

Stanborough



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

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————— **Grow and Succeed** —————

High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

This policy is set within the school's four principles of:

High Expectations Quality Learning Mutual Respect Success for All

This policy accords with national legislation.

PART 1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

- The Governing Body of Stanborough School will strive to achieve the highest standards of health, safety and welfare consistent with their responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and other statutory and common law duties.
- This statement sets out how these duties will be conducted and includes a description of the school's organisation and arrangements for dealing with different areas of risk. Details of how these areas of risk will be addressed are given in the arrangements section.
- We will ensure we subscribe to HCC Health & Safety Team (or other suitable organisation) for professional and expert advice from their qualified staff.
- We are committed to ensuring safe access, egress, site, systems of work, handling, transport and storage of articles and substances, information, training and supervision.
- We are committed to the additional requirements of the management of Health & Safety at work regulations and ensure risk assessments are in place, preventative measures adopted, emergency procedures reviewed regularly and employ competent persons (HCC Health & Safety Team).
- We are committed to the safety of all staff, students, contractors and all visitors to the site.
- We are committed to ensuring employees are given appropriate training for their roles and responsibilities.
- We are committed to investigate any Health & Safety concerns promptly.
- This policy will be brought to the attention of, and/or issued to, all members of staff and a reference copy is kept on the electronic Staff Handbook (Policies section).
- This policy statement and the accompanying organisation and arrangements will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Finance and Resources Committee.

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PART 2. ORGANISATION

Responsibilities of the Governing Body

The Governing Body are responsible for ensuring health and safety management systems are in place and effective.

A Health & Safety Governor from the Finance & Resources Committee has been appointed to receive relevant information, monitor the implementation of policies and procedures and feedback health and safety issues and identified actions to the Governing Body.

The Governing body will receive regular reports from the Headteacher or other nominated member of staff in order to enable them to provide and prioritise resources for health and safety issues.

Where required the Governing body will seek specialist advice on health and safety which the establishment may not feel competent to deal with and with the support of the HCC Health & Safety Team.

Responsibilities of the Headteacher

Overall responsibility for the day to day management of health and safety in accordance with the governing body's health and safety policy and procedures rests with the Headteacher.

The Headteacher has responsibility for:

- Co-operating with the Governing Body to enable health and safety policy and procedures to be implemented and complied with.
- Communicating the policy and other appropriate health and safety information to all relevant people including contractors.
- Ensuring effective arrangements are in place to pro-actively manage health and safety by conducting and reviewing inspections and risk assessments and implementing required actions.
- Reporting to the Governing body on health and safety performance and any safety concerns/ issues which may need to be addressed by the allocation of funds.
- Ensuring that the premises, plant and equipment are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition.
- Reporting to the Department for Education any significant risks which cannot be rectified within the establishment's budget.
- Ensuring all staff are competent to carry out their roles and are provided with adequate information, instruction and training.
- Ensuring consultation arrangements are in place for staff and their trade union representatives (where appointed) and recognising the right of trade unions in the workplace to require a health and safety committee to be set up.
- Monitoring purchasing and contracting procedures to ensure health and safety is included in specifications & contract conditions.

Responsibilities of other staff holding posts of special responsibility

Site Manager and Heads of departments will:

- Apply the school's health and safety policy to their own department or area of work.

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- Ensure staff under their control are aware of and follow relevant published health and safety guidance (from sources such as CLEAPSS*, AfPE** etc.)
- Ensure health and safety risk assessments are undertaken for the activities for which they are responsible and that identified control measures are implemented.
- Ensure that appropriate safe working procedures are brought to the attention of all staff under their control.
- Take appropriate action on health, safety and welfare issues referred to them, informing the Headteacher of any problems they are unable to resolve within the resources available to them.
- Carry out regular inspections of their areas of responsibility and report / record these inspections.
- Ensure the provision of sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision to enable staff and students to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own health and safety.
- Ensure that all accidents (including near misses) occurring within their area of responsibility are promptly reported and investigated.

School Business Manager

- Will ensure risk assessments are reviewed annually.
- Conduct general site inspections
- Investigate all accidents and near misses.

Responsibilities of employees

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act etc. 1974 all employees have general health and safety responsibilities. All employees are obliged to take care of their own health and safety whilst at work along with that of others who may be affected by their actions.

All employees have responsibility to:

- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others in undertaking their work.
- Comply with the school's health and safety policy and procedures at all times.
- Report all accidents and incidents in line with the reporting procedure.
- Co-operate with school management on all matters relating to health and safety.
- Not to intentionally interfere with or misuse any equipment or fittings provided in the interests of health safety and welfare.
- Report all defects in condition of premises or equipment and any health and safety concerns immediately to their line manager.
- Ensure that they only use equipment or machinery that they are competent / have been trained to use.
- Make use of all necessary control measures and personal protective equipment provided for safety or health reasons.

* CLEAPSS – Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services

** AfPE – Association for Physical Education

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RISK ASSESSMENTS

General Risk Assessments

The school conducts and documents risk assessments for all activities presenting a significant risk. These are co-ordinated by the School Business Manager following guidance from the HCC Health & Safety Team and are approved by the Headteacher.

Risk assessments are available for all staff to view and are held centrally in the PA to SLT's Office. These assessments will be reviewed on an annual basis or when the work activity changes, whichever is the soonest. Staff will be made aware of any changes to risk assessments relating to their work.

Individual Risk Assessments

Specific assessments relating to staff member(s) or student(s) are held on that individual's file and will be reviewed on a regular basis.

It is the responsibility of all staff to inform their line manager of any medical conditions (including pregnancy) which may impact upon their work.

Curriculum Activities

Risk assessments for curriculum activities will be carried out by relevant Heads of Department using the relevant codes of practice and model risk assessments detailed below.

Whenever a new course is adopted or developed all activities are checked against these and significant findings incorporated into texts in daily use including schemes of work, lesson plans, syllabus etc.

Stanborough School has a subscription to CLEAPSS and their publications¹ are used as sources of model risk assessment within science and DT.

¹ CLEAPSS Science and D&T publications CD Rom or via www.cleapss.org.uk

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OFFSITE VISITS

Stanborough School has adopted the Outdoor Education Advisory Panel's national guidance for learning outside the classroom and offsite visits and all offsite visits will be planned following this guidance available via <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/outside/offsitevisits/>

The Educational Visits Co-ordinator must be notified of all visits. Those which include self-led adventurous activities, fieldwork trips to open or "wild" country, and all visits overseas will be done via the use of Evolve, the online notification and approvals system and will be used for the planning and approval of **all** Level 2 and above offsite visits. Relevant risk assessments, participants names etc. will be attached electronically as required.

The member of staff planning any visit will submit all relevant paperwork and risk assessments relating to the visit to the school's Educational Visits Co-ordinator, Deputy Headteacher, who will check the documentation and planning of the visit and if acceptable will approve the visit. The Headteacher is aware of all Level 2/3 visits that take place.

Stanborough School also has a separate Offsite Visits Policy which can be found in the electronic Staff Handbook.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING AND INSPECTION

A general inspection of the site will be conducted on an annual basis and be co-ordinated by the School Business Manager.

Inspections of individual departments will be carried out by Heads of Department or nominated staff.

In both cases the person(s) undertaking inspection will complete a report in writing and submit this to the Headteacher. Responsibility for following up items detailed in the safety inspection report will rest with the School Business Manager.

Advice and pro forma inspection checklists can be found in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#).

An external provider will be brought in to conduct a review every three years.

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FIRE EVACUATION AND OTHER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring the school's fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented following guidance contained in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#). The fire risk assessment is located in the school's fire log book and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Emergency Procedures

Fire and emergency evacuation procedures are detailed in the staff handbook and emailed at least annually to staff. These procedures will be reviewed at least annually and are made available to all staff as part of the school's induction process.

Evacuation procedures are also made available to all contractors / visitors.

Emergency exits, fire alarm call points, assembly points etc are clearly identified by safety signs and notices.

Emergency contact and key holder details are maintained by the School Business Manager and updated to the LA via Solero.

Fire Drills

- Fire drills will be undertaken termly and results recorded in the fire log book.

Fire Fighting

- Staff must ensure the alarm is raised BEFORE attempting to tackle a fire.
- The safe evacuation of persons is an absolute priority. Staff may only attempt to deal with small fires, **if it is safe to do so without putting themselves at risk**, using portable fire fighting equipment.

Details of service isolation points (i.e. gas, water, electricity) are detailed in the Site Office and School Emergency Response plan.

Details of chemicals and flammable substances on site.

An inventory of these will be kept by the Site Manager as appropriate, for consultation.

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INSPECTION / MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
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The Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that the school's fire log is kept up to date and that the following inspection / maintenance is undertaken and recorded in the fire log book located in his office.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Fire alarm call points will be tested weekly in rotation. This test will occur on Friday afternoons.

Any defects on the system will be reported immediately to the alarm contractor / electrical engineer Aylesbury Fire Service (reported by the Site Manager).

A fire alarm maintenance contract is in place with Aylesbury Fire Service and the system tested 6 monthly by them.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Weekly in-house checks that all fire fighting equipment remains available for use and operational.

Chubb Fire undertakes an annual maintenance service of all fire fighting equipment.

Defective equipment or extinguishers that need recharging should be taken out of service and reported direct to the Site Team who will contact Chubb Fire.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS

These systems will be checked for operation monthly in house and annually a full discharge test and certification of the system will be undertaken.

MEANS OF ESCAPE

Daily checks for any obstructions on exit routes and ensures all final exit doors are operational and available for use.

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FIRST AID AND MEDICATION

The school has assessed the need for first aid provision (both on site and where required for trips/visits and extra-curricular activities)

The school has adequate trained staff and a list is displayed in school by the medicine box in the main office.

First aid qualifications remain valid for 3 years. The Training Co-ordinator will ensure that refresher training is organised to maintain competence and that new persons are trained should first aiders leave.

FIRST AID BOXES ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

Admin Office

LRC

Site Team's Office

Technology Block

The Student Liaison Officer is responsible for regularly checking (termly) that the contents of first aid boxes, including travel kits/ those in vehicles, are complete and replenished as necessary.

Transport to hospital: Where a first aider considers it necessary, the injured person will be sent directly to hospital (normally by ambulance). Parents / carers will be notified immediately of all major injuries to students. No casualty will be allowed to travel to hospital unaccompanied and an accompanying adult will be designated in situations where the parents/carers cannot be contacted in time.

Where there is any doubt about the appropriate course of action, the first aider will consult with the Health Service helpline (NHS Direct 0845 4647) and, in the case of a student, with the parents/carers.

Administration of medicines

All medication will be administered to students in accordance with the DfE document [Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions](#). Detailed arrangements are provided in a separate policy.

No member of staff will administer any medication unless a request form has been completed by the parent / carer.

The Student Liaison Officer is responsible for accepting medication and checking all relevant information has been provided by parents / carers prior to administering. Records of administration will be kept by The Student Liaison Officer.

All non-emergency medication kept in school are securely stored with access strictly controlled. All students know how to access their medication.

Where children need to have immediate access to emergency medication i.e. asthma inhalers, epi-pen etc., it will be kept in the School Office, and clearly labelled.

Health Care Plans

Parents / carers are responsible for providing the school with up to date information regarding their child's health care needs and providing appropriate medication.

Individual health care plans are in place for those students with significant medical needs e.g. chronic or ongoing medical conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis etc. These plans will be completed at the beginning of the school year / when child enrolls / on diagnosis being communicated to the school and will be reviewed annually by the Student Liaison Officer.

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All staff are made aware of any relevant health care needs and copies of health care plans are available from the Student Liaison Officer.

Staff will receive appropriate training related to health conditions of students and the administration of medicines by a health professional as appropriate.

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ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

Accidents to employees

All employee accidents, no matter how minor, must be reported to the School Business Manager using the accident reporting form held by the Student Liaison Officer.

Accidents to students and other non-employees (members of public / visitors to site etc.)

A local accident book (with Student Liaison Officer) is used to record all minor incidents to non-employees, more significant incidents as detailed below must also be reported to the School Business Manager using the accident form.

- Major injuries.
- Accidents where significant first aid treatment has been provided.
- Accidents which result in the injured person being taken from the scene of the accident directly to hospital.
- Accidents arising from premises / equipment defects.

All major incidents will be reported to the headteacher and the Governing Body. Parents / carers will be notified immediately of all major injuries.

Accidents will be monitored for trends and a report made to the Governing Body as necessary.

The Headteacher, or their nominee, will investigate accidents and take remedial steps to avoid similar instances recurring. Faulty equipment, systems of work etc. must be reported and attended to as soon as possible.

Reporting to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Incidents involving a fatality or major injury will be reported immediately to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on 0845 300 9923 and the Education Health and Safety team on 01992 556478.

Incidents resulting in the following outcomes must be reported to the HSE via their online reporting system <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/> within 15 days of the incident occurring.

- A student or other non-employee being taken directly to hospital for treatment and the accident arising as the result of the condition of the premises / equipment, due to the way equipment or substances were used or due to a lack of supervision / organisation etc.
- Employee absence or inability to carry out their normal duties as the result of a work related accident, for periods of 7 days or more (including W/E's and holidays).

Any incident notified to the HSE can also be reported to the LA's Health and Safety Team.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION & TRAINING

Consultation

The Finance & Resources Committee meets termly to discuss health, safety and welfare issues affecting staff, pupils or visitors. Action points from meetings are brought forward for review by school management.

Communication of Information

Detailed information is given in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#), which is available for reference via the Grid.

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed in the School Office.

The Education Health and Safety Team, Tel: 01992 556478 provide competent health and safety advice as required by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

Health and Safety Training

All employees will be provided with:

- induction training in the requirements of this policy;
- update training in response to any significant change;
- training in specific skills needed for certain activities, (e.g. use of hazardous substances, work at height etc.)
- refresher training where required.

Training records will be kept by the Training Co-ordinator who is responsible for co-ordinating health and safety training needs and for including details in the training and development plan. This includes a system for ensuring that refresher training is undertaken within the prescribed time limits.

The Headteacher will be responsible for assessing the effectiveness of training received.

Each member of staff is also responsible for drawing the Headteacher's / line manager's attention to their own personal needs for training and for not undertaking duties unless they are confident that they have the necessary competence.

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PERSONAL SAFETY / LONE WORKING

The school believes that staff should not be expected to put themselves in danger and will not tolerate violent / threatening behaviour to its staff.

Staff will report any such incidents to the headteacher. The school will work in partnership with the police where inappropriate behaviour/ individual conduct compromises the school's aims in providing an environment in which the pupils and staff feel safe.

Lone working

Staff are encouraged not to work alone in school. Work carried out unaccompanied or without immediate access to assistance should be risk assessed to determine if the activity is necessary.

Work involving potentially significant risks (for example work at height) must not be undertaken whilst working alone.

Staff working outside of normal school hours must obtain permission of the Headteacher and register with site staff.

Where lone working cannot be avoided staff should ensure they have means to summon help in an emergency e.g. access to a telephone or mobile phone etc.

School staff responding to call outs

Nominated key holders attending empty premises where there has been an alarm activation should do so with a colleague if possible. They should not enter the premises unless they are sure it is safe to do so.

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PREMISES AND WORK EQUIPMENT

All staff are required to report to the Site Team any problems found with plant/equipment. Defective equipment will be clearly marked and taken out of service by storing in a secure location pending repair / disposal.

Planned maintenance / inspection

Regular inspection and testing of school plant and equipment is conducted to legislative requirements by competent contractors. Records of such monitoring will be kept by the Site Manager.

Curriculum Areas

Heads of Department are responsible for ensuring maintenance requirements for equipment in their areas are identified and implemented.

Electrical Safety

All staff will conduct a visual inspection of plugs, cables and electrical equipment prior to use. Defective equipment will be reported to the Site Manager.

All portable items of electrical equipment will be subject to formal inspection and testing (Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)) on an identified cycle (dependant upon the type of equipment and the environment it is used in). All earthed equipment (class 1) and cables attached to such equipment will be tested annually. This inspection and testing will be organised by the Site Manager.

The Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that all equipment is available for testing.

Personal items of equipment (electrical or mechanical) should not be brought into the school without prior authorisation and must be subjected to the same tests as school equipment.

A fixed electrical installation test (fixed wire test) will be conducted on a 5 year cycle.

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FLAMMABLE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Every attempt will be made to avoid, or choose the least harmful of, substances which fall under the “**Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002**” (COSHH Regulations).

Within curriculum areas (in particular science and DT) Heads of Department are responsible for COSHH and ensuring that an up to date inventory and model risk assessments contained in the relevant national publications are in place. (CLEAPSS, Association for Science Education's "Topics in Safety" etc.) In all other areas the establishments nominated person(s) responsible for substances hazardous to health is the Site Manager.

They shall ensure:

- an inventory of all hazardous substances used on site is compiled and regularly reviewed.
- material safety data sheets are obtained from the relevant supplier for all such materials.
- If required, full COSHH risk assessments are conducted and communicated to staff exposed to the product/substance.
- all chemicals are appropriately and securely stored out of the reach of children.
- all chemicals are kept in their original packaging and labelled (no decanting into unmarked containers).
- suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) has been identified and available for use. PPE is to be provided free of charge where the need is identified as part of the risk assessment.

Where persons may be affected by their use on site, the Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that COSHH assessments are available from contractors (*this applies to both regular contracts such as cleaners and caterers and from builders, decorators, flooring specialists, etc*).

RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

The school follows CLEAPSS guidance L93 in 'Managing Ionising radiatons and Radioactive sources in schools'.

- HCC's Radiation Protection Officer is the Curriculum Advisor for Science
- CLEAPSS provide the Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA) service
- The member of staff with day to day responsibility for radioactive sources (the Radiation Protection Supervisor, RPS) is Karl Christodoulou, detailed responsibilities are provided in the Science Department. They are responsible for ensuring that the radioactive source history and use log are kept up to date and that a leak test is conducted and recorded annually.

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ASBESTOS

An asbestos survey and management plan is in place for the school. The school's most recent asbestos management survey was conducted in 2012.

The school's asbestos log (including school plans, asbestos survey data and site specific management plan) is held by the Site Manager.

The Site Manager will ensure that all school staff (including those such as catering and cleaning staff who may be employed by others) are made aware of the location of asbestos containing materials (ACM) within their work areas.

Under no circumstances must staff drill or affix anything to walls without first obtaining approval from an Asbestos Authorising Officer. (Even stapling / pushing a drawing pin into ACM may result in the release of fibres into the air.)

Any damage to materials known or suspected to contain asbestos should be reported to the Site Manager who will contact HCC's asbestos team asbestos@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

The school's asbestos authorising officers are Colin Hill and Marco Zorzin and refresher training is required 3 yearly.

Prior to **any** work commencing on the fabric of the building or fixed equipment (e.g. boilers, kilns etc.), either by contractors or school staff, one of the asbestos authorising officers **must** check the asbestos log and establish whether permission to work can be given.

The asbestos authorising officers shall ensure:

- That the asbestos log is consulted at the earliest possible opportunity and that **all** work affecting the fabric of the building or fixed equipment is entered in the permission to work log and signed by those undertaking the work.
- A visual inspection of asbestos containing materials remaining on site is conducted and recorded (legal requirement to do so annually as a minimum).
- The limitations of the management survey and areas of the building that have **not** been surveyed are understood and considered as part of the permission to work process e.g. areas above 3m in height, within ceiling voids (where panels / tiles are fixed), floor voids and ducts etc
- All records pertaining to asbestos are effectively maintained and retained (legal requirement to do so for a period of 40 years)
- The school's asbestos management plan is kept up to date and that any asbestos works (removal, new project specific surveys etc.) are notified to the LA via asbestos@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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LIFTING AND HANDLING

Generic risk assessments for regular manual handling operations are undertaken and staff provided with information on safe moving and handling techniques.

Staff should ensure they are not lifting heavy items and equipment unless they have received training and/or equipment in order to do so safely.

All manual handling activities which present a significant risk to the health and safety of staff, will be reported to the Headteacher and where such activities cannot be avoided a risk assessment will be conducted to ensure such risks are adequately controlled. A copy of this assessment will be provided to employees who must follow the instruction given when carrying out the task.

CONTRACTORS

All contractors used by the school shall ensure compliance with relevant health and safety legislation, guidance and good practice.

All contractors must report to reception where they will be asked to sign the visitors book and wear an identification badge. Contractors will be issued with guidance on emergency procedures, relevant risks, and local management arrangements by the Site Team.

The Site Manager is responsible for monitoring areas where the contractor's work may directly affect staff and pupils and checking whether expected controls are in place and working effectively.

School managed projects

Where the school undertakes projects direct the governing body are considered the 'client' and therefore have additional statutory obligations. Such projects are managed by the School Business Manager or Site Manager who will ensure that landlords consent has been obtained and, where applicable, all statutory approvals, such as planning permission and building regulations have been sought. This would include whether CDM² regulations will apply.

When considering the appointment of contractors, the Site Manager will undertake appropriate competency checks prior to engaging a contractor.

The school, contractor(s) and any subcontractor(s) involved will exchange relevant information regarding the work activities and agree the risk assessment and safe systems of work to be used prior to works commencing on site. Contractors will be asked to provide risk assessments and method statements specific to the site and works to be undertaken.

² CDM refers to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations and applies to any building, demolition, maintenance or refurbishment work. Such projects are notifiable to the HSE where the work exceeds 30 days or involves more than 500 person days of work.

In such instances it is recommended that an agent be used to work on the schools behalf.

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WORK AT HEIGHT

Working at height can present a significant risk, where such activities cannot be avoided a risk assessment will be conducted to ensure such risks are adequately controlled. A copy of this assessment will be provided to employees authorised to work at height.

When working at height (including accessing storage or putting up displays) appropriate stepladders or kick stools are to be used. Staff must not climb onto chairs etc.

Only those persons who have been trained to use ladders safely may use them. Basic instruction is provided to all staff who use ladders / stepladders
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg455.htm>

Formal training on work at height, use of ladders, mobile tower scaffolds etc. will be provided where a significant risk is identified as part of an individuals role e.g. site staff, drama, ICT technician etc.

The establishments nominated person(s) responsible for work at height is the Site Manager.

The nominated person(s) shall ensure:

- all work at height is properly planned and organised;
- the use of access equipment is restricted to authorised users;
- all those involved in work at height are trained and competent to do so;
- the risks from working at height are assessed and appropriate equipment selected;
- a register of access equipment is maintained and all equipment is regularly inspected and maintained;
- any risks from fragile surfaces is properly controlled.

DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT (DSE)

All staff who use computers daily, as a significant part of their normal work (significant is taken to be *continuous / near continuous spells of an hour or more at a time*) e.g. admin / office staff shall have a DSE assessment carried out.

Staff identified as DSE users are entitled to an eyesight test for DSE use every 2 years by a qualified optician (and corrective glasses if required specifically for DSE use).

VEHICLES ON SITE

Vehicular access to the school is restricted to school staff and visitors only and not for general use by parents / carers when bringing students to school or collecting them.

Access to the school must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

The vehicle access gate must not normally be used for pedestrian access.

Students do not need to enter the staff car park as there are pathways around the school.

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LETTINGS / SHARED USE OF PREMISES

Lettings are managed by the School Business Manager and all hirers are issued terms and conditions.

Emergency evacuations procedures are advised by the Lettings Officers.

MINIBUSES

The PA to SLT maintains a list of nominated drivers who have received training in order to drive a minibus and conducts an annual check of their driving licence.³

All minibus drivers should hold a valid HCC minibus permit (valid for 5 years) issued by the HCC Road Safety Unit.

A minibus operative is responsible for undertaking regular checks on the vehicles and the schools operation of minibuses follows [County Guidance](#).

STRESS / WELLBEING

The school and governing body are committed to promoting high levels of health and well-being and recognise the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors through risk assessment, in line with the HSE and HCC's management standards.

Many procedures are in place and reviewed regularly.

³ All drivers must be over 21 and hold a full Category B (car) licence, non-employees must have held this for at least two years. Employees must have category D1 entitlement, those who obtained their car licence after 1 January 1997 must additionally obtain Category D or D1 by passing a medical and the Passenger Carrying Vehicle (PCV) theory and practical driving tests. This also applies to all drivers with pre-1997 licences if they intend to drive a minibus abroad.

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LEGIONELLA

The school complies with advice on the potential risks from legionella as identified in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#).

A water risk assessment of the school has been completed and the Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that the identified operational controls are being conducted and recorded in the school's water log book.

This risk assessment will be reviewed where significant changes have occurred to the water system and/ or building footprint.

The risks from legionella are mitigated by basic operational controls and thus the following checks are recorded.

- Water is heated and stored to 60 deg C at calorifiers (any vessel that generates heat within a mass of stored water)
- Weekly flushing of seldom used outlets and all showers (with all outlets flushed after school holiday periods)
- Monthly temperature checks on sentinel outlets (those nearest and furthest away from calorifier(s))
- Quarterly disinfection / descaling of showers
- Stored cold water tanks are inspected for compliance and safety on an annual basis [insert contractors name]

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Where those students in education are involved in 'non-qualification' activities as part of their study programme e.g. work experience or other work related learning, enterprise activities, study visits etc. then the school retains a duty of care for all students undertaking such activities.

Our Work Experience Co-ordinator is responsible for managing and co-ordinating such activities.

This will include ensuring work experience are appropriate and thus necessitate some proportionate checks on their health and safety.

- All students are briefed before taking part in work experience on supervision arrangements and health and safety responsibilities.
- All placements (including private placements) should be subject to pre-placement checks by Youth Connexions who will assess the suitability of the placement and provide all relevant supporting documentation. No work experience placement will go ahead if deemed unsuitable.
- Where work placements form part of the vocational qualification offered by a FE college then the college is responsible for ensuring equivalent placement checks are conducted.
- Every student will receive a placement job description highlighting tasks to be undertaken and any necessary health and safety information which is passed onto the parent / carer.
- Arrangements will be in place to visit/monitor students during the placement.
- Emergency contact arrangements are in place (including out of school hours provision) in order that a member of school staff can be contacted should an incident occur.

Any incidents involving students on work placement activities will be reported to the placement organiser / Education H&S Team at the earliest possible opportunity.

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PREGNANT WORKERS AND NEW MOTHERS

Any risk assessment undertaken on pregnant workers should be completed with reference to the Pregnant Workers and Nursing Mothers

The definition of 'new or expectant mother' means a worker who is pregnant, who has given birth within the previous six months, or who is breastfeeding. 'Given birth' is defined in the regulations as 'delivered a living child or, after 24 weeks of pregnancy, a stillborn child'.

It is the responsibility of staff to inform their line manager as soon as they know they are (or are no longer) pregnant.

A risk assessment will be carried out to ensure that there are no risks to the expectant mother or baby from the employee's duties or environment. (It is important that the pregnant worker is involved in the risk assessment process to ensure all the relevant facts and issues are covered.)

The risk assessment will be reviewed on a regular basis, and this may have to be increased as the pregnancy progresses.

If the risk assessment identifies hazards that cannot be eliminated or reduced sufficiently the pregnant worker's duties will be adjusted appropriately to ensure they are. If that cannot be achieved locally, the pregnant worker may be re-deployed for the duration of the pregnancy to a safer environment. If this cannot be achieved the legislation requires the pregnant worker to be suspended from work on maternity grounds.

NB Ensure Human Resources are contacted for advice and guidance on this issue.

For further assistance and guidance Headteachers/Managers should contact the Health and Safety Team and/or the Occupational Health Unit.

NB A further risk assessment must be undertaken for nursing mothers when returning to work.

REFERENCED POLICIES

Supporting students with medical conditions (SS-POL-PER-036)

DOCUMENT CONTROL

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Edition	Issued	Changes from previous
1	June 20	New Policy
2	June 21	Layout changes.

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