

Dogs in School – Risk Assessment for Darcy, the Crest Dog

Hazard	Risk	Risk Category 1-5	Risk likelihood 1-5	Controls in place
Dog getting over excited when interacting with children.	Child scratched by dog	3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darcy will always be in the care of a responsible adult. • Children are not left with the dog unsupervised. • Darcy will always be on a lead when she is out of his bed / the Head’s office / SLT office. • Darcy has been trained by experienced dog trainers. • A “do’s and don’t’s” list of behaviours around Darcy is available in each classroom. Children will be regularly reminded of these. • Pupils have been, and continue to be, taught the impact of their actions. Education of this nature is continually given to children, and often to whole school during assemblies, class time and PSHE lessons. • Pupils will be taught what to do to prevent over stimulating or upsetting the dog and how to remain calm around him. • Pupils and adults will be reminded not to touch Darcy’s mouth, head and rear end • ALL staff given permission to handle Darcy will be given strict instructions to follow and appropriate training from Darcy’s owner. • Darcy will attend the vets’ regularly to make sure she is in good health.
	Child bitten by dog	4	2	
The dog gets loose from her rest area or from her lead.	Child scratched, or bitten by dog	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog’s bed area is in the SLT office and can be used to keep Darcy safe or when she needs a rest. She can roam freely in the SLT office and HTs office. Staff will be

				<p>alerted with signage and pupils only allowed in with supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Darcy does get loose the office staff or designated handler will call for support from Mrs Banks who will come and put her back on her lead and in the SLT office or in her bed area. • There are four members of staff who will be called upon in the event of the dog getting loose or if she needs attention at any other time, they are: 1. Bev Baldock (TA). 2. Kerry Seales (DHT) 3. Jane Shields (HT) 4. Jade Marco (Inclusion Lead). • Darcy will usually be on her lead when out of the office area. Trained and briefed adults are in strict supervision of Darcy at all times.
Dog hair causing allergies	Children have allergic reactions	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents have been asked to inform the school of any known allergies prior to introduction of the dog to school. No reports were returned. • Children will have the opportunity to interact with Darcy as they wish and those with allergies would be able to opt out of interaction. • Children will be taught to wash their hands after active participation with Darcy.
Children getting germs from the dog.	Children/staff will contract diseases that can be carried by dogs	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the dog defecate on the school site a member of staff will clear this up immediately and dispose of it in a safe manner. • All immunisations (including rabies vaccination) are kept up to date in accordance with European Pet Passport scheme and the Head Teacher keeps a register of this. • Flea treatment is carried out at monthly intervals.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worming treatment is carried out compliant with European Vet guidelines, at 3 monthly intervals. • The dog will not go in the school dining hall at meal times; he will not be permitted into the food preparation area of the kitchen or the cooking room.
Claim is made against school re: behaviour of the dog.	School not adequately covered financially	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school has public liability insurance via Medway Council and specialist working dog insurance via Pets in Business (cost covered by school). The policy covers Darcy in school. Mrs Banks has further insurance outside of school hours.