Holy Name RC Primary School

Buddy Dog (BD) Risk Assessment

January 2024

Likelihood 5 = Very Likely 4= Likely 3= Unlikely 2=Very Unlikely 1=Highly Likely

Severity 5= Fatality 4=Major 3= Moderate 2= Minor 1 = Insignificant

Risk Rating L= Low M=Medium H=High

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| **Key activity & Possible Hazard** | **Who might**  **be harmed** | **Likelihood** | **Severity** | **Risk**  **Rating** | **Controls** |
| D getting over  excited or distressed  resulting in someone being:   1. Knocked down 2. Scratched 3. Bitten.   Allergic reactions  to BD’s hair or saliva. | Children  Staff  Visitors  Children  Staff  Visitors | 2  2 | 2  2 | M/L  L | BD will be supervised by a trained adult when not in the care of Head of School.  BD will only work for a maximum of three hours in one day, rest in a quiet space in the afternoons and will not be in school full time.  BD will always be in the care of a responsible adult.  BD will be removed for time out if he becomes distressed or tired.  BD will never be left alone with children.  Children will be taught how to handle themselves around dogs in order to prevent behaviour that might over excite the BD  Children will be taught what to do to prevent BD from chasing them.  BD has undergone training with an experienced accredited dog trainer, this training is reinforced by adults in school.  All staff have been guided regarding the correct way to handle BD.  The school’s choice of BD will be small and less likely to knock over a child or cause anxiety.  BD will have specific school dog insurance.  Children are taught to wash their hands after handling BD.  Parents/Carers have indicated any known allergies in writing and have given written permission to come into contact with BD.  Children who have allergies will not be able to interact  with BD unless parental/carer permission to do so has  been given. |
| Contracting diseases carried  by dogs. | Staff  Children  Visitors | 2 | 2 | L | BD will regularly attend health checks at vets to ensure he is healthy  and well. Any signs of poor health BD will be seen by vet as soon  as is practically possible.  All immunisations treatments are kept up to date, and a register of this  is kept by the Head of School.  Any faeces will be cleared up and disposed of immediately and safely by the nominated responsible adult.  BD will never enter the school Kitchen or be present when the children  are eating. |
| School unable to afford  ongoing costs of the dog’s  day to day upkeep or medical bills. | BD | 5 | 1 | L | BD is the financial responsibility of the Head of School, and he is responsible for the day to day upkeep of BD with school contributing to agreed medical expenses and training. |