



Newington CEP School Dogs in schools risk assessment

Hazard	Who is affected/at risk	Risk rating (low, medium or high)	Actions/control measures	Person responsible
Bites and scratches	Staff, pupils and handlers	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dogs must have a good temperament and be used to being around children• Dogs must be at least 1 year old• Dogs must be well trained not to bite, scratch or jump up• Handler(s) will remain with dogs at all times• Children are taught how to approach and interact with the dog	ZM Charlie has completed obedience training classes (certificates available)
Poor hygiene and health risks	Staff, pupils and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All dogs that visit are vaccinated, wormed, and treated	ZM Charlie is fully vaccinated and is up to date on worming and flea treatment

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			<p>for fleas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs are groomed before the visit • All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs • Handlers clear up dog urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely - pupils are told to stay away • Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas 	Charlie is regularly groomed
Allergies	Staff and pupils	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We seek parental permission for children to interact with dogs • Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies 	Letter to be sent to parents, however as Charlie is a cavapoochon he barely moults as his fur is mostly of poodle origin.
Phobias	Staff and pupils	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We tell parents and children about the visit in advance • Contact with dogs is optional • Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia 	As per letter.

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Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler(s) remain with dogs at all times • Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and ensure the area and activity is safe • We check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a dog at once • Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces • School staff remove children who misbehave or upset dogs • We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so dogs do not get tired 	Pupils will be in small groups of 2-3 and will have approximately 20 minutes with Charlie. The children will be selected by Mrs Musk in line with any emotional and well-being support work that is being carried out. Other members of staff may nominate children for a session for a reward or support with reading.
Children misbehaving	Pupils, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave • School staff are present at all time during the visit • School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset dogs 	
Damage caused to school materials,	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs remain on a lead at all 	Charlie to be based in front or

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equipment and the school site			<p>times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs are kept in secured rooms, with closed doors • Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary • Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before dogs visit 	<p>upstairs office.</p> <p>Charlie to have a selection of toys and treats to keep him occupied.</p> <p>MT (cleaner) to be made aware of Charlie being in school.</p>