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Risk Assessment for: Treacle (Treacle) – Also refer to Treacle Policy

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Assessment by Gill Ross

January 2022

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Hazard	Who is at Risk?	How can the hazards cause harm?	Normal Control Measures	Risk level L/M/H
Animal Health: Disease/Parasites	Staff/ Pupils/ Visitors	Disease / Parasites	<p>Treacle to be fully vaccinated and under the care of a local vet. He will be taken to a vet immediately in the event of signs of ill health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treacle will receive up to date flea and worming treatments. • Agreement that confirms if unwell Treacle will not be brought to school or removed from school site. • Arrangements are in place for care during holidays and weekend. • Members of staff involved in the housing, feeding, handling and care requirements are experienced. • Bedding kept clean for the well-being of the animal, pupils and staff • Treacle to be regularly groomed and bathed. • An insurance policy will be implemented. 	L
Bites, scratches, injuries	Staff/ Pupils/ Visitors	Disease / infections / injuries	<p>Full training given 'learn to speak dog', relating to key dog behaviours to all staff and pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key information displayed introducing Treacle. Information provided to all school visitors. • Pupils will be instructed in handling of Treacle and will be closely supervised by adults 	L

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key adults work with specialist dog trainers and cascade the information to staff ● No student will be unsupervised at any time with Treacle. ● If Treacle is displaying any warning signs he will immediately be removed from that particular situation or environment. ● Expectations regarding student and adult behaviour explicitly articulated in the school's policies. ● Pupils regularly reminded during assemblies and within classrooms. ● Treacle will be trained to work in an educational setting. Whilst in training Treacle will be kept at a distance from the children who will not have contact with him. ● Treacle will have his own rest and relaxation area to avoid becoming over stressed. ● Treacle will have days off at weekends and school holidays. 	
Treacle snatching food	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pupils reminded not to approach Treacle with food as this is a desirable reward for him. ● Key staff to work with specialist dog trainers ● Treacle to be kept away from areas containing food 	L
Allergies	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Skin rashes, irritation to the eyes and nose or breathing difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff, visitors and pupils known to have allergic reactions to dogs must not go near him. Parents will be asked to advise if their child does not desire contact with Treacle for health / emotional reasons. ● This will not include visits to classrooms on learning walks or walking around the school site during the day. ● Treacle will be under the full control and supervision of an adult. ● Pupils will never be left alone with Treacle and there will be appropriate adult supervision at all times when Treacle is present with pupils ● Good general hygiene and hand washing followed. ● Supply staff advised of Treacle both on booking and on arrival at the school. ● Treacle information built into the recruitment process and induction process. 	L
Phobias	Dog	Harm to Treacle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Headteacher/Head of School to be made aware of any children with phobias / pupils that may hurt Treacle. ● Monitor pupil behaviour closely when interacting with Treacle. ● Appropriate action to be taken in line with the schools Behaviour Policy. 	L
Dog Excrement in School	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treacle to have an allocated area in the school to toilet. This will be immediately cleaned by staff. (In car park) ● Treacle to be walked a minimum of once daily and encouraged to toilet then. ● Treacle will be taken to designated toilet area at regularly intervals throughout the day. 	L

Hygiene	Staff / Pupils / Visitors	Diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adequate provision for hand washing readily available. ● All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered. ● Soiled bedding disposed on in sealed plastic bags ● Toileting completed away from pupil areas and disposed appropriately. ● Any dog foul will be cleaned immediately and disposed of appropriately by an adult only. ● Treacle is not allowed near the school kitchen 	L
Treacle gets loose from his lead or out of designated space	Staff / Pupils / Visitors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff will call Treacle back and put on his lead. ● Treacle has received recall training. ● Children taught to stay calm, stand still and not to chase Treacle if he is off his lead. ● Assemblies to teach the children how to behave around Treacle. 	L

Signature



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Gillian Ross

Date

06/01/2022

10/01/2026

Position

Head of School

08/01/2024