



Test Valley School

Risk Assessment: Assistance Dog

January 2021

Hazard	Who is affected/at risk	Risk rating (low, medium or high)	Actions/control measures	Person responsible
Bites and scratches	Staff, pupils and handlers	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance Dog must have a good temperament and is used to being around children • Assistance Dog must be well trained not to bite, scratch or jump up • Handler will remain with dog at all times • Children taught how to approach and interact with the dog 	Guardian (A Page) Handler (member of staff supervising dog)
Poor hygiene and health risks	Staff, pupils and handlers	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance Dog is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas • All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with Assistance Dog • Handlers take dog to designated area to toilet and safely dispose of any waste • Usual measures in place to clean any accidental wet spillage • Assistance Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas or areas where food might have been dropped 	Guardian Handler Handler Site Team Handler

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance Dog to be fed at designated times (9.30am, 1.30pm) and enzyme medication applied to food 	Handler
Allergies	Staff and pupils	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog is low moulting breed Parental permission for children to interact with Assistance Dog sought Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies 	Guardian Admin Team Handler
Phobias	Staff and pupils	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We tell parents and children about the dog in advance Contact with Assistance Dog to be optional to staff and pupils Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia 	Guardian/ Headteacher Guardian Handler
Activities and involving the Assistance Dog	Staff, pupils, Assistance Dog and handlers	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handler remains with Assistance Dog at all times Guardian speaks to school staff in advance and ensure the area and activity is safe Set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a dog at once School staff remove children who misbehave or upset Assistance Dog 	Handler Guardian Guardian Handler

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We set a time limit on activities as recommended by guardian, so Assistance Dog do not get tired 	Guardian
Children misbehaving	Pupils, Assistance Dog and handlers	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave Handler remains in control of Assistance Dog at all times throughout designated activity Handler remains with Assistance Dog whilst pupils take control of the lead School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset Assistance Dog 	Guardian/ Handler Handler Handler Handler
Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Assistance Dog	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance Dog remain on a lead at all times Assistance Dog are kept in secured areas, with closed doors or "stair gate" barriers whilst not engaged in outdoor activity Suitable toys to be available to prevent Assistance Dog boredom Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before Assistance Dog visit 	Handler Handler Guardian Handler