

# Dogs on site

## Risk Assessment Form

Risk Assessment no. DOGRA-001

**Location** Droxford Junior School, Union Lane, Droxford, Hampshire. SO32 3QR

**Initial Assessment Date** 30/11/2019

**Activity** Keeping a Dog on site/stray dogs

**Who is at risk?** Employees, Visitors, Contractors, Vulnerable Persons, Pupils

## Hazards and control measures

**Hazard** Physical injury (e.g. animal bites and scratches)

**Control Measures**

Only dogs that have been authorised by the Headteacher are allowed on site.

All authorised dogs must be accompanied by a confident and able handler at all times. The handler must have a suitable leash with them that is able to restrain the dog whenever they are moving around the site.

The handler must be familiar with the dog's "mood" to recognise when the dog is demonstrating behaviour to suggest they are overwhelmed and needs time away from all the attention children can give to prevent the dog from "snapping" and possibly nipping or biting someone.

All authorised dogs must be up to date with their vaccines.

In the unfortunate event that someone should get bitten, the person must be taken to the first aid station to have the affected area cleaned and the appropriate first aid measures taken.



If the person bitten or scratched is a child then their parents must be informed immediately. The child and any children who witnessed the incident must be reassured and the situation explained; why the dog reacted in the way they did to allay any fears that could develop from their experience of the incident.

With respect to school dogs, the school or overall owner of the dog may need to have public liability insurance (also known as third party insurance) to cover unfortunate events when the dog bites or damages the third party's property.

If a child has an open injury, whether caused by the dog or by other means, the dog handler must ensure the dog does not lick the open wound.

Similarly, children must be taught not to allow the dog to lick the open wound either.

Hazard	<b>Inexperienced/improper handling of the dog</b>
Control Measures	Only confident and experienced staff should handle the dog or be present to supervise any children petting the dog. All staff to receive some basic, informal training on handling a dog, correct behaviour around the dog etc.
Hazard	<b>Stray dog(s)</b>
Control Measures	In the event a stray dog(s) comes on to the site, the “lockdown” procedure needs to be initiated. (The “lockdown” procedure should be practiced each term) A willing and confident member of staff who is familiar with dog behaviour should attempt to restrain the dog. If, however, the dog is displaying aggressive behaviour the Police should be contacted so they can arrange for the dog to be removed from the site. Staff and pupils should remain inside until the dog has been removed.
Hazard	<b>Allergies (e.g. respiratory, skin sensitivity, eyes, nose, anaphylaxis)</b>
Control Measures	Serious consideration needs to be made whether a school dog should be allowed on site if staff and children who suffer severe allergic reactions to dogs. Control measures need to be enforced if there are staff and children who have suffer from allergic reactions caused by dogs. (e.g. restricting the dogs movements to certain areas around the site to prevent contact) Only authorised dogs are allowed on site. Ensure parents are aware that the school has a dog and ask parents to inform the school of any allergies their children might have, if they haven’t already declared it. Ensure adrenaline (e.g. epinephrine, EpiPens or Anapens) inhalers, and other medication is readily availability in medical room and that it is up to date.
Hazard	<b>Dog faeces (Toxicariasis) and vomit</b>
Control Measures	Dog faeces must be collected immediately afterward the dog has finished in an appropriate manner (e.g. the use of a doggy bag) and only collected by the accompanying adult handler.
Hazard	<b>Inappropriate behaviour of children around dog(s)</b>
Control Measures	All children upon starting at the school and regularly throughout the year, must be told how to behave around the authorised dog. Children must be free to ask questions so they become more confident around dogs and accustomed to having a dog at school. Children who are particularly fearful of dogs and unwilling to overcome their fear must have their wishes respected and given appropriate space. The handler must not dismiss the child’s dislike/fear to prevent the child from hitting/kicking the dog, which might cause the dog to react defensively and possibly bit the child.
Hazard	<b>Fleas, ticks and worms</b>
Control Measures	Authorised dogs must be up to date with the flea, tick and worming treatments.
Hazard	<b>Over excited dog or jumping up</b>
Control Measures	Authorised dogs must be handled by a confident and able handler. If the dog is over excited or keeps jumping up the dog must be removed from the situation and taken somewhere to calm down.

Hazard	Dog's adverse reaction to loud noises (e.g. fire alarm)		
Control Measures	<p>Authorised dog(s) who come on to site regularly should be familiarised to common loud noises/sounds found a school (e.g. noisy children at playtime, musical instruments, fire alarm)</p> <p>In the event of a fire evacuation the designated responsible handler, who should also be confident and able, must escort the dog from the site along with everyone else.</p>		
Hazard	Handler being pulled over by the dog		
Control Measures	<p>In the event the handler is pulled over by the dog and releases the leash the dog must be retrieved as soon as possible. First aid requirements that are needed should be carried out if the handler is injured during the incident.</p>		
Hazard	Not identifying the dog's negative mood		
Control Measures	<p>The authorised dog must be accompanied at all times by a confident and able handler who is experienced to recognise the difference in dog moods. If the dog is demonstrating negative moods then the dog must be removed from the adults and children and put in a safe and familiar location to the dog so the dog can calm down.</p>		
Hazard	Stress related reactions (e.g. resulting from phobias, fear)		
Control Measures	<p>The school need to identify staff and children who have a genuine phobia or fear towards dogs and consulting with the member of staff or child's parents and how to manage the situation.</p>		
With these control measure the risk:		Circle which of the following is most applicable	
Unacceptable		Further Controls Required	Adequately controlled
Assessor's comments		Insert additional information as required	
Name of Assessor	Ben Vardy	Signature of Assessor	
Date of Assessment	30/01/2020		
Manager's Comments		Insert additional information as required	
Name of Manager	Mat Dampier	Signature of Manager	
Date of Comments	30/01/2020		
Review date	Reviewed by	Reviewer signature	Remarks