School dog risk assessment (Reviewed September 2026) Ongoing updates

Hazard	Who is affected/at risk	Risk rating: low, medium or high	Actions/control measures	Person responsible
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the dog	Staff, pupils and handlers	Medium	• Otis will remain vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas. • Otis is groomed regularly. • All staff and pupils are required to wash their hands after contact with dogs. • Handlers clear up dog urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away. • Dogs are not taken anywhere near food preparation areas. • Otis will be trained regularly by experienced handlers. • Children have been and will continue to be taught the impact of their actions through whole school assembly and PSHE lessons. • Children will be taught the importance of remaining calm around Otis. • Otis will receive ongoing formal training and socialising and conditioning within the school environment. • Children will be taught to stand and turn away from Otis if he attempts to jump up or mouth. • Otis will attend the vets regularly to ensure he is in good health.	J Foster Additional handlers

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The dog gets loose from his crate or lead.	Children, staff, dog	Low	• Otis's safe space is in the Head teacher's office away from children where he can roam. • Signage will be displayed when Otis is off lead in the office. • Otis will wear a harness whilst working so that he is easily guided if he manages to slip his lead. • Recall trained. • Otis will always be supervised when out of the school and on a lead.	J Foster Additional handlers
Allergies	Staff and pupils	Low	• Parents/carers have been asked to inform the school of any known allergies prior to the introduction of the dog to school. • Children will have the opportunity to interact with Otis as they wish and those with allergies would be able to opt out of interaction. • Children will be taught to wash their hands after touching Otis. • Otis is a goldendoodle (F1b) so known to be hypoallergenic.	J Foster Additional handlers
Phobias	Staff and pupils	Low	• Contact with dogs is optional	J Foster Additional handlers
A claim is made against the school re: the dog's behaviour.	The school	Low	• The school has public liability insurance and specialist therapy working dog insurance via Pet Business Insurance.	J Foster School business manager