



# Wavendon Gate School

## Dogs in school risk assessment



| Hazard                        | Who is affected/at risk    | Risk rating (low, medium or high) | Actions/control measures  | Person responsible   |
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| Bites and scratches           | Staff, pupils and handlers | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dogs must have a good temperament and be used to being around children</li><li>• Dogs must be at least 1 year old</li><li>• Dogs must be well trained not to bite, scratch or jump up</li><li>• Handler(s) will remain with dogs at all times</li><li>• Children are taught how to approach and interact with the dog</li></ul>   | Mrs Kok              |
| Poor hygiene and health risks | Staff, pupils and handlers | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All dogs that visit are vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas</li><li>• Dogs are groomed before the visit</li><li>• All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs</li><li>• Handlers clear up dog urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely - pupils are told to stay away</li><li>• Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas</li></ul> | Mrs Kok              |
| Allergies                     | Staff and pupils           | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We seek parental permission for children to interact with dogs</li><li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies</li></ul>  | Office and teachers  |
| Phobias                       | Staff and pupils           | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We tell parents and children about the visit in advance</li><li>• Contact with dogs is optional</li></ul>   | Teachers and Mrs Kok |

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|  |                                  |                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia</li> </ul>  |                      |
| Activities and games involving the dog                           | Staff, pupils, dogs and handlers | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handler(s) remain with dogs at all times</li> <li>Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and ensure the area and activity is safe</li> <li>We check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a dog at once</li> <li>Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces</li> <li>School staff remove children who misbehave or upset dogs</li> <li>We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so dogs do not get tired</li> </ul> | Mrs Kok              |
| Children misbehaving   | Pupils, dogs and handlers        | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave</li> <li>School staff are present at all time during the visit</li> <li>School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset dogs</li> </ul>   | Mrs Kok and teachers |
| Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site | Dogs                             | Low                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dogs remain on a lead at all times</li> <li>Dogs are kept in secured rooms, with closed doors</li> <li>Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary</li> <li>Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before dogs visit</li> </ul>  | Mrs Kok              |