

### Milo - School Dog Risk Assessment – January 2023

Hazard	At Risk			Existing Control Measures
	Student	Staff	Visitor	
<p><u>Animal behaviour</u></p> <p>Staff, students or visitors could be injured if Milo is not comfortable in a specific school environment and reacts badly, including bites or scratches.</p>	Medium	Medium	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Milo, the school dog, will receive ongoing formal training, socialising and conditioning within the school environment.</li> <li>2. Students and parents are warned of the hazard before interaction with Milo and take part only with consent.</li> <li>3. Students are taught appropriate behaviour around Milo, what to do to prevent over stimulating or upsetting him and how to remain calm around him.</li> <li>4. Students are closely supervised by an adult at all times during interactions with Milo.</li> <li>5. Students are never left with the Milo unsupervised.</li> <li>6. Milo will always be in the care of a responsible adult who will have received handling training.</li> <li>7. If Milo exhibits any warning behaviours such growling or lowered ears he will be removed immediately from students.</li> <li>8. Milo resides in the Headteacher’s Office or the School Reception. Signage will indicate that students are only allowed in these areas with staff supervision.</li> <li>9. In the event that a student, staff member or visitor is bitten or scratched (even if only a “play” bite) the Family and Student Co-ordinator (a qualified nurse) will inspect and assess the injury. The suitability of Milo will then be reassessed by the Executive Headteacher as the Safeguarding Lead.</li> </ol>
<p><u>Disease, illness &amp; allergic reactions</u></p> <p>Staff, students or visitors could suffer ill health if they come into</p>	Medium	Medium	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All immunisations are kept up to date in accordance with veterinary guidelines for the United Kingdom. Mr Sherwood is responsible for keeping a register of this.</li> <li>2. Flea treatment is carried out at monthly intervals. Worming treatment is carried out compliant with Veterinary guidelines, at 3 monthly intervals.</li> </ol>

<p>contact with animal faeces/urine or have an allergy to dogs.</p>				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Milo will not go in the school dining hall at any time nor will he be permitted into the food preparation area of the kitchen or the cooking room.</li> <li>4. The school keeps an up to date list of students with known allergic reactions and these students are not permitted to interact with the Milo.</li> <li>5. Milo is taken regularly outside the school building for toilet facilities by a designated member of staff trained to handle the him.</li> <li>6. All waste produced by the dog, whether accidental or routine, is handled and disposed of hygienically by designated staff members only. Contaminated items and surfaces are immediately washed and disinfected.</li> <li>7. Students and adults are not allowed to eat around Milo.</li> <li>8. Students and adults must always wash their hands after handling Milo</li> <li>9. Immediate medical assistance will be sought where an allergic reaction does not subside once the animal and afflicted person are kept apart.</li> </ol>
<p><u>Animal Phobias</u>  Staff or students could suffer distress themselves or distress Milo if they become scared or upset around him.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students are encouraged but never forced to interact with Milo.</li> <li>2. Where there are students with phobias, every effort is made to segregate Milo from those with phobias.</li> </ol>

<p><u>School emergency evacuation (including drills)</u></p> <p>Milo could become distressed by the evacuation and behave in an unexpected way, become defensive or try to escape.</p>	Medium	Medium	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Milo is accompanied by a trained adult at all times. In the event of an emergency evacuation, immediately proceed to the nearest fire exit and then the adult walks as far as possible from other people evacuating whilst maintaining a safe distance from the building.</li> <li>2. Where possible, Milo to be present for sounding of the alarms outside of school hours to observe their response.</li> <li>3. If Milo manages to escape from an adult during the evacuation, the adult must still evacuate immediately and notify staff outside of the dog's absence.</li> </ol>
<p><u>Claim is made against school</u></p> <p>A parent or visitor could make a claim against the school relating to the behaviour of Milo</p>	Low	High	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The school has public liability insurance which covers liability for a school dog where a full risk assessment has been completed.</li> </ol>