



SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY

Statement of Intent & General Policy

The Governing Body recognises its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and will take all reasonably practicable steps to provide safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all employees, pupils and others affected by their activities, actions or omissions.

The Governors are committed to providing and maintaining a working and learning environment that is safe and without risk and this is established by the allocation of duties and particular arrangements detailed in parts 2 and 3 of this policy.

All those involved in providing and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment will be responsible for assisting in achieving the aims and objectives identified and will play a positive role in promoting a healthy and safe working environment.

In relation to health, safety and welfare, the Governors will act within the framework of action advised by Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council. The Health & Safety Policy of the Council will be acknowledged and observed.

Area of Responsibility	Name	Designation
Overall responsibility for H&S	Mr A Bridson	Head Teacher
Day to day responsibility for H&S	Ms C Young	H&S/Premises Manager
H&S Governors	Mr A Dickinson	Foundation Governor
	Mr J Kelleher	Foundation Governor
Fire Safety Manager	Ms C Young	H&S/Premises Manager
Fire Safety (Monitoring & Reporting)	Ms C Young	H&S/Premises Manager
Fire Safety (Testing and Checks)	Mr P Crossley	Caretaker
Senior Fire Marshals	Mrs T Hatton & Mrs A Williams	Deputy Head Teachers
Fire Marshals	Mrs C Flitcroft	Health & First Aid Officer
	Mr G Cahill	Subject Leader (CPA)
	Mrs J Pinder	Subject Leader (Science)
	Mrs V Doyle [J Hogg/N Johnson]	Subject Leader (DT)
COSHH(Learning Resources)	Mr J Day	Senior Science Technician
COSHH (Premises Related)	Ms C Young	H&S/Premises Manager
Safeguarding/Child Protection Lead	Mrs A Williams Mrs E Walker	Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral) AHT/Head of Sixth Form
First Aid Coordination	Mrs C Flitcroft	Health & First Aid Officer
School Visits	Mr A Gumbley & Mr S Hughes	Educational Visits Co-ordinators
School Safety Representatives	Ms C Young	H&S/Premises Manager
	Mrs J Butterworth	Office Manager
	Mr A Gumbley	Educational visits Coordinator
Minibus Co-ordinator	Ms C Young	H&S/Premises Manager
Staff Training & Development	Mr M Tamburro	Assistant Headteacher

PART 1: ORGANISATION

Objectives

The policy objectives set by the Governors are as follows:

Commitment to a planned approach to Health & Safety by ensuring that the framework set by the Safety Policy is implemented, monitored and reviewed.

Ongoing consultation involving all employees in the pursuit of the aims and objectives of the policy, achievement of health and safety standards and to ensure co-operation and competence of all those involved.

Structure of the Organisation

Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible as the employer for:

1. Recognising and accepting its responsibilities for the health, safety and welfare of its employees, pupils and visitors to premises and establishing appropriate committees in which to consult on health and safety matters.
2. Establishing a suitable organisation and effective arrangements for satisfying the Safety Policy.
3. Managing the allocation of sufficient funds in order to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the working environment is safe and without risk to health.
4. Ensuring that effective monitoring is carried out to evaluate the health and safety performance of the school by evaluation of relevant inspection reports. These will include reports from the school safety representatives and site inspection reports undertaken on a weekly basis by caretaking operatives.

Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for the following:

1. Ensuring the effective planning and implementation of the Safety Policy, incorporating appropriate organisational detail and local arrangements and so that all employees are familiar with the Policy and their delegated duties.
2. Ensuring the effective planning and implementation of the health and safety management system. This will include the development of sys-aid for Health and Safety reporting by school staff.
3. Establishing and maintaining safe working procedures and a working environment where suitable and sufficient risks to all employees, pupils and visitors to the premises are assessed, prevented or controlled.
4. Identifying the training needs of employees and arranging for suitable and sufficient training programmes to be provided.
5. Providing health and safety induction training for new employees and information and instruction on the organisation and arrangements as detailed in the Safety Policy.
6. Ensuring all contractors' undertakings are fully compliant with health and safety regulations and take full account of health and safety issues affecting employees, pupils and any other users of the establishment.
7. Arranging and being involved in premise inspections of the school at least once per year and ensuring findings are reported to governing body committee.
8. Being prepared and having arrangements in place to act safely and effectively in the event of any emergency affecting the health, safety and welfare of employees, pupils and the school environment.

9. Having arrangements for accident/incident investigation and reporting procedures that are in accordance with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) and Rochdale Council's reporting procedures.
10. Noting and acting upon, as appropriate, health and safety instruction and advice provided by the Health and Safety Executive, Department for Education and Local Authority.

Health & Safety / Premises Manager

The Health & Safety / Premises Manager will be responsible for:

1. Ensuring that the school and its grounds are maintained as an attractive, clean and safe environment for all its users.
2. Ensuring the security of school buildings and site.
3. Acting as designated key holder, providing out of hours and emergency access to the school site.
4. Arranging for general maintenance within specialist areas, such as heating, lighting and plumbing, to ensure safe and effective operation.
5. Regular health and safety checks of the buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings, (including compliance with fire safety regulations) and equipment.
6. Regular maintenance checks and follow-up actions.
7. Providing advice on the annual long-term maintenance requirements to support a cost-effective maintenance programme.
8. On-site contractors, ensuring work is completed to the required standard.
9. Purchasing premises-related equipment and supplies within the agreed budget.
10. Regular checking and operation of systems such as heating, cooling, lighting and security (including CCTV and alarms).
11. Arranging tenders and quotes and managing the appointment of external contractors.
12. Supervision of other premises staff.
13. Undertaking risk assessments, ensuring compliance across the school with all health and safety requirements including fire and COSHH requirements.
14. Liaising with other school staff / departments on premises issues.
15. Undertaking emergency/accident cleaning.
16. Ensuring that all site maintenance equipment is maintained in a safe, clean working order.
17. The safe operation of the school minibus, including making sure it is kept full of fuel and clean and arranging for it to be MOT'd and serviced annually.
18. Preparing and collating all documentation required for health and safety inspections.

Subject Leaders

Subject leaders will be responsible for:

1. Taking reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of all persons whilst under their Department's control, in accordance with the objectives of the Safety Policy
2. Establishing and maintaining safe working procedures and a working environment where suitable and sufficient risks to employees, pupils and any other persons within their department are assessed, prevented or controlled.
3. The inclusion of health, safety and welfare issues at Departmental meetings which may be recorded and forwarded to the Headteacher and governing body committee.
4. Including safety and risk management in lesson plans to consider the safety of employees and pupils.
5. Ensuring all equipment, machinery and apparatus within their Department is in suitable condition, can be used safely and is maintained.

6. Reporting of defects, damage to equipment or safety hazards to the relevant person(s).
7. Reporting all accidents and incidents to the relevant person(s).

School Employees

All school employees will be responsible for the following:

1. Carrying out their duties in accordance with the Safety Policy
2. Taking reasonable care of themselves and other persons whilst at work.
3. Co-operating with the Head Teacher and others in school to comply with legislation.
4. Engaging in consultation and development of health and safety procedures to promote positive employee involvement.
5. Following instruction and information on safe working procedures and using plant, substances and equipment safely.
6. Attending health and safety training courses provided.
7. Reporting defects or damage to equipment and safety hazards to the relevant person(s).
8. Reporting all accidents and incidents to the relevant person(s).

Safety Representatives

In accordance with the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977:

Investigate potential hazards and dangerous occurrences at the workplace and complaints by an employee relating to Health and Safety and Welfare at work and examine causes of workplace accidents.

School based safety representatives have the same health and safety responsibilities as any employee (with no extra legal liability). In addition to their duties as employees, they have the following responsibilities:

1. To carry out regular inspections of premises and school activities.
2. To provide guidance on health and safety issues and to consult with advisers to obtain information.
3. To investigate potential hazards, employee complaints, accidents and dangerous occurrences.
4. To make representation to employers and external organisations on health and safety matters arising.
5. To assist in assessment of risks and subsequent preventive or control measures.
6. To assist in the provision of information, instruction and training for employees.

Non-employees working on school premises

Any person(s) not directly employed by the school but whose place of work is the school premises are responsible for the following:

1. Taking reasonable care of themselves and other persons whilst at work.
2. Co-operating with the Headteacher and following instruction and information provided with regard to school practice and safe working procedures when using plant, substances and equipment.
3. Reporting defects or damage to equipment and safety hazards to the relevant person(s).
4. Reporting all accidents and incidents to the relevant person(s).
5. Ensuring compliance with health, safety and risk management is considered when organising and supervising activities and events undertaken on the premises.

PART 2: GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Assessing Risks

Assessment of risks associated with all school activities and the premises will be carried out by the Headteacher and Governing Body, Subject Leaders and supported by co-operation from all employees. Records of risk assessments will be completed and made available. A copy of all risk assessments will be held on a central file by the Health & Safety/Premises Manager.

Work Related Stress

Arrangements for the management of work related stress have been produced and implemented by the Headteacher and Governing Body. Refer to Stress Management Policy (in the staff shared area [T-Drive]).

Violence and Aggression

Arrangements by the Headteacher and Governing Body to manage risks to employees arising from incidents of abusive, threatening or violent behaviour have been produced and implemented. Refer to Violence and Aggression Policy (in the staff shared area [T-Drive]).

First Aid

Provision has been made for designated first aiders who will be supplied with suitable resources.

First Aid qualified persons are:

First Aid at Work	Emergency First Aid	Paediatric First Aid
Claire Flitcroft	Lesley Bradbury	Emma Walker
Angela Roebuck	Steve Hughes	Matthew Wright
Jacqui Butterworth	Tracy Hatton	Carrina Keefe
Glen Cahill		Dominique McDonald
Andrew Greaves		Ross Kearns
Peter Collins		Joanne Gaskell
Sarah Lord		Jennie Pinder
Leah Gillespie		Christine Hardman
Duncan Gillespie		Laura Thompson
		Charlie Abbott
		Sara Carris

Further Information can be found in the staff shared area (T-Drive)

Fire Precautions

Arrangements for the provision of effective fire precautions covering fire evacuation procedures, fire alarm system, fire alarm point and emergency lighting tests, fire extinguishers, means of escape and arson prevention are in place. Refer to Fire Precautions Log Book – held by the H&S/Premises Manager.

Crisis Management

Planning and preparation in order to manage emergencies affecting the school has been undertaken by the Headteacher and Governing Body. A policy document has been produced and implemented. Refer to Emergency Plan - held by the Headteacher.

Workplace Safety, Maintenance and Building Works

A defect reporting procedure has been implemented whereby defects are reported to the H&S and Premises Manager.

An Asbestos Survey is available on site. Asbestos present is managed by the Headteacher and Governing Body. The management of the Risk Register and arrangements to inform all contractors will be supervised by the H&S/Premises Manager.

Arrangements for inspection, service and maintenance of plant and equipment at appropriate intervals have been implemented covering water tanks, fire alarm systems, heating, portable electrical appliances, PE / play equipment, workshop machinery, kilns, fume cupboards etc. Records of inspection, service and maintenance for the above are available from the H&S/Premises Manager.

All building works are planned appropriately and contractors are checked for professional competence and license. The Local Authority will be notified of building works. Refer to Asset Management Pack (detail location).

The person(s) responsible for arranging and monitoring building works is the H&S/Premises Manager.

Hazardous Substances

Procedures for the storage, handling, use and control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) used in school are detailed in COSHH assessments and manufacturers/suppliers data sheets. COSHH assessments are available and produced by the suppliers and held by the H&S/Premises Manager where premises-related and by the Senior Science Technician where curriculum-related.

Display Screen Equipment

Assessments of workstations used by employees who are designated users of display screen equipment as identified by Rochdale Council's Display Screen Equipment Code of Practice will be carried out by trained assessors in line with the Display Screen Equipment Regulations. The assessor in school is the Network Manager.

Security

Assessments of security provision for the site, premises and roof access will be reviewed at regular intervals and measures to improve security will be considered by the Headteacher and Governing Body.

Events / Lettings / Extended School Activities

To ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for the effective organisation of events, lettings and extended school activities, policies and procedures been produced and implemented. Refer to Lettings Policy, Events Guidance and Extended School Activities Policy.

Curriculum - Safety and Risk Education - School Visits and Off-Site Activities

All off-site activities are arranged in accordance with the LA Policy and Guidance for School Visits and Off-Site Activities. Educational Visits Co-ordinators have been appointed and a school policy has been implemented. Refer to School Visits Policy

Safeguarding/Child Protection

To ensure recommended safeguarding/Child Protection procedures are followed, a policy has been produced and implemented and a member of staff has been designated with responsibility for Safeguarding/Child Protection. Refer to Safeguarding Policy. Disclosure & Barring Service checks are carried out for all staff. Procedures for safeguarding children are implemented.

Work Experience

All work experience placements, extended placements and pre-apprenticeship programmes are arranged in accordance with the DfE document: *Post-16 work experience as a part of 16 to 19 study programmes and traineeships - Departmental advice for post-16 education and training providers*. The person responsible for the co-ordination of work experience is the Life Skills Coordinator.

PART 3.1: MONITORING

Termly Tours

Premises inspections will be carried out at least once per term by the Headteacher and H&S/Premises Manager and link governors. The Headteacher, H & S/Premises Manager and Safety Representatives will undertake a premises inspection annually. Findings will be reported to the Governing Body Committee each term.

Evaluation of Inspection Reports from Employee Safety Representatives

Inspections of premises and school activities may be carried out by Safety Representatives at intervals. Reports will be forwarded to the Governing Body Committee.

Evaluation of Inspection Reports from LA School Safety Team

Inspections of the school's health and safety management system and premises will be carried out by the LA School Safety Team. The Report will be considered by the Headteacher and Governing Body Committee. A plan of action will be implemented to address any recommendations.

Evaluation of Insurance Assessments

Assessments of the school's premises and risk management systems made by insurers will be considered by the Headteacher and Governing Body Committee.

Objectives set by the Governing Body

To provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to the learning and working conditions encompassing equipment and systems of work for all employees, pupils and others by their activities, actions and/or omissions.

Accident / Incident and ill-Health Reporting

Accident, incident and ill-health reporting procedures will be followed in accordance with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) and Rochdale Council's reporting procedures.

Accident Investigations

Investigations will be carried out, where required, by the Headteacher following accidents and dangerous occurrences.

Analysis of Accident Statistics

A review of accident, incident and ill-health reports will be undertaken at intervals to identify patterns or trends and to consider remedial action.

Analysis of Sickness Absence Statistics

A review of sickness absence records will be carried out to identify patterns or trends and to consider remedial action.

Evaluation of Training

A review of training needs will be undertaken by the Headteacher and Governing Body Committee and a programme to meet the needs of employees will be established by the Headteacher.

Fire and Emergency Drills

Fire evacuations will be practiced once per term and findings recorded for review purposes. Drills in case of emergencies other than fire will also be practised.

PART 3:2: REVIEW

Review of the policy will be undertaken annually or following changes in legislation, regulations and following changes to the management structure of the school.

Review of the policy will provide the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the school's health and safety management system and will encourage improvements in health and safety performance.

This review will be undertaken by the Headteacher, Health & Safety/Premises Manager and the Governing Body.

Policy Approval:

Signature of Headteacher

Date

Signature of Chair/Vice-Chair of Resources Committee

Date