Kings Education Trust

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

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MODEL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR SCHOOLS

Waterside Primary Academy

Where appropriate, this policy should be read in conjunction with Buckinghamshire Council Health and Safety Policy.

PART 1: LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF INTENT

Effective health and safety management is integral to delivering our ambition for excellence in education and our performance as a school. We are committed to high standards of health, safety and wellbeing and will take all reasonable steps to meet our responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations1999, other relevant health and safety legislation and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Our overall objective is to provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment for our staff and pupils and others with whom we work.

We will achieve this by:

- Taking reasonable steps to make sure that the school is following the employer's policy and procedures e.g. through regular discussion at governance meetings;
- Promoting a sensible and proportionate approach to health and safety, making use of competent health and safety advice when required;
- Working in close partnership with the Headteacher and senior management team to support sensible health and safety management and to challenge as appropriate;
- Developing and maintaining a positive health and safety culture with an emphasis on continually improving our performance;
- Ensuring staff receive adequate information, instruction and training to enable them to carry out their responsibilities competently;
- Ensuring that health and safety management is an integral part of decision making and organisational processes;
- Providing a safe and healthy working environment for our staff, pupils and others working in the school;
- Ensuring safe working methods are in place and providing safe equipment.
- Communicating and consulting with our staff and their trade union representatives;

- Complying with statutory requirements and where possible best practice;
- Investigating and learning the lessons from accidents, incidents, near misses and work-related ill health incidents;
- Monitoring and reviewing systems and preventative measures to make sure they are suitable, sufficient and effective
- Ensuring adequate resources are available to fulfil our health and safety responsibilities and objectives;
- Working with and monitoring our contractors to ensure consistent and comparable health and safety standards.

We recognise that overall responsibility for health and safety lies with all levels of management having direct responsibility for activities and staff under their control. However, all staff have a legal and moral responsibility to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and for others who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

Name of Headteacher: Jacqui Blackmore

Signature: JBlackmore

Date: 01.04.26

Name of Chair of the Local Advisory Committee: Joanne Pearce

Signature: 

Date: 01.04.26

PART 2: RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANISATION

2.1 INTRODUCTION

To comply with the Local Advisory Committee's Statement of Intent the following responsibilities have been assigned:

2.2 THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ ACADEMY TRUST

The Local Advisory Committee recognises its responsibilities for ensuring that suitable organisational arrangements are in place for the management and control of health and safety within the school and will endeavour to ensure that the local authority's policy is implemented with regard to its responsibility. In particular, we will ensure that:

- A written policy statement is created and communicated which promotes a positive attitude towards health and safety in staff and pupils;
- Responsibilities for health, safety and welfare are allocated to specific people and those people are informed of these responsibilities;
- A lead Local Advisory Committee member for health and safety is nominated;
- People have sufficient experience, knowledge and training to perform the tasks required of them;
- Clear procedures are created which assess the risk from hazards and produce safe systems of work;
- Health and safety performance are monitored and targets for improvement are set
- Ensuring that the site and premises is maintained in a safe condition and that sufficient funding is allocated;
- Seeking specialist advice on health and safety which the establishment may not feel competent to deal with;
- The school's health and safety policy is reviewed regularly (at least once annually) and implementing new arrangements where necessary;

2.3 THE HEADTEACHER

Leadership of health and safety is about managing risk sensibly – not trying to eliminate it altogether. The Headteacher will provide visible leadership to the whole school so that staff feel motivated, supported and empowered to focus on the things that really matter.

The Headteacher is responsible for all staff and activities under their control and will ensure that the requirements of relevant safety policies and procedures are implemented and complied with. In particular, they will:

- Ensure that the school is following Buckinghamshire Council's Health and Safety Policy and has effective arrangements for managing the real health and safety risks at the school.

- Be fully committed to the Local Advisory Committee and Academy Trust's Statement of Intent, ensuring that a positive health and safety culture is demonstrated and promoted through their leadership.
- Act as the "Responsible Person" under the Fire Safety Order within the School.
- Maintain effective communications with employers, Local Advisory Committee members, and the school workforce, and give clear information to pupils and visitors, including contractors, regarding the significant risks on site;
- Nominate themselves or a senior manager as the Health and Safety Co-ordinator;
- Undertake all relevant training appropriate to their role and ensure staff are given adequate information, instruction, training and supervision to carry out their duties, paying particular attention to new/inexperienced employees and trainees;
- Make sure that staff understand their responsibilities and know how to access support and advice to help them manage risks responsibly.
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken by competent persons and that suitable control measures are taken on a risk basis to manage the health and safety risks to staff and any other people who may be affected by the school's activities;
- Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken in relation to directly managed staff, for example, job-based risk assessments, stress risk assessments, return to work risk assessments, personal emergency evacuation plans;
- Ensure safe systems of work and procedures are developed and are implemented;
- Ensure prompt action is taken to resolve any situations that may adversely affect the health and safety of staff or other people;
- Ensure that they seek timely assistance and advice where expert help is required from Health and Safety Consultancy team;
- Ensure that all plant and work equipment provided is selected through a risk assessment process, suitable, properly maintained and subject to all necessary tests and examinations;
- Ensure that accidents and incidents (including near misses and violence and aggression) are reported to Council and the HSE (where appropriate) and investigated and the findings acted upon without delay;
- Ensure there are meaningful, effective arrangements in place for consulting employees and their trade union representatives on health and safety matters that affect them;
- Ensure information that may assist safety representatives in their role is provided to them;
- Participate and make recommendations to the Local Advisory Committee in relation to external independent audits carried out by the Council or other bodies

- Report to the Local Advisory Committee any health and safety issues which cannot be resolved;
- Ensure the requirements of the Occupier's Liability Acts 1957/1984 are complied with to reduce risk to lawful and unlawful visitors;
- Monitor and review health and safety performance through:
  - termly health and safety inspections of work areas/practices;
  - setting health and safety targets and objectives through appraisals and other supervisory reviews;
  - reviewing incidents and accidents;
  - monitoring commissioned and contracted work for compliance;
  - ensuring that the management of health and safety considers the needs of anyone with a protected characteristic under the Equalities Act;
  - ensuring audit action plans are implemented;
  - reporting to the Local Advisory Committee at least annually on the school's health and safety performance

2.4 LEAD LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Lead Local Advisory Committee member has the following responsibilities:

- To be fully and visibly committed to the Local Advisory Committee and Academy Trust's Statement of Intent for health and safety;
- To scrutinise and review health and safety performance;
- To provide support and challenge to the Headteacher and the Local Advisory Committee in fulfilling their health and safety responsibilities;
- To ensure in particular that risk assessments of the premises and working practices are carried out and documented;
- To arrange a termly inspection of the school by either themselves or another Local Advisory Committee member and to provide a report to the Local Advisory Committee.

2.5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)

The SLT will support the Headteacher with the overall management of health and safety in the school. This will include:

- Providing leadership by ensuring health and safety is considered as part of every decision;
- Considering the health and safety impact of any new initiatives;
- Informing the Headteacher of any health and safety issues that affect the school;
- Agreeing strategic health and safety initiatives;
- Monitoring the overall implementation of the school's health and safety policy in their areas of control and agreeing the annual health and safety report.

2.6 HEALTH AND SAFETY COORDINATOR (HEADTEACHER OR A SENIOR MEMBER OF STAFF (SLT))

In some schools the Business Manager, Business Director or Bursar takes the lead for health and safety on site. They often provide the focal point for the school's health and safety management arrangements. Their school wide roles may include:

- management and monitoring of purchasing and contracting procedures to ensure risks are effectively managed;
- advising contractors of site-specific risks and overseeing their activities on site;
- ensuring staff and visitors are aware of the on-site procedures and the precautions to follow;
- accident and incident reporting;
- implementation, monitoring and review of training procedures;
- preparation of reports and returns for the school leadership team The

Health and Safety Coordinator has the following responsibilities to:

- Attend appropriate health and safety training courses including IOSH Managing Safely and Managing Fire Safety Training to enable them to discharge their duties effectively;
- Ensure that a fire risk assessment is completed by a competent contractor for the school and that it is implemented and reviewed at least annually;
- Promote health and safety matters throughout the school and assisting the Headteacher in the implementation of the Council's and School's Health and Safety Procedures;
- Ensure the Fire Log, Asbestos Log and Legionella Log are kept up to date;
- Ensure that the Health and Safety Notice Board is kept up to date;
- Ensure the correct accident, incident and near miss reporting procedures are followed and that, where appropriate, accidents are investigated;
- Arrange termly health and safety inspections and ensuring follow up action is completed, and records kept available for audits;
- Ensure appropriate procedures for school visits is followed;
- Participate in any Health and Safety Audits arranged by the Council;
- Provide health and safety induction training for all staff;
- Provide basic fire awareness training for all staff at least every six months. Refer to training notes section 3.3 Health and Safety Policies and Procedures.
- Keep an up to date record of staff health and safety training;

- Ensure that all statutory inspections are completed, and records kept;
- Make provision for the inspection and maintenance of work equipment;
- Ensure that emergency drills and procedures are carried out regularly and monitored for effectiveness and that records are kept;
- Monitor contractors on site and ensuring they consult the Asbestos Log before starting work.
- Coordinate and manage the annual risk assessment process for the school;
- Coordinate performance monitoring processes;
- Manage records of all health and safety activities including management of building fabric and building services in liaison with the Council and other contractors;
- Advise the Headteacher of situations or activities which are potentially hazardous to the health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors;
- To ensure that staff are adequately instructed in safety and welfare matters about their specific workplace and the school generally.

2.7 TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF HOLDING POSITIONS OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This includes Deputy Headteachers, Business Managers, Caretakers/Site Managers

They have the following responsibilities to:

- Apply the school's Health and Safety Policy and the relevant health and safety Codes of Practice to their own department or area of work and be directly responsible to the Headteacher for the application of the health and safety procedures and arrangements;
- Carry out regular health and safety risk assessments of the activities for which they are responsible;
- Checking compliance with job risk assessments and reviewing health and safety performance in staff appraisals/performance management reviews;
- Ensure that all staff they manage are familiar with the relevant health and safety Codes of Practice, for their area of work;
- Resolve health, safety and welfare issues that staff refer to them, or refer to the Headteacher any matters for which they cannot achieve a satisfactory solution within the resources available;
- Carry out regular inspections of their areas of responsibility to ensure that equipment, and activities are safe and record these inspections where required;
- Ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the provision of sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision to enable other staff and pupils to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own health and safety;

- Investigate any accidents that occur within their area of responsibility.

2.8 HEADS OF SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Heads of Departments and/or Curriculum Leaders have expertise in their topic areas and are often in the best position to advise or lead on the arrangements for assessing and managing risk in their department.

- The day to day management of health and safety within their department in accordance with the health and safety policy;
- Drawing up and reviewing departmental policies, procedures and risk assessments regularly (at least annually);
- Carrying out regular health and safety monitoring inspections of the department and making reports to the Headteacher where appropriate;
- Ensuring follow up and remedial action is taken following health and safety inspections;
- Arranging for the appropriate subject specific health and safety training to be provided to all staff within the department;
- Passing on health and safety information received to the appropriate people;
- Acting on health and safety reports from above and below in the school hierarchy.
- Report all accidents, defects and dangerous occurrences to the Headteacher and/or Health and Safety Coordinator.

2.9 CLASS TEACHERS

Class teachers are expected to:

- Exercise effective supervision of their pupils, to know the procedures for fire, first aid and other emergencies;
- Follow the particular health and safety measures to be adopted in their own teaching areas as laid down in the relevant Codes of Practice;
- Give clear oral and written instructions and warnings to pupils when necessary;
- Follow safe working procedures;
- Require the use of protective clothing and guards where necessary;
- Make recommendations to their Headteacher or manager regarding equipment and improvements to plant, tools, equipment or machinery;
- Integrate all relevant aspects of safety into the teaching process;
- Report all accidents, defects and dangerous occurrences to their manager.

2.10 SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

Safety representatives do not have responsibilities under this policy; however, they do have

functions as laid down in the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977.

The Local Advisory Committee believes that consulting employees on health and safety matters is important in creating and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment.

2.11 STAFF

All of the school workforce plays an important part in sensible health and safety management in schools. Staff involvement makes a vital contribution towards achieving safer and healthier workplaces and helps develop sensible rather than over cautious approaches.

When developing learning opportunities, staff should focus on controlling the real risks, not eliminating all risks. Health and safety is about doing things safely, not finding reasons not to do them.

In particular staff must:

- comply with the school's health and safety policy and procedures at all times;
- take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others when undertaking their work, for example;
    - check classrooms/work areas are safe;
    - check equipment is safe before use;
    - ensure safe working procedures are followed;
- co-operate with managers in complying with relevant health and safety safe systems of work and procedures;
- use all work equipment and substances in accordance with instruction, training and information received;
- wear, use, store, maintain and replace personal protective equipment as appropriate;
- not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare;
- take part in and contribute to health and safety inspections, risk assessments etc. as appropriate;
- report
    - accidents, incidents of violence and aggression and near misses;
    - ill health caused by work activities;
    - defective equipment or premises, hazardous situations and other health and safety concerns;

- report immediately to their Headteacher/Line Manager any serious or immediate danger.

2.12 PUPILS

Pupils, allowing for their age and aptitude, are expected to:

- take personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others
- observe standards of dress consistent with safety and/or hygiene
- observe all the health and safety rules of the school and in particular the instructions of staff given in an emergency
- use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with things provided for their health and safety

Note: A flow chart showing the management of health and safety hierarchy should be included at this point in the policy.

PART 3: PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures and arrangements have been adopted to ensure compliance with the Local Advisory Committee's Statement of Intent.

LEAD LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

The lead Local Advisory Committee member with responsibility for scrutiny of health and safety performance is Jo Pearce.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

The asbestos register and asbestos management plan are held at: The School Office

Paul Newns (Site Manager) is responsible for

- making arrangements for dealing with asbestos in compliance with the Council's policy;
- ensuring that contractors who may be working in areas where asbestos has been identified consult and sign the register;
- ensuring that any changes to the register are notified to Building Services, Property Consultancy;
- informing Property Consultancy immediately on 01296 383238 if any asbestos containing materials are damaged releasing asbestos fibres or may have been released.

For further guidance refer to section 4.2 health and safety policies and procedures

3.1 AUDIT, REVIEW, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND ACTION PLAN

The Kings Education Trust is responsible for reviewing the School's Health and Safety Policy and ensuring all staff signed a list to acknowledge that they have read and understood the policy.

Jacqui Blackmore (Headteacher) is responsible for ensuring the implementation of recommendations of any health and safety audit reports carried out by the Council

3.2 CATERING

Maria Reed is responsible for registering the food premises with the local Environmental Health Officer, District Council;

Maria Reed is responsible for

- monitoring the preparation of food and the nutritional standards of meals;
- the maintenance of satisfactory hygiene standards;
- ensuring that temperature of the refrigerator and freezer are monitored and logged;
- ensuring an adequate schedule of deep cleaning is undertaken.

3.3 CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

Any employee appointed as a safety representative by their Association or trade union will be offered suitable facilities to undertake their work.

Union-appointed safety representatives are:

Professional Association	Employee Name	Job Title
n/a		

Consultation with employees not represented by a union is provided through Staff Meetings and Buckinghamshire Council

For further guidance refer to section 1.2 health and safety policies and procedures

3.4 CONTRACTORS - SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Contractors are selected and managed following guidance and documentation in section 9.4 health and safety policies and procedures

3.5 EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that educational visits, including residential visits and any school-led adventure activities, will be risk assessed and organised following guidance produced by the Councils Education Visits Co-ordinator.

3.6 ENFORCING AUTHORITY VISITS

Maria Reed is responsible for implementing any recommendations following a visit by the Enforcing Authorities and reporting matters requiring authorisation/action to the Local Advisory Committee or LA.

3.7 FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The Headteacher is responsible for

- ensuring fire risk assessment is undertaken by a competent contractor and regularly reviewed;
- developing local fire safety procedures to ensure
    - personal emergency evacuation plans (PEEPS) are carried out for people with disabilities, i.e. staff, pupils, visitors;
    - fire evacuation drills are carried out at least termly;
    - a roll call is taken at the Assembly Point;
    - that no-one attempts to re-enter the building until the all clear is given by the emergency services;
    - firefighting and fire detection equipment is serviced and maintained annually;
    - regular reminders to staff on fire safety.

Paul Newns (Site Manager) is responsible for

- maintaining the Fire Log;
- checking weekly that evacuation routes remain clear and that final exit doors are openable;
- checking firefighting equipment annually remains in a useable condition, e.g. fire extinguishers, fire blankets;
- testing the alarms every week from different call points and recording the tests in the Fire Log;
- testing the emergency lighting at appropriate intervals

Emergency procedures covering a range of hazardous situations which may arise in the establishment can be found in the following locations:

Type of emergency procedure	**Location(s)**
Fire Evacuation Procedure	At all call points
Bomb Alert	In the school office/staff room/SLT office
Gas Leak	In the school office/boiler room/staff room/SLT office
Electrical Fault	In the school office/staff room/SLT office
Water	In the school office/staff room/SLT office
Storm or Flood Damage	In the school office/staff room/SLT office
Lockdowns	In the school office/staff room/SLT office

The person who discovers the emergency will raise the alarm immediately by the most appropriate means and ensure that the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or in their absence, a member of the Senior Leadership Team is informed immediately and that where appropriate the emergency services are summoned. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will liaise with the emergency services when they arrive and take advice from them.

Note: The priorities are as follows:

- *to ensure the safety of all, their removal from danger, their care and the application of first aid and medical treatment where appropriate;*
- *to call the emergency services when appropriate;*
- *to safeguard the premises and equipment, if this is possible without putting persons at risk.*

3.8 FIRST AID

First aid boxes and first aid record books are kept in: In all classrooms and The Medical Room. Travelling first aid boxes are kept in The Medical Room.
Jane Clark (First Aid Lead) is responsible for making a termly check of the contents of all first aid boxes.

The nearest medical centre/NHS GP Chess Medical Centre – Chesham.
The nearest hospital with accident and emergency facilities is Stoke Mandeville.

The following employees are qualified to provide first aid:

Name of Employee	Job Title	Qualification
Shelley Allen	Nursery Manager	Paediatric First Aid
Emma Baldwin	Nursery Practitioner	Paediatric First Aid
Melissa Bell	Nursery Practitioner	Paediatric First Aid
Jane Clark	School Administrative Assistant	First Aid at Work
Kathryn Cyster	Learning Support Assistant	Paediatric First Aid
Andrea Essery	Higher Level Teaching Assistant	Paediatric First Aid
Aimee Read	Learning Support Assistant	Forest School First Aid Level 3
Hannah Rose	Nursery Practitioner	Paediatric First Aid

Stacey Scott	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Lead/Class Teacher	Forest School First Aid Level 3

For further guidance refer to section 3.2 health and safety policies and procedures.

3.9 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Jacqui Blackmore is responsible for monitoring absence owing to stress related illness and promoting wellbeing. Emma Bain is our Wellbeing Lead.

For further guidance refer to section 8.4 health and safety policies and procedures

3.9.1 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Access to occupational health services is through PAM Group via HR

3.9.2 EMPLOYEES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Employees Assistance is provided by PAM Assist and is a completely independent and confidential personal support service, which is available 365 days 24 hours; Freephone number: 0800 882 4102

4. INCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

Charley Edwards is responsible for reporting accidents, incidents and near misses, as soon after the event, as possible using the Assessnet on-line recording system.

The Headteacher is responsible for contacting the Health and Safety Team immediately to report a serious incident (accident, incident (physical assault, threat, verbal abuse) or near miss). Where appropriate/practicable a Health and Safety Adviser will visit the school the same day to provide support and investigate the incident. Telephone 01296 674412 or email healthandsafety@buckcc.gov.uk

Minor injuries to non-employees (i.e. pupils and visitors) where first aid is given will be reported on the First Aid Record of Treatment form. These forms are kept in the Medical Room.

The Local Advisory Committee will investigate all incidents and act on findings to prevent a reoccurrence or similar accident/incident. Where accidents are found to be caused by faulty plant, equipment, premises or unsafe systems of work action must be taken to remove or isolate the hazard and warn people until the necessary modifications or repairs can be made.

For further guidance refer to section 3.1 health and safety policies and procedures

4.1 INSPECTIONS

Routine inspections of the premises to ensure safe working practices are being followed will be carried out by the Headteacher.

Inspections of individual departments and specific work areas will be carried out by Heads of Department or nominated staff.

Formal health and safety inspections will be carried out termly with the Health and Safety Local Advisory Committee member.

For further guidance and information refer to section 2.5 and 2.5a health and safety policies and procedures

5. INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING

5.1 INFORMATION AND ADVICE

A Health and Safety Law Poster is displayed in The Staffroom.

Health and safety advice available from the Health and Safety Team
Telephone: 01296 674412 E-mail: handstraining@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

5.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING:

5.2.1 INDUCTION

Health and safety induction training will be provided for all new employees and for work experience placement students via staff induction and by SmartLog online training which covers the following guidance and documentation that is available from https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/health-and-safety/health_and_safety_policies/

BCC Health and Safety Policy
Codes of Safe Practice and Guidance
Premises Asbestos Log
Job Based Risk Assessment and other appropriate assessments
Accident Reporting Arrangements
Safe Use of Work Equipment
Good Housekeeping, Waste Disposal and Cleaning Arrangements
School Health and Safety Policy
Education Visits Policy Document
Premises Legionella Log
Fire and other Emergency Arrangements
First Aid Arrangements
Procedures for Hazardous Substances
Hazard Reporting and Maintenance Procedures

Special Hazards/Responsibilities Associated with their Work Activity

Safe Practice in School Swimming

Special Needs of Young Employees (e.g. Work Experience Placements)

5.2.2 TRAINING RECORDS AND TRAINIG NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

Jacqui Blackmore is responsible for identifying training and refresher training needs and keeping health and safety training records. Staff and Local Advisory Committee members named below have received or will receive health and safety training in the following areas (amend as appropriate):

Asbestos Awareness	*IOSH Working Safely*	*Personal Safety of Employees*
COSHH Awareness	*Legionella*	*Pool Carers Course/Refresher*
Emergency First Aid at Work	*Load Risk Assessor for Moving and Handling*	*Pool Safety Awareness for Headteachers*
Fire Safety Training	*Manual Handling (Loads)*	*Safe Playground Inspection*
First Aid at Work	*Minibus Training (BC)*	*Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions*
Food Safety in Catering	*Paediatric Moving and Handling with/without hoists*	*Team Teach training*
Local Advisory Committee member's Role in Health and Safety	*Paediatric First Aid (for schools with children below 5)*	*Visual Tree training*
IOSH Managing Safely/Refresher	*PAT Testing*	*Working at Height*

5.2.3 STRATEGIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND PREMISES MANAGEMENT TRAINING

SPECIFIC COURSE FOR LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- The Local Advisory Committee member Role for Health and Safety (provided by Local Advisory Committee member Services,): Jo Pearce.

COURSES FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Asbestos Awareness (Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators):Jacqui Blackmore and Paul Newns

- Fire safety training (for Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators) : Jacqui Blackmore and Paul Newns
- IOSH Managing Safely/Managing Safely Refresher 3 day/1-day course (for Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Jacqui Blackmore
- Legionella Training (Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Jacqui Blackmore and Paul Newns
- Managing the Personal Safety of Staff: Jacqui Blackmore - Headteacher

5.2.4 CURRICULIUM SUBJECT SPECIFIC HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ART– CERAMIC

- Training for the use of the kiln and control measures to reduce the risks from using clay;

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PE AND SCHOOL SPORT

- All Swim England School Swimming Course. Contact is Mandy Carey at acarey@ahs.bucks.sch.uk or visit the BCC Swimming SchoolsWeb page at https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/curriculum-learning/swimming/.): Maria Read

PRIMARY FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND OCCASIIONAL CATERING EVENT

- CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety: Midday Team – Janice Miles, Emma Baldwin, Amanda Essex (1 December 2025)

5.2.5 OCCUPATIONAL RISKS

- Fire Warden Training (available through Fire Training Bucks and MK): The following staff have completed the Fire Awareness in Education module via SmartLog: Jacqui Blackmore, Lauren Orchard and Tara Holland. All other staff have undertaken the Fire Awareness module via the annual Smartlog Training.
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions (includes Managing Medicines): Jane Clark – First Aid Lead

5.2.6 CARETAKING / SITE MANAGEMENT

Asbestos Awareness: Premises Manager
Buckinghamshire Council Minibus driver training: Premises Manager
COSHH Health and Safety Training: Premises Manager
IOSH Working Safely course – a 1 day basic health and safety course: Premises Manager
Legionella: Premises Manager
Manual Handling: Premises Manager
Personal Safety: Premises Manager
Safe Playground Inspection: Premises Manager
Visual Tree Assessment: Premises Manager
Working at Height: Premises Manager

6. LEGIONELLA

Jacqui Blackmore is the Premises Responsible Person for the management of Legionella

Paul Newns is the Nominated Legionella Controller who has been trained to be responsible for checking water temperatures and flushing appropriate outlets as part of the Legionella programme

For further guidance refer to section 4.4 health and safety policies and procedures

7. LETTINGS

Jacqui Blackmore and Charley Edwards are responsible for co-ordinating lettings of the premises and for giving health and safety including emergency information to hirers.

For further guidance refer to section 9.3 health and safety policies and procedures

8. OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring outdoor play equipment and safety surfaces is

- regularly inspected by person who has attended Safe Playground Inspection course;
- inspected and maintained annually by a competent contractor;
- repaired or taken out of use, as required.

The Headteacher is responsible for inspecting the equipment and safety surfacing weekly.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring outdoor play equipment is adequately supervised when in use.

For further guidance refer to section 10.7 health and safety policies

9. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goggles, gloves, hearing protection etc will be provided free of charge, where identified as necessary by a risk assessment.

All employees are responsible for informing Jacqui Blackmore when they become aware of a need to repair or replace PPE, which they use.

For further guidance refer to section 11.1 health and safety policies

10. PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Maria Reed is responsible for ensuring that portable electrical appliance testing is carried out at the frequencies in section 10.3 health and safety policies and procedures Staff should not bring electrical equipment onto the school site unless they have authorisation and the appliances have been portable appliance tested. This was last completed on 3 March 2025.

11. RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

General risk assessment will be coordinated by the Local Advisory Committee following guidance and documentation in section 2.1 health and safety policies and procedures

They will be responsible for ensuring risk assessment relating to jobs, locations, work equipment, chemicals and activities are produced by appropriate persons and appropriately communicated to staff and ensuring the actions required are implemented.

11.2 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Jacqui Blackmore, Headteacher, is the Responsible Person under the Fire Safety Reform Order;

Jacqui Blackmore is the Competent Person (must hold a IOSH Managing Safely Certificate (or equivalent) and attended Fire Safety training) who is responsible for:

- ensuring a fire risk assessment is carried at regular intervals by a competent Fire Risk Assessor contractor;
- regularly reviewing the fire risk assessment;

For further guidance refer to section 3.3 health and safety policies and procedures

- assessments are regularly reviewed by an appropriate person and actions required are implemented;
- appropriate people attend
    - Paediatric Moving and Handling training/refresher training annually:
    - Load Risk Assessor training/refresher training annually

11.3 COMPUTERS AND WORKSTATION ASSESSMENTS

Maria Reed is responsible for identifying 'users' and ensuring workstation assessments are undertaken (Using HSE Guidelines) and any corrective action required implemented. All staff are classified as users of DSE.

The following employees are classified as users of display screen equipment; they will be entitled to a regular eye test and spectacles if recommended by the optician for DSE use.

For further guidance refer to section 6.1 health and safety policies and procedures

11.4 VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION TO STAFF

Assessments of the risks of violence and aggression to staff will be carried out by the Headteacher following guidance and documentation in section 7.1 health and safety policies and procedures

11.5 RISK ASSESSMENTS OF CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

Risk Assessments for curriculum activities will be carried out by relevant Heads of Department/Heads of Faculty using guidance from Bucks Grid for Learning, CLEAPSS, Association for Science Education (ASE), and Association for Physical Education (afPE), Buckinghamshire Councils Health and Safety Policies and other recognised sources of competent advice

11.6 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Paul Newns is responsible for

- ensuring hazardous substances are kept locked away and external to the main school building, where appropriate

- COSHH data sheets are available and risk assessments are produced and regularly reviewed by appropriate persons for Science, Design Technology, Caretaking and Cleaning, Swimming Pool Maintenance, Catering, Grounds Maintenance;
- ensuring that the assessments have been communicated to staff and ensuring the actions required including provision of training are implemented.

We use an external cleaning company who are responsible for the safe storage of their cleaning equipment and chemicals. This is checked by staff to ensure compliance.

For further guidance refer to section 4.1 health and safety policies and procedures

12. SAFE PLANT AND WORK EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment will be inspected, maintained and, where necessary, tested by appropriate contractors appointed by the Local Advisory Committee /Council

Any problems or defects regarding plant and equipment should be reported to Jacqui Blackmore.

The following equipment has been identified as likely to involve a specific risk to health and safety and its use, inspection and repair is therefore restricted to employees who have been appropriately trained.

12.1 CARETAKING AND CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Prestige Commercial Cleaning (appointed 1 January 2026) are responsible for ensuring that

- caretaking and cleaning equipment is regularly inspected and maintained; this includes powered cleaning equipment, power and hand tools
- users/operators are trained and supervised;

For further guidance refer to section 9.15

WORKING AT HEIGHT - ACCESS EQUIPMENT

Paul Newns has overall responsibility for the selection, inspection, and maintenance of all access equipment, e.g. leaning ladders, stepladders, tower scaffolds, powered access equipment, fall arrest equipment.

Jacqui Blackmore is responsible for ensuring appropriate training is provided, employees are appropriately supervised and that suitable risk assessments are carried out.

Paul Newns is responsible for inspecting access equipment and maintaining the Access Equipment Log (Ladder and Step Ladder Log)

12.1.1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT (PE)

The PE Leader is responsible for ensuring that

- PE equipment is regularly inspected, maintained and serviced annually by a competent contractor;
- faulty equipment is taken out of use and repaired or removed;
- cleaning schedule for gym and sports hall floors is implemented;

12.1.2 STAGE LIGHTING

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that

- stage lighting equipment is regularly inspected, and portable appliance tested at appropriate intervals by a competent contractor

13. SEVERE WEATHER

The headteacher is responsible for making arrangements to ensure safe access and egress during adverse weather, e.g. snow and ice.

Paul Newns is responsible for clearing and gritting appropriate pedestrian and vehicle routes on the site.

For further guidance refer to section 9.7 health and safety policies and procedures

14. SITE SAFETY, HOUSE KEEPING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

14.1 SITE SAFETY

All employees and Local Advisory Committee members must report any hazards to Jacqui Blackmore who will arrange for repairs or action to remove hazard.

14.2 LOCATIONS OF MAIN SERVICE ISOLATION POINTS

The locations of the positions of all main service isolation points are as follows:

Water	Staffroom.
Electricity Cupboard	Alarm
Gas Room	Boiler

14.3 HOUSEKEEPING

All staff are responsible for ensuring the good housekeeping of their own workrooms, for example, offices, laboratories, workshops, art studios, drama studios and related storage areas.

CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS

All members of staff are responsible for clearing up spillages, which occur whilst they are in charge of the area concerned. Other spillages, leaks or wet floors should be reported to Maria Reed who will arrange for them to be cleared.

The school will be cleaned by CSC Cleaning Solutions every day at: 3.15pm.
Staff should avoid areas where floors have been wet mopped.

14.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Rubbish awaiting collection must never be left where it obstructs escape routes or could aid the production and spread of fire and smoke.

PHS are contracted for arranging safe disposal of hazardous, special and/or clinical waste.

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring

- waste is collected daily and stored in appropriately sited secure containers;
- waste containers are secured in either a compound or by being chained

15. SITE SECURITY AND VISITORS

All visitors must report to The School Reception where they will be asked to sign the visitors book and wear a visitors' badge.

Other arrangements to ensure the security of pupils and employees on site are:
(please add your own arrangements)

The Headteacher is responsible for unlocking and locking the building, arming and disarming security alarms etc

16. SMOKING

The headteacher will ensure that

- all persons coming onto the school site understand that smoking is prohibited including the grounds and in school vehicles;
- no smoking signs are displayed at the entrance to the school;
- information on the no smoking policy is included in the lettings policy.

For further guidance refer to section 8.1 health and safety policies and procedures

17. SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Jane Clark is responsible for writing or adopting the Council Model Policy for Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions following the statutory guidance issued by the DfE.

Jane Clark is the accountable person for implementing the school's policy on Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions.

Jane Clark is responsible for

- keeping a log of pupil's medication;
- ensuring medication remains in date;
- ensuring consent forms are completed

Jane Clark is responsible for undertaking and reviewing Individual Health Care Plans using the template available in section 8.9.

Jane Clark is responsible for compiling an inventory of pupils who have been diagnosed with asthma or have been prescribed a salbutamol inhaler

Jane Clark is responsible for management of controlled drugs following guidance and documentation

For further guidance refer to section 8.9 health and safety policies and procedures

18. SWIMMING

Maria Reed is responsible for school swimming and ensuring staff are appropriately trained

19. TEAM TEACH

The headteacher is responsible for arranging Team Teach training and monitoring its effectiveness.

20. VEHICLES

The Headteacher is responsible, in conjunction with the driver, for ensuring that vehicles kept or hired by the school are operated in accordance with the law and with the Council policy contained in *"Regulations for the Use of Vehicles 2016"*

Maria Reed is responsible for ensuring that all employees who drive for work have a valid licence and business insurance (business insurance is also available for schools from Buckinghamshire Council Insurance)

For further guidance refer to section 9.12 health and safety policies and procedures

20.1 ON-SITE VEHICLE MOVEMENTS

The segregation of traffic and pedestrians will be controlled by the following measures:

- We have separate vehicle and pedestrian entrances.
- We have separate car parks for visitors and staff.

21. REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy will be reviewed annually.