



All Saints C of E Infant School Tilford

School Dog Policy

Co-ordinator responsible for this policy
In consultation with Staff and Governors

Mrs Sara Bedford

Date adopted

May 2019

Review date

May 2020

Governing Committee responsible

Health and Safety

School Dog Policy

The Governing Body has a responsibility to ensure that the school has a written policy for dogs in school.

The Head teacher is responsible for implementing this policy.

Teachers, staff, pupils, parents and visitors are required to abide by this policy.

The curriculum will support learning about dogs and how best to behave around our dog. This will include highlighting that not all dogs are well trained and that caution must be used around unknown dogs outside school.

If someone reports an issue with the dog, this information must be passed to the Headteacher or member of the leadership team as soon as possible. All concerns will be responded to by the Headteacher.

- A risk assessment has been produced which will be reviewed annually.
- All visitors will be informed about the dog and related protocols on arrival and office staff will relay visitor issues to the Head Teacher ASAP.
- Staff, visitors and children known to have allergic reactions to dogs must not go near the dog.
- The dog will be under the full control and supervision of a trained adult at all times whilst in the school.
- The office will know the whereabouts of the dog and which staff are supervising at all times.
- The dog will be included in the fire evacuation procedure under the supervision of Mrs Bedford.
- Any dog foul will be cleaned immediately and disposed of appropriately.
- If the dog is ill she will not be allowed into school.
- Parents will be consulted on allowing their children access to the dog.
- Children will never be left alone with the dog and there will be appropriate adult supervision at all times.
- Children will be taught and reminded what is appropriate behaviour around the dog.
- Children will always wash their hands after handling the dog.
- Appropriately trained staff will maintain records and anecdotal evidence of the work and impact of the school dog.
- Only the school dog is allowed on the premises. All other dogs must not come on site unless they are a known therapy or assistance dog and the Head Teacher has been informed beforehand.

Risk Assessment for School Dog

Hazard	Risk	Risk Category 1-5	Likelihood 1-5	Controls in place
Dog getting over excited when interacting with children.	Child scratched by dog	3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult who will have received handling training. Children are not left with the dog unsupervised. The dog will always be on a lead when she is out of Mrs Bedford's office. The dog will be trained regularly by experienced trainers. Pupils will be taught the impact of their actions. Education of this nature is continually given to children, and often to whole school during assemblies, class time and PSHE lessons. Pupils will be taught what to do to prevent over stimulating or upsetting the dog and how to remain calm around him. The dog will receive ongoing formal training, socialising and conditioning within the school environment. Training will support working towards a Pets As Therapy Test and support calm behaviours to facilitate reading or nurture intervention , therapies, training and scent games. Pupils and adults will be reminded not to touch the dog's mouth, head and rear end and to stand and turn if she attempts to jump up or mouth. ALL staff given permission to handle the dog will be given strict instructions to follow and appropriate training. The dog will attend the vets' regularly to make sure she is in good health.
	Child bitten by dog	4	2	

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The dog gets loose from his	Child scratched, or	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog's pen in Mrs Bedford's office can be used to keep the dog safe and she will also roam free in

pen or from his lead.	bitten by dog			<p>the office. Staff will be alerted with signage and pupils only allowed in with supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the dog does get loose the office staff or designated handler will call for support from other trained adults who will come and put the dog back on her lead and in Mrs Bedford's office or her crate. The dog will always be on her lead when out of the offices or when trained adults are in strict supervision.
Dog hair causing allergies	Children have allergic reactions	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents have been asked to inform the school of any known allergies prior to introduction of the dog to school. Children will have the opportunity to interact with the dog as they wish and those with allergies would be able to opt out of interaction. Children will be taught to wash their hands after active participation with the dog.

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Children getting germs from the dog.	Children/staff will contract diseases that can be carried by dogs	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the dog defecate on the school site a member of staff will clear this up immediately and dispose of it in a safe manner. All immunisations (including rabies vaccination) are kept up to date in accordance with European Pet Passport scheme and the Head Teacher keeps a register of this. Flea treatment is carried out at monthly intervals. Worming treatment is carried out compliant with European Vet guidelines, at 3 monthly intervals. The dog will not go in the school dining hall at meal times. He will not be permitted into the food preparation area of the kitchen or the cooking room.
Claim is made against school re: behaviour of the dog.	School not adequately covered financially	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has public liability insurance and specialist working dog insurance via Pets in Business (cost covered by Mrs Bedford). The policy covers the dog in school and Mrs Bedford has further insurance outside of school hours. Mrs Bedford aims to have the dog assessed

				as a Pets As Therapy dog once her training and adolescence are completed. This will greatly reduce the cost of insurance.
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