



Robert Bloomfield Academy

Appendix 3 - Risk Assessment

Assessment conducted by: Helen Booth/ Danny Calmels.	Job title: Class teacher/Pastoral Support Manager	Covered by this assessment: All staff, students and visitors
Date of assessment: 19 th April 2020	Review interval: Annually	Date of next review: 19 th April 2021
Related documents		
Health and Safety Policy		

Risk rating		Likelihood of occurrence		
		Probable	Possible	Remote
Likely impact	Major Causes major physical injury, harm or ill-health.	Low	Medium	Medium
	Severe Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid.	Low	Medium	High
	Minor Causes physical or emotional discomfort.	Medium	High	High

Issue	Risk rating prior to action H/M/L	Recommended controls	In place? Yes/No	Recommended further actions to be taken to reduce risks	By whom	Deadline	Risk rating following action H/M/L
Health – diseases and parasites	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog has a designated handler who is in charge of feeding and caring for the dog while on school premises, ensuring there is a supply of fresh water available. • The handler is responsible for permitting people to touch the dog. • The dog is permitted only in outside areas, Pastoral office or other areas of school for certain events and always with a handler. The area is kept clean and secure for the wellbeing of the animal, students, staff and visitors. • The dog is given no opportunity to come into contact with wild rodents on or off the school premises. • The dog is fully inoculated 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog will go to the vet for a regular check-up, to identify whether the dog has any transmittable diseases. • On hot days, the handler will ensure there is appropriate provision in place to keep the dog cool, and ensure the dog avoids too much activity during the hottest part of the day. 	HBH/DC/JC/TD	Ongoing	L
Hygiene	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog is suitably toilet trained. • The designated area for the dog to defecate, (behind the pastoral block), is situated away from students and staff. • All faeces are immediately picked up by the handler, using a clinical waste bag, and disposed of into the clinical waste bin. • The handler immediately washes their hands with sufficient soap and water after picking up faeces. • Any soiled dog bedding is immediately disposed of in sealed clinical waste bags, and into the clinical waste bin. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the dog is ill with an infection or disease, it will not return to the school until it has recovered. • Hand sanitiser is provided for anyone who touches the dog. 	HBH/DC/JC/TD	Ongoing	L

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The handler takes the dog's bedding home regularly to wash it. Any students/staff/visitors who touch the dog are advised to wash their hands afterwards, and sufficient hand washing provision is provided throughout the school. Anyone touching the dog, who has an exposed wound, must have the wound suitably covered. 					
Bites and scratches	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog has grown up in the school environment and as such, has been trained well, and is used to coming into close contact with people. It has also undergone a training course for therapy dogs (when puppy/dog is an appropriate age). Students/staff/visitors around the dog are closely supervised by the handler. Students/staff/visitors are advised not to put their face close to the dog. The dog is prohibited from roaming freely around the school without the supervision of the handler. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students/staff/visitors are only permitted to stroke the dog during allocated time-slots – break and lunchtime or when the dog is required for therapy for significant anxiety/depression The dog is provided with a place it can go to get away from people. 	HBH/DC/JC/TD	Ongoing	L
Minor injuries related to dog housing and equipment	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All dog bedding/housing is regularly checked for defects. All dog equipment is stored (in Pastoral Office) when not in use. The dog's food and water bowls are kept out of the path of people to avoid any trips. Any spillages from the dog's bowl are wiped up immediately. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All dog bedding/housing is replaced annually. 	HBH/DC/JC/TD	Ongoing	L

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Allergies	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog breed is hypoallergenic and as such this will limit any allergic reactions to the dog dander Students and staff known to have allergies to animals have restricted access to the dog. All students and staff are advised not to touch their face after touching the dog. All students/staff/visitors are advised to wash their hands thoroughly after touching the dog. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A supply of antihistamine tablets is kept in student services in the unlikely event someone has an allergic reaction. 	HBH/ LLN/DC/JC/TD	Ongoing	L
Phobias	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff known to have a phobia of dogs are given restricted access to the dog. The dog is prohibited from roaming freely around the school without the supervision of the handler. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During busy times, such as breaks and time between lessons when lots of students and staff will be coming past the dog, the dog will be kept in its area in pastoral or in a large space (field) so can easily be avoided. 	HBH/DC/JC/TD	Ongoing	L