

SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

School: **St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School**

Department / Area: **Dog in School**

People who might be harmed i.e. staff, pupils, members of public: **Staff, pupils, visitors to school**

Assessment date: January 2020

Are there any special considerations needed for new & expectant mothers or persons under 18, etc.

Yes / No If yes, specify:

Review date: July 2020

Names of all involved in assessment process: (e.g. **Headteacher**, Dept Head, Union rep, etc.)

Headteacher authentication:

Hazard / risk identified <small>Task/ activity / process / stressor</small>	Current precautions in place	Improvement action needed <small>following incidents, changes, etc. Place these on an action plan.</small>
Dog Getting over excited when interacting with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child scratched by dog • Child bitten by dog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult and will never be allowed to freely roam the school premises • Children are not left with the dog unsupervised • The dog will always be on a lead when he is out of the head's office. 	
The dog gets loose from the office or from his lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office is big enough for the dog to be happy and safe during the school day. • There are six members of staff who will be called upon in the event of the dog getting loose or if he needs attention at any other time, they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Williams (Headteacher) - Mrs Whittles (administrator) - Mrs Milne (administrator) - Mrs O'Toole (TA) - Mrs Thewlis (TA) - Mr Gardiner (site manager) 	

Dog causing allergies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents have been asked to inform the school of any known allergies prior to the dog being in school. A list of children who should not interact with the dog will be kept. • Children may have the opportunity to interact with the dog. Those with allergies will be kept away. • Children will wash their hands after interacting with the dog. 	
Children frightened of dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents have been asked to inform the school of any known phobias prior to the dog being in school. A list of children who should not interact with the dog will be kept. 	
Children getting germs from the dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the dog defecate on the school site a member of staff will clean this up immediately and dispose of it in a safe manner. • The dog will be taken off the school site regularly to toilet. • All immunisations for the dog are up to date. • Flea treatment is up to date. • Worming treatment is up to date. • The dog will not go in the school dining hall at meal times. He will not be permitted in the kitchen area. 	

This assessment should be reviewed following significant changes, the introduction of new machinery, equipment, substances or procedures and following incidents, or at least annually.