

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"> • All dogs that visit the provision site are up to date with their vaccinations, and treatment for worms and fleas • Dogs are groomed (if necessary) before the visit • All staff and students are required to wash their hands after contact with the dog • Handlers clear up dog faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away from the area • Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas 	RAISE-AP Educational Directors

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

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

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

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Pupils misbehaving	Students, dogs and handlers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff are required to complete a lesson on interacting safely with the dog. This should include understanding dog body language • Students are told in advance what to expect and how to behave • Provision staff are present at all times during the visit • Provision staff are ready to remove any students who misbehave or upset the dog • If the dog is showing signs of distress, then the dog should be removed immediately 	RAISE-AP 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"> • Dog to remain on a lead at all times when in a session or being moved around the provision site • Dog kept in secured rooms, with closed doors, but well ventilated and not too hot or cold • All bags/personal items are removed before the dog enters • Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary • Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before the dog visits 	RAISE-AP Educational Directors

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

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