



## **Fairfield Primary School Health and Safety Policy**

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## **Statement of intent**

At Fairfield Primary School, we are committed to the health and safety of our staff, pupils, and visitors. Ensuring the safety of our community is of paramount importance and this policy reflects our dedication to creating a safe learning environment.

We are committed to:

- Providing a productive and safe learning environment.
- Preventing accidents and any work-related illnesses.
- Compliance with all statutory requirements.
- Minimising risks via assessment and policy.
- Providing safe working equipment and ensuring safe working methods.
- Including all staff and representatives in health and safety decisions.
- Monitoring and reviewing our policies to ensure effectiveness.
- Setting high targets and objectives to develop the school's culture of continuous improvement.
- Ensuring adequate welfare facilities are available throughout our school.
- Ensuring adequate resources are available to address health and safety issues, so far as is reasonably practicable.

## **1. Legal framework**

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015
- The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
- The Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999
- The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 (Natasha's Law)

This policy has also given consideration to national guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2022) 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools'
- DfE (2017) 'Safe storage and disposal of hazardous materials and chemicals'
- HSE (2024) 'Sensible health and safety management in schools'
- DfE (2022) 'First aid in schools, early years and colleges'
- UK Health Security Agency (2024) 'Health protection in children and young people settings, including education'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- First Aid Policy
- Risk Assessment Procedure
- School Uniform Policy
- Evacuation Procedure
- Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)
- Bomb Threat Procedure
- Partial Lockdown Procedure
- Full Lockdown Procedure
- Visitor Procedure
- Contractors Policy
- Manual Handling Risk Assessment
- Manual Handling Procedure
- Working at Heights Procedure
- Lone Worker Procedure
- Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Procedure
- COSHH Procedure
- Asbestos Management Procedure
- Infection Control Procedure
- Allergen and Anaphylaxis Procedure
- Whole-school Food Procedure

- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Procedure
- Administering Medication Procedure
- Smoke-free Procedure
- School Security Procedure
- Data Protection Procedure
- Adverse Weather Procedure
- Educational Visits Policy
- Evacuation Procedure

## 2.Roles and responsibilities

The governing body, in conjunction with the headteacher, will:

- Ensure it provides a safe place for all users of the site, including staff, pupils and visitors.
- Oversee that staff receive training and instruction so that they can perform their duties in a healthy and safe manner.

- Ensure whole-school familiarity with the requirements of the appropriate legislation and codes of practice.
- Create and monitor a management structure responsible for health and safety in the school.
- Ensure there is a detailed and enforceable policy for health and safety, and that the policy is implemented by all.
- Assess the effectiveness of the policy and ensure any necessary changes are made annually, in line with any statutory or DofE guidance.
- Identify the risks relating to possible accidents and injuries and make reasonable adjustments to prevent them occurring.
- Ensure the school has secured safe means of entry and exit for all site users.
- Ensure the school can provide equipment, grounds and systems of work which are safe.
- Ensure safe arrangements are made for the handling, storage and transportation of any articles and substances.
- Ensure staff have safe and healthy working conditions that comply with statutory requirements, codes of practice and guidance.
- Where necessary, ensure the school can provide protective equipment and clothing, along with any necessary guidance and instruction for safe use.

The headteacher will:

- Have overall responsibility for the day-to-day development and implementation of safe working practices and conditions for all staff, pupils and visitors.
- Set the direction for effective health and safety management.
- Introduce management systems and practices that ensure risks are dealt with sensibly, responsibly and proportionately.
- Review this policy and its effectiveness annually.
- Take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure this policy is implemented by the heads of the appropriate departments and other members of staff.
- Designate a competent person who will be responsible for ensuring the school meets its health and safety duties – the competent person will be the health and safety officer.

The health and safety lead and link governor will:

- Assist with the creation and implementation of this policy.
- Be responsible for investigating accidents and incidents, to understand causes and amend risk assessments as required.
- Be the designated contact with the LA and the HSE where necessary.
- Support staff with any queries or concerns regarding health and safety.
- Identify hazards by conducting risk assessments.

Senior Staff will:

- Be familiar with the requirements of health and safety legislation.
- Be responsible for the implementation and operation of the school's Health and Safety Policy in their classroom, and for areas of responsibility delegated by the headteacher.
- Be responsible for adhering to the aspects of health and safety that are outlined in their job descriptions.
- Take a keen interest in the Health and Safety Policy and assist in ensuring all staff, pupils and visitors comply with its requirements.

All members of staff will:

- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and that of others who may be affected by what they do at work.
- Cooperate with their employers on health and safety matters.
- Carry out their work in accordance with training and instructions.
- Inform the employer of any work situation representing a serious and immediate danger, so that remedial action can be taken.
- Familiarise themselves with the Health and Safety Policy and aspects of their work related to health and safety.
- Avoid any conduct which puts themselves or others at risk.
- Be familiar with all requirements laid down by the governing board.
- Ensure that all staff, pupils and visitors are applying health and safety regulations and adhering to any rules, routines and procedures in place.
- Ensure all machinery and equipment is in good working order and safe to use, including adequate guards, and ensure such equipment is not used improperly.
- Use the correct equipment and tools for the job and any protective clothing supplied.
- Ensure any toxic, hazardous or flammable substances are used correctly, and stored and labelled as appropriate.
- Report any defects in equipment or facilities to the designated health and safety officer.
- Take an interest in health and safety matters and suggest any changes that they feel are appropriate.
- Make suggestions as to how the school can reduce the risk of injuries, illnesses and accidents.
- Exercise good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness.
- Adhere to their common law duty to act as a prudent parent would when in charge of pupils.

Pupils will:

- Exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others.

- Dress in a manner that is consistent with safety and hygiene standards.
- Respond to instructions given by staff in an emergency.
- Observe the health and safety rules of the school.
- Not misuse, neglect or interfere with items supplied for their, and other pupils', health and safety.

### 3. Training and first aid

The school will ensure that staff are provided with the health and safety training they need for their job. This may not always mean attendance at training courses; it may simply involve providing staff with basic instructions and information about health and safety in the school.

Staff will be provided with regular training opportunities and have access to support where needed. Staff are expected to undertake appropriate CPD in order to further contribute to the running and success of the school.

Staff will be trained on how to:

- Assess risks specific to their role.
- Meet their roles and responsibilities identified within this policy.

Where relevant to their role, staff will receive specific training in:

- Using industrial machinery.
- Managing asbestos.
- Having responsibility for the storage and accountability for potentially hazardous materials.

#### **First aid**

The school will act in accordance with the First Aid Policy at all times. The school will ensure that ample provision is made for both trained personnel and first-aid equipment on-site.

The school will carry out a First Aid Risk Assessment in order to help inform the First Aid Policy and to assess the first aid needs appropriate to the circumstances of the school.

When conducting a first aid needs assessment, the school will consider:

- The school site.
- Pupils and staff members.
- The hazards and risks present.

The school will teach Health Education to pupils, including basic first aid, such as dealing with common injuries.

The headteacher will ensure that there is an appropriate number of first aid trained staff members working within in each classroom. Within the EYFS area the headteacher will ensure that there are suitable paediatric trained staff in place where pupils of paediatric age are present in the building, this includes breakfast club and after school clubs.

The following staff members are trained first aiders/paediatric first aiders :

Name	Department	Location	Certification expiry date
Karen Simcox	Office	Front of school in Reception area	2027
Jude Robinson	Office	Front of school in Reception area	2027
Claire Nixon	Office	Front of school in Reception area	2027
Abby Hodgson	EYFS	Nursery	2026
Sarah Metcalfe	EYFS	Nursery	2027
Catherine Clark	EYFS	Nursery	2024
Sophie Franks	EYFS	Nursery	2025
John Davison	EYFS	Nursery	2026
Rachael Cooke	EYFS	Reception Class	2024
Michelle Strachan	EYFS	Reception Class	2025
Joanne Beaumont	EYFS	Reception Class	2024
Julie Thomas	EYFS	Reception Class	2024
Jess Roberts	EYFS		2025
Paul Fox	PE Department	Playground/Field	2027
Karen Lane	Lunch Supervisor	Upper Playground	2027



Suhkpal Singh	Lunch Supervisor	Upper Playground	2027
Anita Singh	Lunch Supervisor	Upper Playground	2027
Clare Taylor	Lunch Supervisor	EY	2027
Yvonne Tetlow	Lunch Supervisor	Hall	2027
Jenny Stainsby	Lunch Supervisor	EY	2027
Lana Collins	Lunch Supervisor	Y1-Y3 Playground	2027
Bhadra Jaga	Lunch Supervisor	Hall	2027
Martine Guest	Lunch Supervisor	Hall	2027
Laura McCabe	Lunch Supervisor	Y1-Y3 Playground	2027
Judith Devlin	Lunch Supervisor	Hall	2027
Casey Roberts	Lunch Supervisor	EY	2027
Pat Andrews	Lunch Supervisor	Y1-Y3 Playground	2027

First aid boxes are located as follows, and the named staff members are responsible for their secure storage and use:

Location	Responsible staff member
Office	Karen Simcox and Judith Robinson
Nursery	Abby Hodgson
KS1	Sarah Clegg
KS2	Heather Clayton
Each Classroom has a first aid bag.	Class Teachers

## Contacting the emergency services

The headteacher will certify that procedures for ensuring safety precautions are properly managed are discussed, formulated and effectively disseminated to all staff.

Staff will contact the emergency services in an emergency. Staff will alert their colleagues to the incident, if it is safe and appropriate to do so, either directly or via telephone.

Where an ambulance is called for a pupil, **office staff** will contact the pupil's parent/carer.

Where an ambulance is called for a staff member, a member of the SLT will contact their next of kin.

Where necessary, all pupils will be evacuated from the building and taken to the designated emergency assembly point – currently, this is the field if suitable and appropriate. If we needed to move off site, we have arranged to have St Patricks Academy as our designated emergency assembly point.

Staff will be made aware of any pupils/staff members who have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) in place or specific medical need that identifies them as being vulnerable whilst in school.

Staff will be responsible for the safety of pupils and responding to any questions from the emergency services, as best they can.

The SLT will be responsible for the safety of staff members who have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) in place or medical need.

## Accident reporting and investigation

All accidents and incidents, including near-misses or dangerous occurrences, will be reported as soon as possible. Minor accidents/incidents are recorded locally on the Evolve Accident system.

More in-depth information concerning reporting accidents and near-misses can be found in the following sections of this policy.

The school will always record and report work-related injuries to staff members or pupils.

### **Reporting significant accidents**

Significant accidents, as defined in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013, will be reported to the HSE at the earliest opportunity.

School Staff would complete the school's accident book on Evolve Accident Book.

Complete the council's SP8 form or NA1 depending on if it is an accident or assault.

The school would then send these to our team via [healthandsafetyunit@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:healthandsafetyunit@stockton.gov.uk) and the insurance team [insurance.services@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:insurance.services@stockton.gov.uk)

Stockton's Health and Safety Team would review it.

If it met the RIDDOR requirements, the Health and Safety team would report it to the HSE

These injuries include the following:

- Accidents to employees causing either death or major injury
- Accidents resulting in employees being away from work or being unable to perform their normal work duties for more than seven consecutive days (this seven-day period does not include the day of the accident)
- Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs and toes
- Amputation of an arm, hand, finger, thumb, leg, foot or toe
- Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight in one or both eyes

- Any crush injury to the head or torso, causing damage to the brain or internal organs
- Serious burn injuries (including scalding) which cover more than 10 percent of the whole body's surface area or cause significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs
- Any scalping requiring hospital treatment
- Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia
- Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness, or that requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours

Additional reportable occurrences include the following:

- The collapse, overturning or failure of any load-bearing part of any lifting equipment
- The explosion, collapse or bursting of any closed vessel or pipe work
- Electrical short circuit or overload resulting in a fire or explosion
- Unintentional explosion, misfire or failure of demolition to cause the intended collapse, projection of material beyond a site boundary, or injury caused by an explosion
- Any accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
- Any collapse or partial collapse of scaffolding over five metres in height
- When a dangerous substance being conveyed by road is involved in a fire or is released
- The unintended collapse of any building or structure under construction, alteration or demolition, including walls or floors
- Any explosion or fire resulting in the suspension of normal work for over 24 hours
- Any sudden, uncontrolled release in a building of: 200kg or more of flammable liquid, 10kg or more of flammable liquid above its boiling point, 10kg or more of flammable gas, or 500kg or more of these substances if the release is in the open air
- Accidental release of any substances which may damage health
- Serious gas incidents
- Poisonings
- Skin diseases including, but not limited to: occupational dermatitis, skin cancer, chrome ulcer, or oil folliculitis/acne
- Lung diseases including, but not limited to: occupational asthma, farmer's lung, asbestosis, or mesothelioma
- Infections including, but not limited to: leptospirosis, hepatitis, anthrax, legionellosis, or tetanus

- Other conditions such as occupational cancer, certain musculoskeletal disorders, decompression illness and hand-arm vibration syndrome

The school will also report occupational diseases upon receipt of a written diagnosis from a doctor that a staff member has a reportable disease linked to occupational exposure. These include the following:

- Carpel tunnel syndrome
- Severe cramp of the hand or forearm
- Occupational dermatitis, e.g. from work involving strong acids or alkalis
- Hand-arm vibration syndrome
- Occupational asthma, e.g. from wood dust and soldering using rosin flux
- Tendonitis or tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm
- Any occupational cancer
- Any disease attributed to an occupational exposure to a biological agent

Work-related stress and stress-related illnesses will not be reported since they are not usually just one distinct event. RIDDOR stipulates that to be reportable, an injury must have resulted from an accident arising out of or in connection with work.

The school will only report accidents that are:

- Discrete.
- Identifiable.
- Unintended incidents which cause physical injury.

### **Reporting procedures**

Should an incident require reporting to the Incident Control Centre (ICC) (part of the HSE), the health and safety lead, or a person appointed on their behalf, will file a report as soon as is reasonably possible. The person will complete the relevant report on the HSE website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>. The school will not submit written accident reports to the HSE, except for in exceptional circumstances. The school will report all accidents and injuries online where possible using the above web address.

Fatal and specified injuries, as outlined in section 9, may only be reported using the telephone service on 0845 300 9923, open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

### **Reporting hazards**

Staff, pupils, contractors and visitors have a legal duty to report any condition or practice they deem to be a hazard. In most cases, reporting should be conducted verbally to the site manager as soon as possible, who will then inform the

headteacher as appropriate. Serious hazards will be reported using the appropriate form.

### Accident investigation

All accidents, however minor, will be investigated by the health and safety officer and the outcomes recorded. The length of time dedicated to each investigation will vary on the seriousness of the accident. After an investigation takes place, a risk assessment will be carried out, or the existing assessment amended, to avoid reoccurrence of the accident.

The health and safety lead will undertake Termly evaluations of all reported incidents. They will then identify patterns and trends in order to take corrective action and minimise the reoccurrence of any incident or illness.

Accident statistics will be presented to the governing body on a Termly basis.

## Active monitoring system

The school's procedure for actively monitoring its system will include:

- Annual audits, including fire risk assessments and LA health and safety audits.
- **Termly** examination of documents to ensure compliance with standards.
- **6 Monthly** inspection of premises, plants and equipment.
- **6 Monthly/Annual** review of risk assessments.
- External measures, such as surveys by contractors and service providers, along with visits from Environmental Health and Ofsted.

## Risk assessment

The headteacher has overall responsibility for ensuring potential hazards are identified and risk assessments are completed for all areas in the school.

6 Monthly assessments of high-risks areas, such as Indoor/Outdoor Areas and 3 Monthly Inspections of Outdoor play equipment.

Annual risk assessments will be conducted for all other areas of the school. Risk assessments will consider the needs of staff, pupils, visitors and contractors. Risk assessments will identify all defects and potential risks along with the necessary solutions or control measures.

Risk assessments will be reviewed if:

- There is any reason to suspect that they are no longer valid.
- There has been a significant change in related matters.

- The governing body will be informed of risk assessments, allowing issues to be prioritised and actions to be authorised, along with funds and resources.

The school will record any significant findings of any risk assessments, including the following:

- The identified hazards
- How people might be harmed by them
- What the school has implemented to control the risk

The school will appoint an educational visits coordinator and ensure they receive the training necessary to carry out the role. Where there is no educational visits coordinator, the headteacher will perform this duty. The educational visits coordinator will ensure risk assessments are completed by staff leading day trips or residential stays.

## Slips and trips

In line with HSE guidance, control measures are in place to effectively control slip and trip risks, a slip/trip/fall risk assessment is in place.

The school utilises the following procedure:

- Identify the hazards – risk factors considered include:
  - Environmental (floor, steps, slopes, etc.)
  - Contamination (water, food, litter, etc.)
  - Organisational (task, safety, culture, etc.)
  - Footwear (appropriate for activity being undertaken)
  - Individual factors (rain, supervision, pedestrian behaviour, etc.)
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Consider the risks and decide if existing precautions are sufficient, or if further measures need to be introduced
- Record the findings
- Review the assessment regularly and revise if necessary

The school will remain especially vigilant to the following hazards:

- Members of staff or pupils running or carrying heavy or awkward items
- Wearing unsuitable footwear
- Poor lighting – particularly where there are uneven surfaces and level changes
- Contamination
- Obstructions, e.g. bags and trailing cables
- Changing weather conditions.

## Fire safety

All staff fully understand and effectively implement the fire evacuation plan, which will be implemented in the event of a fire.

The headteacher is responsible for certifying that procedures for ensuring that safety precautions are properly managed will be discussed, formulated and effectively disseminated to all staff. Staff will receive fire safety training to ensure they understand the procedure for fire drills and the use of fire extinguishers.

The school will test evacuation procedures on a **termly** basis by undertaking Fire Drills. Firefighting equipment will be checked on an **annual** basis by an approved contractor. Fire alarms will be tested **weekly** from different 'break glass' fire call point around the school, and records will be maintained and held in the Site Manager's office.

The fire alarm system will be tested on a 6 monthly basis by a competent person.

Emergency lighting will be tested locally on a **monthly** basis and tested by a competent contractor on an annual basis, testing and inspection records will be maintained and held in the Site Manager's office.

The evacuation of visitors and contractors will be the responsibility of the person they are visiting or working for.

The school will implement its Fire Evacuation Procedure to ensure that staff, pupils and visitors are safe and aware of the potential risks of fire.

## Sharps

For the purposes of this policy, "**sharps**" is defined as sharp objects such as needles, scalpels, razor blades and broken glass which pose a risk of an accidental penetrating injury or laceration or puncture to skin.

Sharps are not likely to be found commonly on school premises; however, staff will be vigilant towards the following circumstances in which sharps may be found:

- During school-based vaccination programmes
- Where an individual within the school requires injections to manage a health condition
- Where a pupil brings a sharp into the school
- Where glass is broken within the school, or broken glass is found on or around the school premises
- Where drug paraphernalia, e.g. heroin needles, is found on or around the school premises



In the context of this policy, offensive weapons are not considered sharps. Offensive weapons will be handled in line with the School Security Procedure and Behaviour Policy.

### **Handling and disposing of a sharp**

All staff members who in the course of their work activities may come into contact with sharps e.g. supporting pupils with medication, receive information and instruction as required, which will be refreshed **annually**. This training will include:

- The safe collection and disposal of sharps.
- Assembling sharps boxes and verifying that they are compliant with the accepted standards.
- The procedure to log incidents and who to inform.
- Immediate action in the event of sharps or needlestick injury.

The use of needles for medication for an individual on the school premises will be managed in line with the Administering Medication Policy.

The headteacher will ensure that all pupils are informed that, where they see a sharp, they must alert the nearest staff member immediately and avoid touching the sharp.

Where a sharp is found, the nearest staff member will move all pupils away from the area in order to prevent accidental injuries and will guard the sharp while alerting another staff member to bring the sharps retrieval kit. Sharps retrieval kits will contain:

- Protective gloves.
- A pair of long-stemmed tongs/litter picker
- A pincer tool, e.g. tweezers.
- Brush and pan.
- Sharps box for disposal.

Sharps boxes will be marked 'Danger: Contaminated Sharps' and 'Destroy by Incineration'. They will be kept off the floor and out of the reach of pupils. Sharps boxes must not be filled above the designated fill line on the outside of the box. Once filled, boxes will be sealed immediately and removed by a clinical waste contractor or a specialist collection service.

Where sharps are in use e.g. medication, support is provided in a dedicated area. On completion of support, the staff member will check the surrounding area carefully to ensure that sharps have been adequately disposed of.

Where sharps are identified, but cannot be removed immediately, e.g. due to a delay in obtaining the sharps retrieval kit, the nearest staff member will place a cone or box on top of the sharp to prevent anyone from touching or finding it.

The following procedure will be followed in the event that sharps are found on the school premises:

- Staff will wear protective gloves and will not handle sharps with bare hands.
- Staff will not handle sharps while barefoot or wearing open shoes, as injury may occur if the sharp is dropped on feet.
- Only one sharp will be handled at a time and, where there are multiple, sharps will be carefully separated using the pair of tongs.
- Sharps will be picked up using the relevant equipment, e.g. pair of tongs or brush and pan for broken glass, and place it into the sharps box, which will be brought to the sharp rather than the other way around.
- The appropriate staff, including the headteacher and site manager, will be informed.
- The incident will be recorded, with details of when, where and by whom the sharp was found.
- Sharps will be disposed of quickly and safely into the school's sharps bin.

### **Sharps injury**

First aid staff will be trained in handling sharps injuries, and will adhere following guidelines in case of injury from a contaminated sharp:

- Encourage the wound to bleed gently, ideally by holding it under running water
- Wash the wound using water and soap
- Avoid scrubbing the wound while washing
- Avoid sucking the wound
- Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof dressing
- Seek medical advice

Injuries will be handled in line with the First Aid Policy.

## **Evacuation and Lockdown procedure**

The school will follow the procedure outlined in the Lockdown and Evacuation Procedure and in PEEPs in the event of a crisis.

All staff fully understand and effectively implement the school's Bomb Threat Procedure.

In the event of an emergency, the procedures outlined in the Bomb Threat Procedure, the Lockdown and Evacuation Procedure will be followed. All staff are trained in handling bomb threats and have easy access to instructions of the procedure, which can be found in the Bomb Threat Procedure.

Termly Fire Drills will take place and Lockdown Procedures practiced on an annual basis.

## Visitors and contractors

Visitors and Contractors will sign in at the main entrance. Where regular visitors/contractors will be attending the school to provide support, or a service Enhanced DBS's/DBS's will be requested.

Contractors will be advised of the Fire Procedure when they attend the site.

Staff members are responsible for the safety of the visitors that they invite to site.

On attendance to the main reception, visitors/contractors should advise if they need support to evacuate the building.

Contractors will be responsible for the health and safety of their employees and for ensuring safe working practices. They will not constitute a hazard to staff, pupils or visitors to the school.

## Construction and maintenance

When undertaking construction or maintenance work, the school will do so in accordance with The Construction (Design and Management) (CDM) Regulations 2015. Construction work means the carrying out of any building, civil engineering or engineering construction work, including:

- The construction, alteration, conversion, fitting out, commission, renovation, repair, upkeep, redecoration, or other maintenance, decommissioning, demolition or dismantling of a structure.
- The preparation for an intended structure, including site clearance, exploration, investigation (but not site survey) and excavation (but not pre-construction archaeological investigations), and the clearance or preparation of the site or structure for use or occupation at its conclusion.
- The installation, commission, maintenance, repair or removal of mechanical, electrical, gas, compressed air, hydraulic, telecommunications, computer or similar services which are normally fixed within or to a structure.
- The assembly on site of prefabricated elements to form a structure or the disassembly on site of the prefabricated elements which, immediately before such disassembly, formed a structure.
- The removal of a structure, or of any product or waste resulting from demolition or dismantling of a structure, or from disassembly of prefabricated elements which immediately before such disassembly formed such a structure.

The headteacher will ensure that all construction and maintenance projects have a formally appointed principal designer and principal contractor. The headteacher will

liaise with the principal contractor to identify if the scope of the project means that it should be notified to the HSE. The headteacher will also ensure that:

- The principal designer and principal contractor are provided with a 'client brief/CDM pre-construction information' at the earliest opportunity, to contain relevant information which should, as a minimum, include the following:
  - What the school wants built or maintained
  - The site and existing structures
  - Information about hazards, such as asbestos
  - Timescales and budget for the build
  - How the school expects the project to be managed
  - CDM appointments of the principal contractor and/or principal designer
  - Welfare arrangements
  - Details of the nearest A&E department
- The principal contractor draws up a Construction Phase Plan that explains how health and safety risks will be managed – permission will not be given for construction or maintenance work to begin until this is in place.
- The principal designer prepares a health and safety file containing information that will help the school manage risks associated with any future maintenance, repair, construction or demolition work.
- The roles, functions and responsibilities of the project team are clearly defined in writing, e.g. in the project plan.
- Sufficient time and resources are allocated, and effective mechanisms are in place to ensure good communication, cooperation and coordination between all members of the project team.
- The principal contractor has made arrangements for adequate welfare facilities for their workers before the construction or maintenance work starts.
- Following completion of the project, the health and safety file is handed over to the headteacher, kept up to date by the health and safety officer, and is made available to anyone who needs to alter or maintain the building.

The headteacher will hold **weekly** progress meetings with the project team to ensure that all members are carrying out their roles as required. Where the project is for a new workplace or alterations to an existing workplace, it must also meet the standards set out in The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.

## Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The school will provide employees and pupils who are exposed to a hazard at the school, which cannot be controlled by other means, with PPE where appropriate. Visitors will also be supplied with PPE when appropriate.

Staff and pupils will use the PPE provided, and care for it according to the instructions and training given. Supervising staff will ensure PPE fits the wearer properly. Where

more than one item of PPE must be worn, the items should be compatible and remain effective. PPE will not be worn if wearing it causes a hazard greater than the hazard it is intended to protect the wearer from.

Pupils will report any loss or defects to their class teacher, who will report it to the site manager for repair. Damaged PPE will not be used and will be disposed of in line with the manufacturer's instructions if it is not possible to repair.

Activities have been identified that warrant the use of PPE e.g. gritting activities for the Site Manager .

Where curriculum activities denote, PPE will be worn by pupils.

The school will always use PPE in line with UK Health Security Agency guidance.

Staff and pupils will receive appropriate health and safety training in order to ensure they know how to properly use, maintain and store PPE, and how to detect and report faults. Equipment manuals are readily available, and warning signs are clearly displayed in areas, and on equipment, where PPE is mandatory. When not in use, PPE will be properly stored, kept clean, and in good repair.

The school will cover the costs of purchase and repair for all clothing that is:

- Protective clothing that staff require to fulfil their roles.
- A uniform that employees only wear to work.

## Work-related hazards

### **Manual handling**

Manual handling can prove hazardous when it has the potential to cause a musculoskeletal disorder. This can be due to repetition of the action, the force and/or posture involved in the completion of a handling task, and/or a person's ability to hold or grasp the particular item in a safe and balanced manner.

The school will, as far as practicable, will reduce the need for members of staff to carry out any manual handling tasks that involve a risk of injury. Where manual handling tasks are necessary, the school's Manual Handling Risk Assessment will be implemented. The control measures will be monitored to ensure they are reducing the risk of injury and being implemented correctly.

The capability and circumstances, e.g. age, of staff will be taken into account where manual handling tasks are required. Where there is an unacceptable risk of injury or harm, no manual handling tasks will take place.

All members of staff will receive manual handling information and training as needed. Training will be refreshed every 3 years.

## **Working at heights**

Work at Height can prove hazardous when it has the potential to cause a fall incident. This can be due to repetition of the action-painting, or the activity involved e.g. changing a light bulb.

Staff will be identified who carry out work at height activities and are provided with suitable and sufficient training every 3 years.

The school will, as far as practicable, will reduce the need for members of staff to carry out any work at height tasks that increase the risk of injury. Where Work at Height tasks are necessary, the school's Work at Height Risk Assessment will be implemented. The control measures will be monitored to ensure they are reducing the risk of injury and being implemented correctly. Where there is an unacceptable risk of injury or harm, no work at height tasks will take place.

## **Lone working**

Staff who lone work will be identified. Lone working is defined by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) as work carried out by people who work by themselves without close or direct supervision. This doesn't necessarily mean that the worker is physically alone; it means they are in a separate location from the rest of their team or manager.

Where staff are lone working e.g. the Site Manager, a lone working risk assessment will be completed.

## **Stress management**

Staff will be aware of the symptoms of stress, including sleeping problems, dietary problems, mood swings, feeling lethargic, fatigue, emotional problems, chest pains and elevated heart rate, lack of focus, inability to concentrate and increased sweating. Staff members who suffer from any of these symptoms are advised to consult their GP as soon as possible. All staff wellbeing matters are managed in line with the Staff Wellbeing Policy.

## **Display screen equipment**

Display screen assessments will be self-assessed by staff identified as DSE users- those who operate dse equipment continuously for more than an hour each day. Where need identified reasonable adjustments will be made.

## **Maintaining equipment**

The school will ensure that staff and pupils can expect that any equipment they use is suitable for its intended use and is properly maintained.

Competent contractors will undertake the testing, inspection and maintenance of equipment in use within the school;

- Fixed Electrical Equipment -Every 5 years.
- Portable Appliance Testing -3 years
- Fire Alarm System-Every 6 months
- Emergency Lighting -Annual Inspection
- Electric lightening conductor-Annual Inspection
- Gas Appliances-Annually
- Legionella-Risk Assessment completed every 2 years, Monthly inspections by a Competent Person.
- Outdoor Equipment-Annual Inspection
- PE Equipment-Annual Inspection
- Automatic doors-Every 6 months
- Roller Shutters-Every 6 months
- Air conditioning Units-Every 6 months
- Air Conditioning-TM44-Every 5 years
- LEV system (kitchen)-Annual Inspection.
- CCTV annual inspection.
- Pupil changing beds-Annually
- Radon-Assessed every 10 years by the LA
- Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete- LA

It will be the responsibility of the headteacher to ensure new equipment meets the appropriate standards and conforms to all health and safety requirements. The LA will be consulted if necessary.

Any portable electrical equipment will be visually inspected on a **daily** basis by staff prior to use and PAT at intervals suitable for the type of equipment and its frequency of use.

The school will make use of automated external defibrillator (AED) as part of its first aid equipment through the DfE's [arrangements](#) to buy, install and maintain an AED.

Local Inspections will be carried out on the following;

Fire Control Panel-Daily

Fire Exit Routes -Daily

Call Points-Weekly

Fire Doors Monthly

Legionella Low Usage-Weekly

Outdoor Playgrounds-Daily

EYFS Outdoor Areas-Daily

Play Equipment-3 Monthly.

Ladder Equipment-Prior to use/3 monthly.

## Hazardous materials

The school will act in accordance with the school's COSHH Procedure at all times.

The Local Authority are responsible for the cleaning team at the school and the activities that they undertake.

The school will only purchase hazardous materials from a reputable source, making sure that the relevant material safety data sheet (MSDS) is provided by the retailer on delivery. The school will only order supplies of hazardous materials when existing stocks are no longer adequate, and in quantities that are no larger than necessary. No chemicals or other hazardous materials will be used without the permission of the headteacher.

The Site Manager will be responsible for ensuring all products that may be hazardous to health are risk assessed before being used, taking into account the advice on the relevant MSDS or Hazard – the latter is provided from CLEAPPS, recognised by Ofsted and HSE as a definitive basis for undertaking practical work safely.

The Site Manager, in liaison with the headteacher, will ensure that the relevant control measures and appropriate guidelines are put in place to manage the risks identified in risk assessments.

The headteacher will ensure that the Site Manager is suitably trained in the handling of hazardous chemicals and materials every 3 years.

All equipment, materials and chemicals will be held in appropriate containers and areas conforming to health and safety regulations. Hazardous substances will be labelled with the correct hazard sign and contents label. Store cupboards will be clearly identified with COSHH signs.

Low-toxic products, such as corrective fluid and aerosol paints, will be stored securely and only used under supervision in a well-ventilated area.

No staff member or pupil will ever be put at risk through exposure to any hazardous substance used in our practical curriculum.

Where a substance has a workplace exposure limit, control measures will ensure that exposure is below the limit.



The Site Manager will keep an up-to-date inventory of all the hazardous chemicals and materials held at the school. An annual audit of hazardous materials will be undertaken by the Site Manager with routine surveillance to ensure that they remain safe to store. Unwanted or surplus chemicals and materials, including those that have become unsafe, will be disposed of by a registered waste carrier, in accordance with school procedures.

## Asbestos management

In accordance with HSE guidance, an asbestos management survey was undertaken on **date** by **name of surveying organisation**, which is a United Kingdom Accreditation Service accredited surveying organisation. As a result of the asbestos management survey, risks were identified and dealt with on a priority basis. This survey will be undertaken again following any changes of use to a location or prior to any significant building work.

Further details concerning the management of asbestos can be found in the Asbestos Management Policy.

An Asbestos Management Plan is put in place following the Asbestos Survey and it is reviewed on an annual basis.

The Site Manager and the headteacher complete Asbestos Training every 3 years.

## Cleaning

Contract cleaners will be monitored by the Site Manager. The standard required will be clear in the service level agreement held with the contracted cleaners. Special consideration will be given to hygiene areas.

Waste collection services will be monitored by the Site Manager.

## Infection control

The school will actively prevent the spread of infection through the following measures:

- Routine immunisation
- Maintaining high standards of personal hygiene and practice
- Maintaining a clean environment

The school will keep up to date with national and local immunisation scheduling and advice. All pupils' immunisation status is checked at school entry and at the time of any vaccination. The school encourages parents to have their children immunised.

All staff will be subject to a full occupational health check before starting employment at the school.

The school will ensure that arrangements are in place to minimise any health risks, e.g. flu, by ensuring hygiene standards are maintained and pupils and staff are not permitted in school if they are unwell. Staff and pupils displaying signs of infection will be sent home and recommended to see a doctor.

Further information concerning the schools' policies and procedures addressing infection control can be found in the Infection Control Policy.

## Allergens and anaphylaxis

The school's Allergen and Anaphylaxis Procedure will be implemented consistently to ensure the safety of those with allergies.

Parents will be required to provide the school with up-to-date information relating to their children's allergies, as well as the necessary action to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction, such as any medication required. Staff will also be required to provide the headteacher with a list of their allergies. Information regarding pupils' and staff members' allergies will be collated and stored securely.

Under The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017, the school is able to purchase adrenaline auto-injector (AAI) devices without a prescription, for emergency use on pupils who are at risk of anaphylaxis, but whose device is not available or is not working. The school will purchase spare AAIs from a pharmaceutical supplier, such as the local pharmacy.

The headteacher and catering team will ensure that all pre-packed foods for direct sale (PPDS) made on the school site meet the requirements of Natasha's Law, i.e. the product displays the name of the food and a full, up-to-date ingredients list with allergens emphasised, e.g. in bold, italics or a different colour. The catering team will also work with any external catering providers to ensure all requirements are met and that PPDS is labelled in line with Natasha's Law. Further information relating to how the school operates in line with Natasha's Law can be found in the Whole-School Food Policy.

Staff will receive appropriate training and support relevant to their level of responsibility, in order to assist pupils with managing their allergies.

Further information relating to the school's policies and procedures addressing allergens and anaphylaxis can be found in the Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy.

## Medication

The school's Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy will be read, understood and adhered to at all times. Staff will receive **annual** training in supporting pupils with medical conditions.

The school will obtain notification from parents regarding any medication that pupils are required to take. Only trained staff will administer medication. The school's Administering Medication Policy will be followed at all times. A record will be kept of any medication that pupils take – this will be checked prior to administering any non-prescription medication.

## Smoking

The school is a non-smoking premises, and no smoking will be permitted on the grounds. The school's Smoke-Free Policy will be read and understood by all staff. All staff, pupils, visitors and contractors will be made aware of the policy.

## Security and theft

Steps taken to reduce security risks will be addressed in the School Security Procedure.

CCTV systems will be used to monitor events and identify incidents taking place. CCTV systems may be used as evidence when investigating reports of incidents. CCTV footage is personal data, so will be handled in accordance with the school's Data Protection Policy.

Money will be held in a safe and banked on a **weekly** basis to ensure large amounts are not held on site. Money will be counted in an appropriate location, such as the **school office**, and staff should not be placed at risk of robbery.

Staff and pupils will be responsible for their personal belongings and the school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. Thefts will be reported to the police and staff will be expected to assist police with their investigation.

All staff will be expected to take reasonable measures to ensure the security of school equipment being used. Missing or believed stolen equipment will be reported immediately to a senior staff member.

The school has installed access control and security measures to ensure the safety of the school, e.g. security glazing on windows. The school will ban individuals from the premises if they pose a risk to any member of the school community. The school will consider any risks that are posed by their local context, e.g. recent arson attacks.

## Severe weather

The school will monitor local and national weather reports.

The headteacher, in liaison with the Site Manager will make a decision on school closure due to severe weather on the grounds of health and safety. If a closure takes place, the governing board will be promptly informed.

## School trips and visits

Health and safety policy and procedures concerning school trips and visits, including trips abroad, are contained in the school's Educational Visits and School Trips Policy.

## Near misses

A 'near miss' is an event not causing harm but has the potential to cause injury or ill health.

If staff members, pupils, contractors, or visitors see or are involved in a near miss, they will report it in order to allow consideration of how to prevent a possible accident happening in the future.

Reporting will be conducted verbally to the health and safety officer as soon as possible, who will then inform the headteacher as appropriate.

The school will report near misses that constitute as dangerous occurrences to the HSE. A 'dangerous occurrence' includes any incident which results in requiring hospital treatment or further attention.

All accidents and near misses, however small, will be reported and investigated locally and the outcomes recorded. The length of time dedicated to each investigation will vary depending on the seriousness of the accident. Where appropriate CCTV coverage is saved with the near miss record.

After the investigation takes place, a risk assessment will be carried out, or the existing assessment amended, to avoid reoccurrence of the accident.

## Monitoring and review

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored continually by the headteacher and the governing board. Any necessary amendments will be made immediately.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is **December 2025**

The school will establish a monitoring system that is backed up by performance measures and this will be reviewed following an incident.