



## Canine Assisted Learning Affiliate Risk Assessment for schools

School Name: The Parkside School

Date of risk assessment: 13.6.23

What is the Hazard	Who is at risk	Level of risk	What are you already doing	Does anything else need to be done to control the risk	Action taken by whom and when
Animal Phobias	Staff and Young people	Low	A list will be made of all young people and staff who have a phobia of dogs. Every effort will be made for Bella be kept away from those with phobias at all times.	No current additional measured needed	Office staff
Allergies	Staff and young people	Low	<p>A list will be made of all young people and staff that have allergies and the CAL dog will be kept a respectable distance from those people at all times.</p> <p>Bella will be groomed and bathed regularly to reduce the level or allergens and dander in</p>	No current additional measured needed	

			<p>accordance with CAL guidelines.</p> <p>Bella the school dog is a cavapoo, chosen for her low shedding, hypoallergenic coat.</p>		
<p>Diseases and pathoges</p> <p>COVID-19</p>	Staff and young people	<p>Low</p> <p>High</p>	<p>The dog will be up to date with all vaccinations and will receive regular veterinary check ups. Anti bacterial hand gel / wipes will be available after handling the dog.</p> <p>All young people are to sanitise their hands before and after their session.</p> <p>CAL practitioners to sanitise their hands before and after each session.</p> <p>Handlers are to sanitise hands before changing over the dog to keep the lead clean.</p>	No current additional measured needed	
Animal bites	Staff and young people	Low	<p>Bella dog has undergone training and testing for suitability by Canine Assisted Learning for the first two years and will receive regular assessments every 3 years on going from a dog veterinary behaviour specialist</p> <p>The school dog will be with a handler who has completed school dog training course at all times.</p>	No current additional measured needed	

			<p>All young people coming into contact with the dog will be shown how to interact with the dog appropriately.</p> <p>Only when the handler deems the young person suitably responsible will they be able to interact with the dog.</p> <p>The school dog will be on the lead at all times when with children. The only exceptions are when playing fetch in enclosed areas such as the football cage and the sensory playground/main playground.</p> <p>The dog will be on a lead with the Adult handler taking control of the lead, unless they are Keystage 3 and above and a regular Bella handler. This is a case by case situation</p> <p>No objects are to be removed from the dogs mouth by children e.g. balls, sticks, toys</p> <p>The school dog will never be left unattended with children.</p>		
Areas not accessible to the dog		Low	The dog will not enter any food preparation areas within the school.	No current additional measured needed	

Violence to the dog	Young people staff and the CAL dog	Low	<p>Handlers to be aware of any potential behaviours that may be displayed by the young people towards the dog and be aware of the behaviour management plan for them.</p> <p>Behaviour expectations to be clearly identified to young people with regards to the school dog. Any infringements on behaviour expectations will lead to the YP being withdrawn from the activity</p> <p>There will be a list of all YP known to have a history of violence towards animals and they will not be able to take part in the activity</p> <p>The school dog will be with the handler at all times and all interactions closely supervised</p> <p>The CAL dog must be immediately removed from any potentially violent situation and be taken to a safe location.</p>	No current additional measures needed	
Welfare of the school dog	School dog	Low	<p>Water is to be accessible to the school dog at all times</p> <p>The school dog is to be on a healthy balanced diet</p> <p>Raw food diets are not permitted</p> <p>The school dog is to have regular rest and play breaks throughout the working day.</p> <p>24 hours away from school is required following</p>		

			<p>any sickness / diarrhea</p> <p>The school dog is not to be in school if it has any open wounds or injuries</p> <p>A minimum of 24 hours away from school is required following any sedation, this will be reviewed on a 1:1 basis in consultation with the vet.</p>		
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