

<b>RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:</b>	<b>Keeping animals in school - Matilda</b>	
<b>Establishment:</b> ST PAUL'S COFE JUNIOR SCHOOL	<b>Assessment by:</b> Chris Partridge	<b>Date:</b> 21.05.19
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Review Date Due:</b> 21.05.20	<b>Leadership Approval:</b> David Fingleton	<b>Date:</b> 27.01.17

Hazard / Risk	Who is at Risk?	How can the hazards cause harm?	Normal Control Measures	Are Normal Control Measures Y/N/NA	
				In Place	Adequate
<b>Animal Health Diseases , parasites</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors	Disease/infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only healthy animals obtained from accredited or high-quality sources.</li> <li>• Animals must not be able to come into contact with wild rodents etc. due to the possibility of disease transmission.</li> <li>• Arrangements in place for care during holidays / weekends</li> <li>• Someone involved is experienced in the housing, feeding, handling and care requirements.</li> <li>• Cages are kept secure and clean for the well being of the animal and the pupils and staff.</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
<b>Bites and scratches</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors	Disease/infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils instructed in handling animals and closely supervised</li> <li>• Keep animals away from face</li> <li>• Dog is regularly handled</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
<b>Cuts / minor injury from defective housing</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors	Disease/infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal housing inspected regularly for defects</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
<b>Allergy Phobias</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors	skin rashes, irritation to the eyes and nose or breathing difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children / staff known to have allergic reactions / phobias to specific animals have restricted access – <i>parental forms stored in office</i></li> <li>• Good general hygiene and hand washing followed.</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes

<b>Hygiene Infection</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors	Disease/infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate provision for hand washing (soap hot water) readily available.</li> <li>• Paper towels provided rather than communal hand towels.</li> <li>• Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed.</li> <li>• Younger pupils should be seen to wash their hands.</li> <li>• All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered.</li> <li>• Soiled bedding disposed of in sealed plastic bags with normal refuse.</li> <li>• Foodstuffs stored carefully to prevent contamination and infestation.</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
<b>Keeping farm animals</b>	Staff/Pupils and Visitors	Disease/infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that other members of the school are happy with arrangements</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes

<b>Additional Control Measures</b> <i>(to take account of local/individual circumstances including changes such as working practices, equipment, staffing levels).</i>	<b>Action by Whom</b> <i>(list the name of the person/people who have been designated to conduct actions)</i>	<b>Action by When</b> <i>(set timescales for the completion of the actions – remember to prioritise them)</i>	<b>Action Completed</b> <i>(record the actual date of completion for each action listed)</i>	<b>Residual Risk Rating</b>
<p>Further guidance is provided in CLEAPSS guidance documents: L56 Housing and Keeping Animals Laboratory Handbook (section 14.1). PS86A Farm animals in school and on visits PS55 bringing pets and other animals into schools</p> <p><b>Growing school 'Get your hands Dirty'</b> New resource to help teachers consider the issues involved in growing plants/ caring for animals in school <a href="https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/storage/resource/downloads/b91225eb-0e06-424c-b9b1-b226f1d5c4a0/original/get-your-hands-dirty-2017.pdf">https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/storage/resource/downloads/b91225eb-0e06-424c-b9b1-b226f1d5c4a0/original/get-your-hands-dirty-2017.pdf</a></p>	Chris Partridge Myra Helps	Ongoing review	Ongoing reiteration	
<b>DATE OF REVIEW:</b> <i>Record actual date of review</i>	<b>COMMENTS:</b> <i>Record any comments reviewer wishes to make. Including recommendations for future reviews.</i>			
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RESIDUAL RISK RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
<b>VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring</b>	<b>The activity must not take place at all.</b> You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.
<b>HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring</b>	You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. Seek further advice, e.g. from your H&S Team
<b>MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury or over 3 day absence occurring</b>	If it is not possible to lower risk further, you will need to consider the risk against the benefit. Monitor risk assessments at this rating more regularly and closely.
<b>LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only</b>	No further action required.