

RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity:	Visiting Animals		Location(s):	Distington Community School	
Assessor:	Cheryl Sanderson	Ref No.:		Distribution:	
Date:	June 2021	Proposed Review Date:	June 2022	Signed:	<i>C. Sanderson</i>

Nature of Potential Risk	Individuals at risk	Control Measures What are we doing now?	Additional Control Measures What more do we need to explain/do?	Residual Risk
Disease:				
Are staff aware that some animals carry diseases which can affect humans?	Pupils and staff	Dogs to be fully vaccinated and vaccinations kept up to date.		Low
Are arrangements in place for staff to wipe down work surfaces if animals have been allowed on the surfaces e.g. appropriate disinfectant stored and available?	Pupils and staff	All classes to have disinfectant in class to be used after each visit.	Teachers and children trained on how to disinfect the learning environment.	Low
Are staff and pupils instructed to wash their hands immediately before and after contact?	Pupils and staff	Hand soap in place in classrooms.		Low
Are pupils informed not to put their hands in their mouths until hands have been washed? It may be more appropriate to have a supply of antibacterial gel or hand-wipes available, particularly if the animal is being shown outside.	Pupils and staff	Hand soap in place in classrooms.		Low
Where staff or pupils have cuts or abrasions, are these covered prior to handling animals	Pupils and staff			Low
Are staff and pupils aware of the fact that they should not eat or drink in the vicinity of the animals being handled? This reduces the risk of contamination.	Pupils and staff			Low
Allergic Reactions				
Do staff or pupils have any known allergic reactions to animals, bedding, hair, feed (nuts)?	Pupils and staff	Non present.	Letter sent out to parents asking for medical information.	Low
Bites and Scratches				

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Are arrangements in place for first aid e.g. to wash all animal bites and scratches and to seek medical advice if in doubt about the risk of infection?	Pupils and staff	Paediatric first aider handling dog.		Low		
Are staff and pupils aware that dogs (except guide dogs) should not be allowed on School premises unless specifically being brought in for observation?	Pupils and staff			Low		
Substances						
Are any substances used for cleaning covered by COSHH? If so is a copy of the manufacturer's safety data sheet available and a COSHH Assessment in place?	Dog	All cleaning products kept in a locked cupboard.		Low		
If the substance is not covered by COSHH, is it stored and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations i.e. details contained in the data sheet?	Dog	All cleaning products kept in a locked cupboard.		Low		
Information and instruction						
Are appropriate arrangements in place to ensure that staff receive adequate information / instruction regarding the keeping and handling of animals?	Dog	Owners have insurance, knowledge of looking after dogs and have sought advice from a dog handler and therapy dog trainer.		Low		
Further Assessment of Foreseeable Risks Not Covered Above:						
What other miscellaneous foreseeable risks exist? <i>List:</i>						
Further Action Required			Date Action Completed	Date RA Reviewed	Significant Changes Y/N	Shared with Staff Date or N/A

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