



### General Details

Assessor	Abby Bassett
Assessment Date	24/08/2022
Assigned Reviewer	Abby Bassett
Next Review Date	24/08/2023
Operation Assessed	School Wellbeing Dog (Bertie)

#### Associated with specific area

- Education
- Academy Schools
- An Daras Multi Academy Trust
- Windmill Hill Academy

#### Description of work area and/or activity assessed

School well-being dog (Bertie) in school on a regular basis

### Overall Current Risk

## Medium



### Persons Affected



- Children / Students
- Cleaner
- Contractors
- Employees
- Maintenance Staff
- Members of the Public
- Office Staff
- Trainees / Young Persons
- Visitors
- Volunteers


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<div>Low</div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div> <div>Organisational</div> <div>Policies and procedures</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div>
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	<div>The Head of School ensures that all staff, and where appropriate, pupils and their parents, are aware of and adhere to the following school policies:</div> <div> <div>- Health and Safety Policy</div> <div>- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy</div> <div>- First Aid Policy</div> <div>- Dogs in School Policy</div> <div>- Behavioural Policy</div> <div>- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy</div> <div>- Fire Safety Policy</div> <div>- Allergen Policy</div> </div> <div>Additional insurance (business insurance) has been purchased for Bertie by Head of School (owner).</div> <div>The Head of school ensures that the dog is cared for in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 2006.</div>	



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<div>Low</div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div> <div>Animal</div> <div>Dog's Welfare</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div>
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	<div>The dog's base is the Head of School's office where he has provisions and bed (safe space). There is also a dog gate on the office door.</div> <div>The dog has access to fresh, clean water at all times.</div> <div>Pupils leave the dog alone when instructed by their teachers. The dog's welfare is considered as a priority when planning the activities that it will participate in.</div> <div>If an activity risks the dog's welfare, the activity is amended.</div>	






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Medium 	 <b>Other (See: Hazard Details)</b> Site Security	<div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div>
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Abby Bassett (Head of School) is the owner of Bertie and has full responsibility. Abby will nominate another staff member to be responsible where necessary.</p> <p>If the Head of School is not in school on a particular day, Bertie will remain at home.</p> <p>The site manager ensures that the site is secure and that precautions are in place to limit the chance of the dog getting loose. The dog is kept on a lead when it is not in its housing or in a secure location, e.g. in the head of school's office.</p> <p>The Head of School ensures that all appropriate doors are closed when the dog is participating in an activity, e.g. in a school hall. The site manager ensures that the premises is secure, e.g. fences are not broken.</p> <p>The dog has a collar with tag (contact details for home and school) and has an Apple Tag if he needed to be tracked/located.</p>		






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Medium 	 <b>Organisational</b> Evacuation Procedures	<div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div> </div>
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Abby Bassett (Head of School and owner) signs Bertie in/out when in school.</p> <p>The school's Fire Procedures and Invacuation Policy is reviewed to ensure it includes provisions for the dog. A PEP has been completed for Bertie. The person handling the dog during specified activities is responsible for the dog's safety during an lockdown or evacuation.</p>		




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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	 <b>Behaviour</b> Disobedience and dangerous behaviour	  
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Bertie is a Labrador Retriever and this breed has been chosen for their good temperament.</p> <p>Bertie is owned by the Head of School (Abby Bassett) who has embedded routines with Bertie and allowed him to get used to school and school life.</p> <p>The handler is equipped and trained to react to and control any dangerous behaviour.</p> <p>If the person handling the dog for a specific activity is a pupil, e.g. in a school performance, they are given training to handle the dog, and the pupil and dog are given an opportunity to bond.</p> <p>Pupils are not expected to handle the dog unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Their parents have provided permission.</li> <li>- They feel safe and confident in doing so.</li> <li>- They have received training to handle the dog.</li> </ul> <p>The dog's obedience is ensured as far as reasonably possible; however, staff, pupils, visitors and parents understand that animals can be unpredictable.</p> <p>Bertie has attended puppy training classes and a 1:1 session with a dog trainer. Abby Bassett (Head of School) continues to train Bertie using training guidelines.</p> <p>Bertie has been gradually introduced to the children and school life. This will continue to increase as Bertie gets older and when he is ready (reviewed regularly).</p>		




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Medium 	 <b>Organisational</b> Parental notification and permission	  
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>The Head of School has informed parents that the dog will be present on the school's premises via a letter to each child.</p> <p>Parents are informed of the activities that the dog will be participating in, e.g. the dog will be performing in a school production or used as a therapy dog.</p> <p>The Head of School obtains consent from parents for pupils to be in proximity with, or to handle, the dog.</p> <p>Parents are informed if they are likely to come into contact with the dog, e.g. at a school performance.</p> <p>Parents are asked to inform the school if their child has an allergy to dogs.</p>		



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Low 	 <b>Welfare</b> Dog's health	
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	<p>The dog's designated handler (Abby Bassett) is in charge of feeding and caring for the dog while on the school premises. The handler is responsible for permitting people to touch the dog.</p> <p>The dog is permitted to go in the Head of School's Office and Main office, which is kept clean and secure for the wellbeing of the animal, pupils, staff and visitors.</p> <p>The dog is given no opportunity to come into contact with wild rodents on or off the school premises.</p>	



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Medium 	 <b>Other (See: Hazard Details)</b> Hygiene	
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	<p>The dog is toilet trained.</p> <p>The designated area for the dog to defecate is situated away from pupils and staff.</p> <p>All faeces are immediately picked up by the handler, using a clinical waste bag, and disposed of into a clinical waste bin.</p> <p>The handler immediately washes their hands with sufficient soap and water after picking up faeces.</p> <p>Any soiled dog bedding is immediately disposed of in sealed clinical waste bags and placed into a clinical waste bin.</p> <p>The handler takes the dog's bedding home regularly to wash it.</p> <p>Any pupils, staff and visitors who touch the dog are advised to wash their hands afterwards, and sufficient hand washing facilities are provided throughout the school.</p> <p>Anyone with an exposed wound who touches the dog has the wound suitably covered.</p> <p>If the dog is ill with an infection or a disease, it does not return to the school until it has recovered.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser is provided for anyone who touches the dog.</p>	



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<b>Medium</b> 	 <b>Animal Injuries</b>	<div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>1</div>
<b>Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury</b>		
<p>The dog is trained and is used to coming into close contact with people.</p> <p>The dog is provided with a place it can go to get away from people (his base in the Head of School's office).</p> <p>Pupils, staff and visitors around the dog are closely supervised by the handler.</p> <p>Bertie will be slowly introduced to people and will have time to get used to his new surroundings.</p> <p>Pupils, staff and visitors are advised not to put their face close to the dog.</p> <p>The dog is prohibited from roaming freely around the school without the supervision of the handler.</p> <p>Pupils, staff and visitors are to ask to stroke Bertie.</p> <p>The dog is being trained to not pull on the lead or jump up at people.</p>		



Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required		
<b>Low</b> 	Additional Controls and Actions	Due by / Whom	Action Status
	 Gradually introduce Bertie to new pupils (e.g. Year F). Complete briefing session with them.	<b>16/09/2022</b> A.Bassett	<div>Complete</div>


Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
<b>Low</b> 	 <b>Welfare</b> Dog's housing and equipment	<div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>
<b>Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury</b>		
<p>The Head of School ensures that the dog has housing that meets its physical and psychological needs.</p> <p>The Head of School ensures that the dog's housing is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secure, e.g. escape proof.</li> <li>- Clean and free from parasites and vermin.</li> <li>- Free from hazards, e.g. sharp edges.</li> <li>- Well-ventilated.</li> <li>- Sheltered from extreme weather.</li> <li>- Set at a suitable temperature, humidity and light level.</li> <li>- Sheltered from noises that may upset it.</li> <li>- Capable of providing a darkened sleeping area.</li> </ul> <p>The Head of School ensures that the dog's housing has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A comfortable resting area.</li> <li>- A suitable amount of clean bedding material.</li> </ul> <p>The Head of School ensures that the dog is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lie fully stretched out.</li> <li>- Turn around without touching either the walls or the ceiling.</li> <li>- Stand in its natural posture.</li> <li>- Move in its natural manner.</li> <li>- Rest comfortably.</li> </ul> <p>All dog's bedding/housing is checked for defects on a weekly basis by the Head of School.</p> <p>All dog equipment is stored in the Head of School's office when not in use.</p> <p>The dog's food and water bowls are kept out of the path of people to avoid any trips.</p> <p>Any spillages from the dog's bowls are wiped up immediately.</p>		

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<b>Medium</b> 	 <b>Allergy</b> Allergies to dogs/dog's food/treats	<div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>1</div>
<b>Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury</b>		
<p>Pupils and staff known to have allergies to animals have restricted access to the dog and is in line with consent form completed by parents.</p> <p>The vast majority of food and treats given to the dog are free from many known allergens. The Head of School will feed the dog in her office.</p> <p>Be extra vigilant around pupils with allergies and follow in line with parental consent.</p> <p>All pupils, staff and visitors are advised not to touch their face after touching the dog.</p> <p>All pupils, staff and visitors are advised to wash their hands thoroughly after touching the dog.</p> <p>All pupils, staff and visitors are advised to not let the dog lick their face.</p> <p>The Head of School establishes whether parents have allergies to dogs, and activities where parents may come into contact with the dog.</p>		

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<b>Medium</b> 	Additional Controls and Actions	Due by / Whom	Action Status
	 Collect new children parent permissions and share with staff via Sharepoint.	<b>16/09/2022</b> A.Bassett	<div>Complete</div>

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<b>Low</b> 	 <b>Stress / Distress</b> Phobias	<div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>
<b>Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury</b>		
<p>Pupils and staff known to have a phobia of dogs are given restricted access to the dog (in line with parental consent).</p> <p>Sign in the main entrance and on Head of School's office to notify visitors of the presence of a dog in school. They are advised to notify the secretary or Head of School if they have a phobia/anxious.</p> <p>The dog will be kept on a lead with walking around the school.</p> <p>During busy times, the dog is kept in a safe and secure area away from any commotion.</p>		

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#### Record Notes



#### Note:

Distributed to Class Teachers via this system and emailed to all staff. Copy to be shared with parents via the website.

Added by Abby Bassett  
on **05/09/2021**

