

Cayton School

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Cayton School's Well-being Dog Risk Assessment

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Animal Health Diseases , parasites and animal health	Dog	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denzel is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas• Any excrement or urine will be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly and disposed of responsibly and hygienically.• Hand washing facilities available throughout school.• A bag containing poo bags/ plastic bags, disposable gloves, antibacterial gel etc will be carried by member of staff walking Denzel.	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the Denzel	Staff, children and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denzel is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas • Denzel is groomed before the visit • All staff and children are required to wash their hands after contact with Denzel • Handlers clear up Denzel's urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away • Denzel is not taken anywhere near food preparation areas 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan
Allergies	Staff and children	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have consulted all parents regarding Denzel being part of the school environment • Denzel's breed is hypoallergenic – Labradoodle (see note* below) • Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Phobias	Staff and children	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have consulted all parents regarding Denzel being part of the school environment • Contact with Denzel is optional • We will work alongside parents and children to reduce anxiety • Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan
Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, children, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler(s) remain with Denzel at all times • Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and make sure the area and activity is safe • We check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a Denzel at once • Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces • School staff remove children who misbehave or upset Denzel • We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so Denzel does not get tired 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Children misbehaving	Children, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave • School staff are present at all time during the visit • School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset Denzel 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan
Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denzel will remain on a lead at all times • Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary • Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before Denzel visits 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan

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Fire drill and evacuation of dog.	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff will be aware of fire procedures when in charge of Denzel Denzel will be under the supervision of a member of staff all of the time. Denzel will be supervised at the assembly point School will undertake a fire drill whilst the children are not in school to ensure he is calm with the noise of the fire alarm (first week) 	B. Wood/ J. Monaghan

*One of the advantages a Labradoodle is that they are hypoallergenic dogs; this means they are less likely to cause an allergic reaction in humans. By bringing a hypoallergenic dog into your school you are reducing the risk of the dog triggering an allergic reaction. Allergies to dogs are most commonly caused by a reaction to the dander (dead skin cells) that the dog produces, and not to the fur itself. The dander and saliva sticks to the dog's fur and is released during the normal shedding process. A hypoallergenic dog, therefore, will be one that produces less dander (or retains it). The poodle has a low dander count and a low-non shedding coat, and these characteristics are inherited by the Labradoodle. Many people with asthma and eczema are therefore able to live closely with a Labradoodle without being troubled by allergic symptoms at all.



“Pupils feel safe and enjoy their time at Cayton School.”
“Many parents describe Cayton as a great school where their children thrive.”
“Pupils enjoy learning because they get lots of help and support from their teachers and teaching assistants.”

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