


<b>RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ALBAN CITY SCHOOL</b>		School dog	
<b>Risk assessment number/ref:</b> 1	<b>Assessment by:</b> Gilly Stray	<b>Date:</b> 3/11/20	
	<b>Manager Approval:</b> Full Governing Body	<b>Date:</b> 9/11/20	

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<b>Animal Health</b> Diseases , parasites	Staff, pupils, visitors  Diseases / infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog has been sourced from high quality breeder. Both parents were health checked for genetic diseases and certificates provided.</li> <li>• Dog has been health checked by a vet.</li> <li>• Dog is kept up to date with vaccinations, flea, tick and worm treatments.</li> </ul>	Maintain vaccination and parasite treatment regime.	Headteacher	Monthly for parasite treatment Annual booster vaccination	
<b>Bites and scratches</b>	Staff, pupils, visitors  Cuts / abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breed has been chosen for its good nature towards children and is trained to be sociable and good natured.</li> <li>• No unsupervised contact with pupils.</li> <li>• Dog's base is in secure enclosure in head's office to ensure no accidental encounters.</li> <li>• Dog is closely supervised, on a lead and kept under control when out of its base.</li> <li>• Pupils and staff are aware of the procedures and etiquette on meeting and handling the dog, which will always be under supervision, to ensure any risk is minimised.</li> <li>• Hand cleansing facilities nearby.</li> <li>• First Aid Kit nearby.</li> <li>• Pupils instructed in handling animals</li> </ul>		Headteacher to brief staff  Teachers and TAs to instruct pupils	Nov 2020	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>and closely supervised</li> <li>Keep dog away from face</li> </ul>				
<b>Cuts / minor injury from defective housing</b>	Staff, pupils, visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enclosure is inspected regularly for defects</li> </ul>		Headteacher	monthly	
<b>Allergy Phobias</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors  skin rashes, irritation to the eyes and nose or breathing difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breed has been chosen for its hypoallergenic qualities. Dog is non-shedding.</li> <li>Parental permission sought for children to interact with dog.</li> <li>Clear communication to ensure any children / staff with potential allergic reactions / phobias are identified. Staff are made aware of any children with phobias/ allergies in order their access is restricted.</li> <li>Good general hygiene and hand washing followed.</li> <li>Office area well ventilated and vacuumed regularly. Bedding is washed regularly.</li> </ul>	Ensure new starters are informed, permission sought and potential allergies identified.	Headteacher to communicate to parents and staff  School office to communicate with new starters  Site manager to vacuum office. HT to wash bedding.	Nov 20  Nov 20 ongoing  ongoing	
<b>Hygiene Infection</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors  Disease/infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No eating / drinking when interacting with the dog</li> <li>Cover any open cuts or abrasions on the exposed skin of hands and arms with waterproof adhesive dressings</li> <li>Adequate provision for hand washing (soap hot water) readily available. Wash hands after contact.</li> <li>Paper towels provided rather than communal hand towels.</li> <li>Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed.</li> </ul>				

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Younger pupils should be seen to wash their hands.</li> <li>Toilet facilities for dog at back of car park behind the school in an area that children and staff do not access.</li> <li>Dog faeces removed immediately and disposed of responsibly and hygienically by the dog's handler</li> </ul>		HT or volunteer member of staff	As required	
Fire Drill, evacuation of dog	Dog, locked in office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A clear evacuation plan and exit is available for the dog and not left in a locked room.</li> <li>Dog will be under the supervision of a member of staff at all times</li> </ul>		HT or DHT / Y4 member of staff is HT not in her office when fire alarm sounds	As required	
Noise, barking	Pupils who cannot cope with noise Disruption to lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dog is a breed that is very sociable and good natured and not known to bark excessively.</li> <li>As the dog will be introduced to the school at an early age it will become acclimatised to a noisy environment so the risk of barking should be greatly minimised.</li> <li>Dog should be removed from the situation that is causing it to bark.</li> </ul>				
Transmission of Covid 19	Staff / pupils, parents and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash or sanitise hands before and after touching the dog.</li> </ul>				