



WOODLANDS
PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Winnie and Honey – School Dog Risk Assessment

Introduction:

Current research suggests that a 'companion' animal in school can make a difference to the wellbeing of both staff and pupils. With this in mind, Woodlands Primary School has become the daytime home for Winnie and Honey, female cockapoos.

In order for them both to be successfully and safely integrated into the life of the school, a risk assessment has been undertaken and is outlined below. The safety of children and the dogs is paramount. We must also ensure that a dog in school can have as natural a life as possible while in the school building.





The following precautions have been undertaken:

1. Research into the most appropriate breed indicates that cockapoos are well suited to working and playing with children.
2. The dogs are regularly groomed and checked for any infections or illnesses.
3. Visits to the vet take place regularly and they will have all necessary inoculations.
4. The dogs are wormed every three-six months.
5. Their claws are trimmed to reduce the risk of scratching.
6. They will have plenty of exercise and will always be physically or mentally exercised before working with children.
7. Winnie and Honey have appropriate insurance, including liability insurance (certificate can be viewed at school admin office)
8. The dogs have had significant socialisation experiences in order to make sure they enjoys their time at Woodlands.
9. Health and Hygiene routines have been established for both Winnie and Honey and the children to follow whilst in school.

Winnie and Honey have undertaken puppy training classes from a reputable training company. Work is also being undertaken to ensure that our children know how to approach dogs and how to behave when dogs are around.





Mrs Crilly will continue and reinforce this training on a daily basis with both dogs.

The dogs live with Mrs Crilly when not at school and she will ensure that they are healthy and fit to be in school at all times. They are registered with a vet in Broseley and are up to date (and will be kept up to date) with immunisations and worming.


We appreciate that not all families and children are comfortable with dogs and will respect parental wishes for any child not to come into direct contact with either Winnie or Honey. Please notify the office if this is the case and there will be a form for you to sign.

The dogs will be on a lead when with children, except in controlled supervised circumstances.

Winnie and Honey will not be allowed to toilet anywhere on the playground area and any 'mess' will be cleaned up and safely disposed of with an appropriate cleaner.



Physical Harm to Child Risk

 Telford & Wrekin COUNCIL	Risk Assessment of Dogs – Winnie and Honey	Business Unit/ School: Woodlands Primary		Portfolio: Education	Carried out by: Mrs Y Crilly		
Date: Created 16.05.2019 (reviewed annually)	Review date: Nov 2024	Specialist assessment needed**:					
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are we already doing?	Risk rating* L,M or H	What further action is necessary?	By whom?	By when?	Done
Winnie or Honey becoming over excited.	Child knocked to ground.	The dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult. Children are not left with the dog unsupervised. The dog will always be on a lead when they are out of	2 x 1 L	Weekly behavioural training. Regular exposure therapy	YC/AS	OG	





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	<p>Child chewed or scratched</p> <p>Child bitten.</p>	<p>their office, except when they are undergoing structured training with their primary trainer/s. The dog will be trained not to jump up or mouth the children.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pupils will be taught what to do to prevent the dog from chasing them. (i.e. stand still, cross arms)</p> <p>The dogs have undergone formal training from the age of 12 weeks with an experienced local trainer.</p> <p>Some pupils will be involved in on site training (with</p>	<p>3 x 1</p> <p>L</p> <p>1 x 3</p> <p>L</p>	<p>Constant monitoring of dogs mental state and mood before introduction to children.</p>			
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		<p>parental permissions) and along with the schools' primary handlers, continue to reinforce positive training strategies in a controlled area throughout the week.</p> <p>The dog will also undergo conditioning to the school classroom environment, this area of training will allow future reading or nurture intervention to involve the school dog in a calming/therapeutic manner.</p> <p>ALL staff will be introduced to the dog and the expectations (dos and don'ts) of having a school dog.</p> <p>The dog will attend the vets' regularly to make sure their claws are kept short and that they are in good health.</p>					
Dog hair causing reactions.	Children with allergies or asthma could be affected	Parents have been asked to notify the school in the event of any allergies.	2x2 L	Continue to reinforce good hygiene habits for all children.	All Staff	OG	





		ALL children will wash their hands and use hand sanitiser after contact with dog. Children and parents can opt out of direct contact with the dog.					
Dog becomes loose from his lead	Dog could become loose and could frighten a child.	<p>The dogs will be kept mostly in the reflection room during the day where they have plenty of space to walk around. If the dog is loose, a designated member of staff will come and put the dog back into its school home.</p> <p>Children will be taught how to react if the dog is loose in order to prevent jumping. (hands by sides, no noise, do not encourage). The designated members of staff who will be called upon if the dog gets loose or needs attention are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs Crilly 2. Mrs Duncombe 3. Mrs Murdoch 	1x2 L	Dog to be with a member of staff responsible at all times, when Mrs Crilly or Ms Smith is unavailable, Winnie and Honey to be left with VB in her office or in main reception.	YC/ JM/AS	OG	



Children catching germs from the dogs.	Children/Staff contracting diseases from the dogs.	Any defecation will be cleared up immediately and disposed of safely. The area will be disinfected with a suitable disinfectant. All immunisations are kept up to date and a register of this is kept. Flea treatment is carried out every 6 weeks. Worming is carried out in line with European vet guidelines at 6 monthly intervals. The dog will never go into any of the kitchens or food technology areas.	1x1 L	Adults responsible for Winnie and Honey have poo bags, access to cleaner and take the dogs for appropriate breaks for them to access the toilet in the designated area of Forest School.	AS YC	OG	
Financial Cost	School unable to afford ongoing costs of the dog's day to day upkeep or medical bills.	Both Winnie and Honey have health insurance to cover any illnesses. Mrs Crilly is responsible for everyday costs for both dogs.	1x1 L	YC to continue to fund everyday needs. School will pay for insurance on an annual basis.	YC JD	OG	

Risk rating system*

SEVERITY	PROBABILITY
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outcome	example	score	outcome	score
MINOR	Bruising, minor cuts, mild irritation to skin or eyes	1	Unlikely (e.g. no previous history)	1
SERIOUS	Loss of consciousness, burns, broken bones, injury or condition resulting in 3 or more days absence	2	Possible (e.g. similar incidents have happened in the past)	2
MAJOR	Permanent disability, major notifiable injury or disease	3	Probable (e.g. same situations have happened in the past)	3
FATAL	DEATH	5	Highly probable (e.g. has occurred recently here or in another organisation)	5

Probability score x Severity score = Risk Rating total

Risk rating total

1-4 low risk
5-10 medium risk
15-25 high risk

****Specialist assessments will be need for:** fire, hazardous substances, significant manual handling tasks, computer workstation users (DSE), nursing or expectant mothers, working at height, noise and use of personal protective e

