



Overleigh St Mary's CE dogs in school 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 who frequently attend OSM will be assessed as Therapy / School Dogs. • Dogs must be well trained and this includes not to bite, scratch or jump up • Handlers will remain with dog at all times • Children are taught how to approach and interact with the dog this includes always asking if they can pet them and learning how to do this safely. 	Emma Drew
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 for fleas • All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs • Dog to designated toilet area and waste is safely dispose of. 	Emma Drew

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation or consumption areas. 	
Allergies	Staff and pupils	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents / Staff asked to notify school regarding any allergies to dogs. Ways forward are agreed e.g. contact but with gloves / face covering or no contact at all. 	Emma Drew / Admin team
Phobias / fear of contact	Staff and pupils	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We tell parents and children about the dog in advance Contact with dogs is optional Personalised approach e.g. 1:1 or small group time or not at all depending on plan made with families. 	Emma Drew / Admin team
Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handler remains with dogs at all times Handler speaks to school staff in advance and ensure the area and activity is safe We check with the handler and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a dog at once 	Emma Drew / Class Teachers / TAs

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and lose concentration. 	
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 	Emma Drew / Class Teachers / TAs
Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dogs	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog has their own toys for play and relaxation. • Dog is trained to not chew / bite furniture and resources. • Expensive or precious items such as electrical resources are not kept within reach of dog. 	