

SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:	Mabel the wellbeing dog
	15.10.20

All residual Risk Ratings must be LOW otherwise re-assess control measures.

Significant Hazards and Identification of Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating
Animal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dog to be regularly treated with flea and worm preventatives. - Dog calm/bed zone to be kept clean for rest periods in SLT offices. - Children to be clearly instructed on how to handle the dog and behaviour while around the dog. - Dog to have regular check-ups at the vets. - Dog to be regularly groomed. - Dog not allowed in school if unwell. 	Low
Bites and scratches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel breed is known for its gentle nature. - Close adult supervision. - Children to be clearly instructed on how to handle the dog and behaviour while around the dog. - Children to be taught signs of a dog feeling unhappy such as tail between the legs, ears down, growling, hiding etc and to move away from the dog should this happen. - Dog to come in regularly to be accustomed to being handled by a range of children and to be introduced on the lead for short periods to begin with. - Dog to be trained not to jump up children. - Dog to have claws regularly trimmed. 	Low
Allergies and phobias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to parents to explain the role of the school dog and ask parents and carers to make allergies/phobias/if they do not want their child to touch the dog known. - Children/staff with known allergies and phobias to have restricted access. - Good general hygiene and hand washing to be carried out. - Children to never be instructed to interact with the dog. It must always be a choice. 	Low
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children to wash hands after handling the dog. - Any wounds on the hands should be covered. - Any faeces should be picked up by the adult and disposed of safely. If inside, disinfectant should be used to clean the area thoroughly. - Dog to not be in any areas where food is being prepared or eaten. - Dog to be regularly groomed. - Dog to be discouraged from licking. - Dog bed and throws to be washed regularly. 	Low
Financial upkeep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Pell is responsible for the financial upkeep of the dog, including vet bills and pet insurance. Liability is covered by school insurance. 	Low
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dog to exit the building through the nearest exit on the lead if around school. - If the dog is in its calm zone in the office, closest person to the office to take the dog through the closest exit on the lead. 	Low
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children to wash hands before and after touching the dog. - Plastic lead to be used in school to allow disinfectant. - Lead to be disinfected before and after children touching the lead. 	Low

Date reviewed:	
Signature:	

