



## Dogs in Provision

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the dog	Staff, students, handlers and visitors	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All dogs that visit the provision site are up to date with their vaccinations, and treatment for worms and fleas</li><li>• Dogs are groomed (if necessary) before the visit</li><li>• All staff and students are required to wash their hands after contact with the dog</li><li>• Handlers clear up dog faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away from the area</li><li>• Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas</li></ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors



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Allergies	Staff and students	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letter sent to all parents/carers requesting information about any allergies</li><li>• Staff are trained to recognise signs of allergic reactions and protocols in place should a situation arise</li><li>• Parental permission sought for students to interact with the dog</li><li>• Any room used for the dog and students to interact should be well ventilated</li><li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies</li></ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors



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Phobias	Staff and students	Low / Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letter sent to parents/carers requesting information about any phobias towards dogs</li><li>• Parents/carers and students are told about the visit in advance</li><li>• Contact with the dog is optional</li><li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia</li></ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors

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Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler(s) remain with the dog at all times</li> <li>• Handler(s) speak to provision staff in advance and make sure the area / activity is safe</li> <li>• Head of Provision will check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of students who can interact with a dog at one time</li> <li>• Time limit will be set (in consultation with the handler) for how long the dog will be involved in each session.</li> <li>• Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces</li> <li>• Provision staff remove pupils who misbehave or upset the dog. The students in question will then be reminded about the code of conduct</li> <li>• Time limit set for activities as recommended by the handler(s), so the dog does not get tired</li> <li>• Any games played with the dog during sessions should be more cognitive based</li> </ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors

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Pupils misbehaving	Students, dogs and handlers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff are required to complete a lesson on interacting safely with the dog. This should include understanding dog body language</li> <li>Students are told in advance what to expect and how to behave</li> <li>Provision staff are present at all times during the visit</li> <li>Provision staff are ready to remove any students who misbehave or upset the dog</li> <li>If the dog is showing signs of distress, then the dog should be removed immediately</li> </ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors

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Damage caused to provision materials, equipment and the school site	The dog	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog to remain on a lead at all times when in a session or being moved around the provision site</li> <li>• Dog kept in secured rooms, with closed doors, but well ventilated and not too hot or cold</li> <li>• All bags/personal items are removed before the dog enters</li> <li>• Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary</li> <li>• Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before the dog visits</li> </ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors



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Zoonosis	All	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean food and water bowls are supplied daily and separately from those used by people</li><li>• Food and water bowls are not shared with other animals on site</li><li>• No face-to-face contact</li><li>• Any cuts/open wounds are covered</li><li>• If the dog has any cuts/open wounds, they should not be brought into school</li><li>• The dog should receive regular vet check-ups and preventative treatments as directed</li></ul>	<b>RAISE-AP</b> Educational Directors

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