



School Dogs UK Risk Assessment

Setting Name: East Stour Primary School

Date of risk assessment : February 2026

What is the Hazard	Who is at risk	Level of risk	What are you already doing	Does anything else need to be done to control the risk	Action taken by whom and when
Animal Phobias	Staff and Young people	Low	A list will be made of all young people and staff who have a phobia of dogs and communicated with the Intervention Practitioner. Every effort will be made for the school dog to be kept away from those with phobias at all times. There are currently	No current additional measures needed	



			no known phobias and parents have been informed.		
Allergies	Staff and young people	Low	A list will be made of all young people and staff that have allergies and the school dog will be kept a safe distance from those people at all times. The school dog will be groomed and bathed regularly to reduce the level of allergens and dander. There are currently no known allergies and parents have been informed. It is the responsibility of the practitioner to ensure the dog is groomed and bathed in line with School Dogs UK guidelines	No current additional measured needed	
Diseases and pathogens	Staff and young people	Low	The school dog will be up to date with all vaccinations. Anti bacterial hand gel / wipes will be available after handling the dog and children advised to wash their hands	No current additional measured needed	



			The dog will not have physical contact in a close proximity of open wounds		
Animal bites	Staff and young people	Low	The school dog has undergone extensive training and assessments for the role as a school dog and will continue to have regular assessments in accordance with School Dogs UK's guidelines The school dog will be with a trained handler at all times. All young people coming in to contact with the dog will be shown how to interact with the dog appropriately. Only when the handler deems the patient suitably responsible will they be able to interact with the dog	No current additional measured needed	



Areas not accessible to the dog		Low	The dog will not enter any food preparation areas within the school. Any other restricted areas will be identified by the school	No current additional measured needed	
Violence	Young people staff and the school dog	Low	School Dog Intervention Practitioners to be aware of any potential behaviours that may be displayed by the young people towards the dog and be aware of the behaviour management plan for them. Behaviour expectations to be clearly identified to young people with regards to the school dog. Any infringements on behaviour expectations will lead to the YP being withdrawn from the activity There will be a list of all YP known to have a history of violence towards animal.	No current additional measured needed	



			The school dog will be with the intervention practitioner at all times and all interactions closely supervised The school dog must be immediately removed from any potentially violent situation and be taken to a safe location.		