

Dogs in School

Risk Assessment for Willow

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the dog	Staff, pupils and handlers	Medium – Willow is a puppy (born 1 st May 2022) and sometimes likes to “feel” with her mouth. She does not put pressure on but someone may get scratched if they move suddenly	- Willow is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas - Willow is a Hungarian Vizsla. A shorthaired breed with hypoallergenic fur - 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 - Willow will be kept away from food preparation areas	NE
Phobias	Staff and pupils		- Student and staff presentations on how to interact with Willow and common commands will help them to understand what to do if they are feeling anxious. - Contact with Willow is optional - Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia	NE

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Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers		▪ NE will always be with Willow whilst on site or leave her with an experienced dog handler ▪ NE to check area for safety before any activity ▪ Any activity with Willow will be completed under supervision and instruction from NE ▪ NE to clean up urine and faeces ▪ School staff remove children who misbehave or upset dogs ▪ Activities will only be at allocated times so that Willow does not get too tired	NE
Children misbehaving	Pupils, dogs and handlers		▪ Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave ▪ School staff are present at all time during ▪ School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset Willow	NE
Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dogs		▪ Dogs are kept in secured rooms, with closed doors ▪ Willow has suitable toys if necessary on site ▪ Areas/classrooms are kept clean and clutter free where possible	NE