to dog	Pupils/Staff/Visitors	- A post will be placed on the website letting parents know there will be a dog on site so if they have a child who is allergic to let the school know. - A sign will also be placed at the school front window informing parents and visitors when Dog is on site.	Make a sign to display on school front window.	EC	23.4.25	Y

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		• If this occurs we will ensure that the child does not come into close contact with the dog. • Dog kept clean and groomed. • Dog is a Golden Doodle which is a (hypoallergenic) low/non moulting dog so this mean there is a very low chance of an allergic reaction to it. • Dog bed kept in Headteachers office where flow of children is minimal and controlled. • Office kept well ventilated. • Dog bed and blankets to be kept clean and to a high standard. First Aid kit kept in office.				
Bites, cuts and scratches	Pupils/Staff/Visitors	• Golden Doodles are bred to be sociable dogs and are often used as therapy dogs as they are known to be good with children. • Staff/children known to have allergies/ phobias have restricted access to suit their needs. • There will be no unsupervised contact with pupils. • Dog closely supervised and kept under control in Headteachers. • Pupils and staff will be made aware of the procedures of meeting and handling the dog. • First Aid kit in office and Welfare officer works full time in the office. • Supervising adult to ensure dog not over petted to avoid any incidents. If dog appears anxious or over-stimulated, to be removed to peaceful surroundings	N/A	EC	23.4.25	Y
Noise, barking	Pupils who can't cope with noise – e.g. autistic children	• Golden Doodles are bred to be sociable dogs and are often used as therapy dogs as they are known to be good with children. • The dog is being introduced to the children from an early age so will be acclimatised to a noisy environment and therefore reduce the chance of it barking.	Acceptable	EC/HT	24.4.25	Y

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Fire drill & evacuation	Dog – locked in building	Keys to all offices that the dog may be in are held by several members of staff.	Acceptable	EC/HT	24.4.25	Y
A third party could sue the school for injury caused by the dog		The school will ensure that the animal is covered under their insurance policy and take out comprehensive additional insurance including party liability insurance.	Acceptable	EC/JC/JD	24.4.25	Y
Walk routes: Choose safe and appropriate walk routes, avoiding busy roads, areas with potential hazards, and areas with other animals.	Dog, people walking dog, general public	- Plan route before leaving - Keep to marked paths - Take care around Meanwood Beck		EC/HT	24.4.25	Y
Leash and collar: Ensure the dog is always on a leash and wears a collar with identification.	Dog, people walking dog, general public	Dog to wear leash & collar at all times during walk		HT	24.4.25	Y
Appropriate behaviour: Teach students how to interact with the dog safely and respectfully.	Dog, people walking dog, general public.	- Appropriate behaviour: - Talk quietly around the dog - Use slow movements around the dog - Ask the dogs owner before stroking the dog - Stay with the dogs owner at all times during the walk - Listen to the owner's instructions - Keep your distance from any other dogs walking in the park - The Dog's owner will clear up excrement	Share these rules / guidance with children	EC/RM/HT	24.4.25	Y