

Hawthorn Tree Primary School Risk Assessment Form

	Risk Assessment of Dogs visiting for pastoral care.	School: Hawthorn Tree School	<u>See Dog Policy</u>		Carried out by: Michelle Palmer/Y Kadar		
Date: 12.12.22	Review: July 23	Specialist assessment needed**:					
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are we already doing?	Risk rating* L, M or H	What further action is necessary?	By whom?	By when?	Done
Dog may scratch a child accidentally.	Pupils who are in the immediate vicinity.	Dog is supervised at all times by its owner. (Each year group assigned a dog.) Children are told to be calm and not to crowd the dog.	M	All children to be told not to stroke the dog unless they ask and to keep calm so as not to frighten them. The dogs will attend the vets regularly to make sure their claws are kept short and they are also walked on concrete/tarmac to keep them trimmed.	All teachers and MP/YK.	January 2023	YK/MP
Dog may get over excited and knock a child over.	Pupils who are in the immediate vicinity.	Dog per year group to be kept on a lead around school and when meeting children. If the dog is on the field then only owner/responsible adult and invited children to be with them. The dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult and will never be allowed to freely	M	Dogs will be gradually introduced to more children so they are comfortable and relaxed in school.	All teachers and MP	January 2023	YK/MP

		roam the school premises. Children are not left with the dog in each year group unsupervised.					
The dog could get overwhelmed and may growl/ frighten the children perhaps even bite.	Pupils who come into contact with their year group dog.	The year group dog to be carefully monitored by its owner at all times and to visit for short periods of time so that he gets used to his surroundings. The dog to have own space to rest when needed- dog bed /basket. All adults and children aware of our Dog Policy.	M	Children to be told not to approach the dog unless asked to do so. The dog to be given rest breaks so that they do not feel overwhelmed and to visit for short periods of time. The dog to have his own quiet space with his owner when needed.	YK/MP teachers		YK/MP
Dog hair causing allergies	Children who are allergic to dog hair	Parents have been asked to inform the school of any known allergies prior to introduction of dogs to school. A list of any children who should not interact with the dog will be kept by the Head, Deputy, AS and Office staff. Children will have the opportunity to interact with the dog and those with allergies will be able to opt out of interaction.	L	Children to be reminded to wash their hands after active participation with the dog.	All teachers MP/YK	January 23	MP/YK

Children getting germs from the dogs in each cohort.	Children/staff will contract diseases that can be carried by dogs	All immunisations are kept up to date. A register of this is kept by the Head Teacher. Flea treatment is carried out at regular intervals. Worming treatment is carried out in line with European Vet guidelines, at 6 monthly intervals. The dog will not go in the school dining hall at meal times; they will never go into the food preparation area of the kitchen.	M	Should the dog foul on the school site the owner will clear this up immediately and dispose of it in the black bin. The area will then be disinfected with an appropriate animal disinfectant.	YK/MP All owners	January 23	MP/YK
Feeding the dogs	If a child tries to interact with their year group dog when they are eating, the dog may respond aggressively.	No child will be allowed in the dogs area when they are eating. Children may help prepare food for their dog but will wash their hands afterwards. All feeding will be supervised by a responsible adult.	L	Reminders given to all children not to interact with their year group dog when the dog is eating. The dogs are be supervised by an adult at all times.	MP/YK All adults	January 23	MP/YK
Other dogs on and off site.	Year groups dogs will be timetabled so they do not meet one another because they may become boisterous.	Only one -year group dog at a time. If the year group dog is being walked by a child there will be a responsible adult there at all times who will deal with any issues.	L	Monitor the dog's reaction when out walking.	MP/YK All adults	January 23	MP/YK

A claim is made against the school.	School not adequately covered financially.	Each dog owner has their own pet insurance. A copy of the certificate is kept in school office. The insurance is renewed annually in January.	n/a	Insurance will be renewed annually.	YK/MP	January 23	MP/YK
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Request for approval

I confirm that all actions listed above will take place to limit the risk of any harm coming to the children when in contact with each year group dog.

Name:

Date:

Sign:

Head teacher Approval:

This approval confirms that I consider each year group dog visits to have significant educational value to the children and confirm that all safety arrangements listed above will be adhered to.

Signature:

Date: 12.12.22

Comments:

Governing Body Representative (if required)

Signature: M Palmer /Y Kadar

Date: 12.12.22