

Health and Safety Policy

KINGSWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL and KEY Nursery



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STATEMENT OF INTENT

1. This policy statement is the local supplement to Gloucestershire County Council Corporate Health and Safety Policy Statement.
2. The school's Governing Body and Senior Management Team recognise and accept their responsibilities both under law and also under Gloucestershire County Council delegation for local management of schools. As responsible employers and/or persons in control of premises, the requirement to provide a safe and healthy working environment for all employees and others affected by its activities is acknowledged.
3. The school is committed to ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken, control measures implemented, and systems are continuously monitored and reviewed, and systems are continuously monitored and reviewed led by the school's Governing Body and Headteacher.
4. In compliance with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, this school's Governing Body will ensure so far as is reasonably practicable that:

- 4.01 there is a safe and healthy working and learning environment and ensuring that the premises are maintained in a safe condition;
 - 4.02 safe access to and egress from the premises is maintained;
 - 4.03 safe working methods and safe equipment are provided;
 - 4.04 accidents and work-related ill health are prevented;
 - 4.05 risks from curriculum and non-curriculum work activities including offsite visits are access and documented;
 - 4.06 statutory requirements as a minimum are complied with;
 - 4.07 effective information, instruction and training are provided;
 - 4.08 systems are reviewed and monitored to ensure they are effective;
 - 4.09 a positive health and safety culture is developed and maintained through communication and consultation with employees and their representatives on health and safety matters;
 - 4.10 targets and objectives are set to develop a culture of continuous improvement;
 - 4.11 a healthy working environment is maintained including adequate welfare facilities;
 - 4.12 adequate resources are made available for health and safety issues, so far as is reasonably practicable;
 - 4.13 substances at work are safely used, handled and stored at work.
5. In addition to the above commitment, the Governing Body and Head Teacher also recognises its obligations to non-employees. Where it is reasonably foreseeable that trainees, members of the public (this includes pupils), contractors, etc., are or may be affected by the school activities, the Governing Body will make the necessary information, instruction, training and supervision available to ensure the safety of those affected. As an education provider, which must set standards by example for its pupils, this commitment is seen as especially important.
 6. The Governing Body and Headteacher will ensure adequate resources, including finance to implement the Policy.
 7. The Governing Body is committed to this policy and all staff are required to comply as a condition of employment. They are encouraged to support the Governing Body's commitment to continuous improvement in our health and safety performance. For the policy to be effectively implemented the school must have the full co-operation of employees and others who use the premises. Employees are reminded of their own duties:
 - 7.1. to take care of their own safety and that of others and;
 - 7.2. to co-operate with the Governing Body and Senior Management Team so that they may carry out their own responsibilities successfully and;
 - 7.3. not to bring their own children or relations onto site unless with the express permission of the Headteacher
 8. All relevant Regulations, Codes of Practice will be complied with as necessary.

9. Consultation with employee representatives will be held as and when appropriate on all matters affecting the health and/or safety of employees concerned.
10. A copy of this statement has been provided to every member of staff. Copies are also posted on staff notice boards. This policy statement and the accompanying organisation and arrangements will be reviewed at least annually and revised as and when necessary.
11. This policy statement, together with the organisational structure and the following arrangements and procedures, has been approved by the school's Governing Body.

PART TWO

ORGANISATION

INTRODUCTION

In order to achieve compliance with the Governing Body's Statement of Intent, the school's normal management structure will have additional responsibilities assigned to them as detailed in this part of the Policy

1.0 The Duties of The Governing Body

- 1.1 In the discharge of its duty, the Governing Body, in consultation with the Headteacher, will:
 - 1.1.1 Make itself familiar with the Local Authority's corporate Safety Policy and the advice and guidance provided by the LA;
 - 1.1.2 Ensure that there is an effective and enforceable policy for the provision of health and safety throughout the school;
 - 1.1.3 Periodically assess the effectiveness of this policy and ensure that any necessary revisions are made;
 - 1.1.4 Identify and evaluate all risks relating to;
 - the premises
 - school activities
 - educational visits
 - school-sponsored events
 - 1.1.5 Identify and evaluate risk control measures in order to select the most appropriate means of minimising risk to staff, pupils and others;
 - 1.1.6 Create and monitor the management structure to enable the implementation of health and safety.
- 1.2 In particular the Governing Body undertakes to provide:

- 1.2.1 a safe place for staff and pupils to work including safe means of entry and exits;
 - 1.2.2 plant equipment and systems of work which are safe;
 - 1.2.3 safe arrangements for the handling, storage and transport of articles and substances;
 - 1.2.4 safe and healthy working conditions which take into account all appropriate
 - statutory requirements
 - codes of practice
 - guidance
 - 1.2.5 supervision, training and instruction so that all governors, staff and pupils can perform their school-related activities in a healthy and safe manner. All staff will be given health and safety training which is appropriate to their duties and responsibilities. Wherever training is required by statute or considered necessary for the safety of staff, pupils and others, the Governing Body will ensure, that such training is provided. Pupils will receive information and as considered appropriate to the school-related activities which they are carrying out. All training will be regularly updated;
 - 1.2.6 the required safety and protective equipment and clothing together with information on its use;
 - 1.2.7 adequate welfare facilities;
- 1.3 So far as is reasonably practicable, the Governing Body, through the Headteacher, will make arrangements for all staff, including temporary and voluntary staff and helpers and those on fixed term contracts, to receive comprehensive information on:
- 1.3.1 this policy;
 - 1.3.2 all other relevant health and safety matters;
 - 1.3.3 the instruction and training that will be given to all employees so that they may carry out their duties in a safe manner without placing themselves or others at risk.

2.0 The Duties of the Headteacher

- 2.2.1 ensuring safe working conditions of the school premises and facilities;
- 2.2.2 ensuring, at all times, the health, safety and welfare of staff, pupils and others using the school premises or facilities or services or attending or taking part in school-sponsored activities
- 2.2.3 ensure safe working practices and procedures throughout the school so that all risks are controlled;
- 2.2.4 arrange systems of risk assessment to allow the prompt identification of potential hazards, and where appropriate ensure that the Governing Body and the LA are made aware of the findings;
- 2.2.5 identify the training needs of staff and pupils and ensure, that all members of staff and pupils who have identified training needs receive adequate and appropriate training and instruction in health and safety matters;
- 2.2.6 ensure that any defects in the premises, its plant, equipment or facilities which relate to or may affect the health and safety of staff, pupils and others are made safe in a timescale commensurate with the risk;

- 2.2.7 collate accident and incident information and, when necessary, carry out accident, incident and near misses' investigations and implement any remedial action to prevent reoccurrence;
- 2.2.8 monitor the standards of health and safety throughout the school, including all school-based activities;
- 2.2.9 monitor the management structure, in consultation with the governors; consult with members of staff, including Safety Representatives, on health and safety issues; and
- 2.2.10 encourage staff and others to promote health and safety.

3.0 The Duties of Supervisory Staff (This includes Deputy Headteachers, Curriculum Leads, Heads of Year, Site Managers.)

- 3.1 In addition to the general duties which all members of staff have, supervisory staff will be directly responsible to the Headteacher or the member of staff nominated by the Headteacher, to have overall day-to-day responsibility for the implementation and operation of the school's health and safety policy within their relevant departments and areas of responsibility. (At Kingsway Primary School, the School Site Manager and School Business Manager have enhanced responsibility for H&S above other staff. See section 6)
- 3.2 As part of their day-to-day responsibilities they will ensure that:
 - 3.2.1 safe methods of working exist and are implemented throughout their area of responsibility;
 - 3.2.2 health and safety regulations, rules, procedures and codes of practice are being applied effectively;
 - 3.2.3 staff, pupils and others under their jurisdiction are instructed in safe working practices;
 - 3.2.4 new employees working within there are given instructions in safe working practices; risk assessments are conducted in their area of responsibility as required by the Headteacher or as necessary;
 - 3.2.5 regular safety inspections are made of their area of responsibility as required by the Headteacher or as necessary;
 - 3.2.6 positive, corrective action is taken where necessary to ensure the health and safety of all staff, pupils and others;
 - 3.2.7 all plant, machinery and equipment in the department in which they work is adequately guarded, in safe working order and restricted to authorised persons only;
 - 3.2.8 appropriate protective clothing and equipment, first aid and fire appliances are provided and readily available in the department in which they work;
 - 3.2.9 hazardous and highly flammable substances in the department in which they work are correctly stored and labelled, and exposure is minimised;
 - 3.2.10 they monitor the standard of health and safety throughout the department in which they work and encourage staff, pupils and others to achieve the highest practicable standards of health and safety;
 - 3.2.11 all health and safety information is communicated to the relevant persons and
 - 3.2.12 they report any health and safety concerns to the Headteacher.

4.0 Duties of Class Teachers

4.1 Class teachers are expected to:

- 4.1.1 exercise effective supervision of their pupils and to know the procedures in respect of fire, first aid and other emergencies, and to carry them out;
- 4.1.2 follow the particular health and safety measures to be adopted in their own teaching areas as laid down in the relevant Codes of Practice e.g. CLEAPS, if issued, and to ensure that they are applied;
- 4.1.3 give clear oral and written instructions and warnings to pupils where necessary;
- 4.1.4 follow safe working procedures personally;
- 4.1.5 require the use of protective clothing and guards where necessary;
- 4.1.6 make recommendations to their Headteacher and Site Manager regarding health and safety equipment and on additions or necessary improvements to plant, tools, equipment or machinery;
- 4.1.7 integrate all relevant aspects of safety into the teaching process and, where necessary, give special lessons on health and safety in line with National Curriculum requirements for safety education;
- 4.1.8 avoid introducing personal items of equipment (electrical or mechanical) into the school without prior authorisation
- 4.1.9 report all accidents, defects and dangerous occurrences to their Site Manager;

5.0 Duties of All Employees [including temporary and volunteers]

5.1 Apart from any specific responsibilities which may have been delegated to them, all employees must:

- 5.1.1 act in the course of their employment with due care for the health, safety and welfare of themselves, other employees and other persons;
- 5.1.2 observe all instructions on health and safety issued by the LA, School or any other person delegated to be responsible for a relevant aspect of health and safety;
- 5.1.3 act in accordance with any specific H&S training received;
- 5.1.4 report all accidents in accordance with current procedure;
- 5.1.5 co-operate with other persons to enable them to carry out their health and safety responsibilities;
- 5.1.6 inform their Line Manager of all potential hazards to health and safety, in particular those which are of a serious or imminent danger;
- 5.1.7 inform their Line Manager of any shortcomings they consider being in the School's health and safety arrangements;
- 5.1.8 exercise good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness;
- 5.1.9 know and apply the procedures in respect of fire, first aid and other emergencies;
- 5.1.10 co-operate with the appointed Trade Union Health and Safety Representative and the Enforcement Officers of the Health and Safety Executive;

- 5.2 All employees who authorise work to be undertaken or authorise the purchase of equipment will ensure that the health and safety implications of such work or purchase are considered;
- 5.3 Employees delegated responsibilities for specific aspects of health, safety and welfare must satisfy themselves that those responsibilities as appropriate are re-assigned in their absence. The employee's immediate line manager must approve such re-assignments.

6.0 School Health and Safety Co-Ordinator

- 6.1 The School Health and Safety Co-ordinator (Site Manager) has the following responsibilities:
 - 6.1.1 to co-ordinate and manage the annual risk assessment for the school site;
 - 6.1.2 to co-ordinate the annual general workplace monitoring inspections and performance monitoring process;
 - 6.1.3 to make provision for the inspection and maintenance of work equipment throughout the school;
 - 6.1.4 to manage the keeping of records of all health and safety activities;
 - 6.1.5 to advise the Headteacher of situations or activities which are potentially hazardous to the health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors;
 - 6.1.6 to ensure that staff are adequately instructed in safety and welfare matters in connection with their specific workplace and the school generally;
 - 6.1.7 carrying out any other functions devolved by the Headteacher or Governing Body;
 - 6.1.8 To induct all new staff in all matter's health and safety.

7.0 School Health and Safety Representatives

- 7.1 The Governing Body and Headteacher recognise the role of Safety Representatives. Safety Representatives will be allowed to investigate accidents and potential hazards, pursue employee complaints and carry out school inspections within directed time but, wherever practicable, outside teaching time. (Refer to Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977).

8.0 Pupils

- 8.1 Pupils, in accordance with their age and aptitude, are expected to:
 - 8.1.1 exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others;
 - 8.1.2 observe standards of dress consistent with safety and/or hygiene;
 - 8.1.3 observe all the health and safety rules of the school and in particular the instructions of staff given in an emergency;
 - 8.1.4 use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with facilities or equipment provided for their health and safety.

9.0 Visitors, Members of the Public and Volunteers

- 9.1 Visitors and members of the public are requested to co-operate with the health and safety arrangements put in place by the school to protect them when using the school premises or land.

- 9.2 Where volunteers are employed to undertake work on behalf of the School they will for all intents and purposes be regarded as employees (see 5 above). Line managers will therefore have responsibilities for undertaking, in particular, thorough risk assessment and implementation of control measures, together with ensuring that volunteers have received adequate information, instruction, training and supervision for the tasks they will be undertaking.
- 9.3 From time to time, volunteers will assist the teachers in making their classrooms within the school ready for pupils. This is valuable and time saving support. All such persons must be fully inducted by the Headteacher on matters relating to health and safety and must remain under the direct supervision of the teacher.

PART THREE

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Health, Safety and Welfare

The following procedures and arrangements have been established within our school to minimise health and safety risks to an acceptable level

1.0 Accident Reporting, Recording and Investigation

- 1.1 the school will report and investigate of accidents, incidents and near misses seriously and the school will adhere to the GCC She Procedure SHE/G025 accident reporting and investigation
- 1.2 in line with the she procedure, all staff will be encouraged to report accidents, incidents and near misses to the Site manager who will investigate such incidents and identify and implement means to prevent a recurrence.
- 1.3 all completed accident/incident/near miss forms will be reported electronically using SHE Assure.

2.0 Asbestos

- 2.1 This site contains no asbestos and therefore has no need for a management plan.

3.0 Contractors (responsibility of Site Manager)

- 3.1 The school follows the guidance issued by Corporate Building Services as outlined in the property log book for the selection, appointment and monitoring anyone undertaking works. These include:
 - 3.1.1 checking the competence of contractors and visiting workers (competence can be judged from past experience, recommendation, pre-selection evaluation e.g. CHAS or a combination taking into consideration nature and scale of the works required).
 - 3.1.2 examining risk assessments as appropriate to check that contractors and others have correctly interpreted any site-specific conditions, etc
 - 3.1.3 having clearly identified personnel who are points of contact for contractors and visiting workers
 - 3.1.4 having all significant and unusual hazards and risks on site clearly identified.
 - 3.1.5 exchanging information on hazards and risks
- 3.2 Arrangements for monitoring and controlling works in progress. Key areas to focus attention are:
 - 3.2.1 segregation of traffic and pedestrians
 - 3.2.2 segregation of contractors and occupants of the school (where possible)
 - 3.2.3 safe systems of work to ensure that works undertaken within occupied areas of the premises are adequately controlled

- 3.2.4 implications on fire precautions due to possible increased risk and interference with fire alarm
 - 3.2.5 system and routes of evacuation
- 3.3 Communication. The school recognizes that it is crucial that issues relating to premises works are communicated effectively. This includes:
- 3.3.1 providing visitors with copies of appropriate hazard registers such as the asbestos register
 - 3.3.2 telling visitors about hazards on site
 - 3.3.3 asking visitors about the hazards and risks which they are bringing on site (e.g. creating noise, dust, fumes)
 - 3.3.4 asking visitors about any possible interference with normal working practices (e.g. re-routing of emergency escape routes)
 - 3.3.5 controlling access so that contractors know who may also be working on site
 - 3.3.6 sign-off/safe completion certificates
 - 3.3.7 ensuring completion of the Premises Log Book by contractors and visiting persons
- 4.0 Curriculum Safety** (including extended schools activity/study support)
- 4.1 The school recognise that programmes of study require that children should be taught how to identify and reduce risks in the way that they work. a balance must be achieved between independent learning and the necessary supervision to ensure safety.
- 4.2 Teachers will ensure that they are familiar with all risks which might arise from the tools, equipment, materials and processes they plan for children to use. All guidance material will be reviewed where available CLEAPS, AfPE (formally BAALPE) DATA and county procedures and guidance.
- 4.3 All non-teaching assistants must be appraised of the safety procedures and practices relating to any of the activities that they support.
- 4.4 Schemes of work will be reviewed to assess the risk in all activities in order to determine:
- 4.4.1 where close supervision is required
 - 4.4.2 suitable group size
 - 4.4.3 suitability for whole class participation
 - 4.4.4 where particular skills need to be taught
 - 4.4.5 personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - 4.4.6 levels of hygiene required
- 5.0 Drugs & Medications**
- 5.1 Parents have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide schools and settings with information about their child's medical condition. Parents, and the child if appropriate, should obtain details from their child's General Practitioner (GP) or paediatrician, if needed. The school nurse and specialist voluntary bodies will be approached to provide additional background information for staff.

- 5.2 There is no legal duty requiring school or setting staff to administer medicines. However, the school recognizes that children with medical needs have the same rights of admission to a school or setting as other children.
- 5.3 The school follows the 'Education of Children with Medical Needs' policy and takes account of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice as well as the Equalities Policy.

6.0 Electrical Equipment [fixed and portable]

- 6.1 Portable electrical equipment will be inspected in accordance with the IET guidance. Portable Appliance Testing frequently on a risk assessed basis by an authorised person (Site Manager) Staff should not use their own electrical equipment unless it has been inspected by Site manager
- 6.2 Fixed electrical checks will be carried out in accordance with the IET guidance for Fixed Wiring Periodic Test and Inspection

7.0 Fire Precautions & Procedures

- 7.1 The guidance Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Educational Premises issued by The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has been adopted.
- 7.2 The named competent persons [Headteacher, School Business Manager and Site Manager] are responsible for the implementing the fire Management Plan by: -
 - 7.2.1 detailing of any significant findings from the fire risk assessment and any action taken
 - 7.2.2 testing and checking of escape routes, including final exit locking mechanisms, such as panic devices, emergency exit devices and any electromagnetic devices;
 - 7.2.3 testing of fire-warning systems, including weekly alarm tests and periodic maintenance by a competent person;
 - 7.2.4 recording of false alarms;
 - 7.2.5 testing and maintenance of emergency lighting systems;
 - 7.2.6 testing and maintenance of fire extinguishers, hose reels and fire blankets etc.;
 - 7.2.7 testing and maintenance of other fire safety equipment such as fire-suppression and smoke control systems;
 - 7.2.8 recording and training of relevant people and fire evacuation drills;
 - 7.2.9 planning, organising, policy and implementation, monitoring, audit and review;
 - 7.2.10 maintenance and audit of any systems that are provided to help the fire and rescue service;
 - 7.2.11 the arrangements in a large multi-occupied building for a co-ordinated emergency plan or overall control of the actions you or your staff should take if there is a fire;
 - 7.2.12 all alterations, tests, repairs and maintenance of fire safety systems, including passive systems such as fire doors.

8.0 First Aid

- 8.1 The school will follow the statutory requirements for first aid and provide suitably trained first aid staff
- 8.2 The guidance issued by the DfE on first aid for schools has been adopted by the school
- 8.3 The school has developed a robust first aid policy which is reviewed frequently.

9.0 Glass and Glazing

- 9.1 All glass in doors and side panels are to be safety glass. All replacement glass is to be of safety standard and there is to be continual assessment of the premises where there are areas of glass below the standard and consequently covered in plastic film.

10.0 Hazardous Substances

- 10.1 GCC SHE Procedure SHE/G032 Control of Hazardous Substances (COSHH) has been adopted in respect of managing hazardous substances. Where hazardous substances are used Site Manager will keep a Safety data sheet registered and undertake a Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) risk assessment and adopt a hierarchy of control measures seeking to eliminate or substitute risk first and foremost.

11.0 Health and Safety Advice

- 11.1 Health and safety advice is obtained from Gloucestershire County Council SHE Unit 01452 425350 she@gloucestershire.gov.uk

12.0 Handling & Lifting

- 12.1 Any activities that involve significant manual handling tasks shall be risk assessed and where appropriate training provided for staff.
- 12.2 Staff will assess the appropriate approach to handling task and may seek professional advice from the SHE Unit and Occupational Health as necessary.

13.0 Lettings/shared use of premises

- 13.1 The school ensures that the hirer/tenant has public liability insurance in place in order to indemnify the school from all such hirers'/tenants' claims arising from negligence. If any part of the school is let, the Headteacher is satisfied via the agreement that the hiring organisation will use the premises in a safe manner. A signed, written letting agreement is completed and copies are kept, and a risk assessment has been undertaken.
- 13.2 The governing body/ Site manager will ensure that the hirer/tenant has public liability insurance in place in order to indemnify the school from all such hirer's/tenant's claims arising from negligence.

14.0 Lone Working

- 14.1 Lone working is risk assessed and that appropriate control measures are put in place to mitigate those risks. Solutions might include the provision of mobile phones, radios, in-out boards and other means of monitoring staff whereabouts.
- 14.2 Staffs themselves have a responsibility to ensure their own health and safety and assist in the operation of any systems designed to provide for their safety.

15.0 Maintenance / Inspection of Equipment

- 15.1 The school inspects and maintains its equipment (such as Automatic doors, gates and Building's systems on a regular basis; however the frequency of these inspections is much dependant on the use and type of equipment. Guidance issued by Asset Management & Property Services (AMPS) on servicing, testing and inspection is followed and records are kept.

16.0 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- 16.1 Risk assessment and COSHH assessments will be used to determine the need for PPE.
- 16.2 Where it is assessed that PPE is required it shall be appropriately selected and provided.
- 16.3 A record of PPE issue will be made which will include details of any expiry dates so that equipment can be replaced as and when is necessary.
- 16.4 Staff are responsible for ensuring that they use PPE where it is provided.

17.0 Risk Assessments

- 17.1 The SHE Primary School Risk Assessment Toolkit used as guidance to the risk assessment process.
- 17.2 Risk assessment is the responsibility of the school's management at a variety of levels. Those responsible for premises or curriculum areas must ensure that risk assessments are undertaken **and recorded** for significant activities. These will be stored on the School's network T drive under Health & Safety.
- 17.3 Risks should be assessed in a manner that ranks them by severity/probability for prioritisation and control measures identified and put in place that are proportional to the level of risk. The outcome of the risk assessments should be recorded and communicated to those affected and maintained on records of the establishment or service area. Risk assessments should be reviewed periodically or where there is a change in circumstances.

18.0 School Trips/ Off-Site Activities

- 18.1 The school complies with DfE and LA guidance on educational visits and school journeys.
- 18.2 The named competent person nominated as Educational Visits Coordinator is responsible for:
 - 18.2.1 supporting the head and governors with approval and other decisions;
 - 18.2.2 assessing the competence of leaders and other adults proposed for a visit. This will commonly be done with reference to accreditations from an awarding body. It may include practical observation or verification of experience;
 - 18.2.3 organising the training of leaders and other adults going on a visit. this will commonly involve training such as first aid, hazard awareness etc;
 - 18.2.4 organising thorough induction of leaders and other adults taking pupils on a specific visit;
 - 18.2.5 organising the emergency arrangements and ensure there is an emergency contact for each visit;
 - 18.2.6 reviewing systems and, on occasion, monitoring practice.

19.0 School Transport

- 19.1 Where staff are required to drive as part of their job, Risk assessments will be carried out. Detail of any significant findings from the risk assessment and any action taken will be recorded.
- 19.2 Where staff transport children, they should first provide evidence of competence to drive: a current valid driver's licence and that their vehicle is roadworthy: up to date MOT and tax. They should also show that they have business insurance.

20.0 Staff Consultation

20.1 The Governing Body, through the Headteacher, will make arrangements for full and proper consultation with employees on health and safety matters. The nominated safety representatives of each accredited trade union or staff association will be offered a role in these consultations.

21.0 Staff Health and Safety Training and Development

21.1 Senior leadership team will undertake a training needs analysis to identify the competency requirements of specific job roles in terms of health and safety and will ensure that appropriate training is delivered, and training records held centrally. This training needs analysis will be reviewed on an annual basis or on the introduction of new legislation.

21.2 The PAR process will consider health and safety performance and address areas of concern with employees.

21.3 Where new jobs or tasks come on stream or where there are changes in health and safety legislation training and competency issues, they will be addressed as a matter of priority.

22.0 Staff Well-being / Stress

22.1 Workplace stress is a part of the risk assessment process identifying areas of concern e.g. workload, emergency call out, job security etc. and implement appropriate control measures, so far as is reasonably practicable.

22.2 Where workplace stress arises, it shall be dealt with the issue in a sensitive and constructive manner using all available means within GCC to manage stress and assist staff.

23.0 Use of VDU's / Display Screens

23.1 The majority of staff within the school are not considered to be DSE users. The school will adhere to the GCC Corporate policy, guidelines and procedure SHE/G007

23.2 DSE workplace assessments are conducted for all full-time users.

23.3 DSE assessments will be reviewed annually and where equipment changes, or office layouts change or when there are staff changes.

24.0 Vehicles on Site

24.1 The head teacher in consultation with the site manager will endeavour to:

24.1.1 Segregate access vehicular and vulnerable (pedestrians & cyclists) traffic

24.1.2 Design-out vehicular and vulnerable traffic route conflicts, both at access and on-site.

24.1.3 Wherever possible avoid same access for all.

25.0 Violence to Staff / School Security

25.1 Risks to personal security, premises and property will be assessed through the risk assessment process. Security in the school is the responsibility of Headteacher, overseen by the governing body will liaise with their local Crime Prevention Officer.

25.2 Assessment of the risks of violence to staff shall be carried out where deemed necessary.

25.3 Were violence is identified as a significant risk, appropriate control measures are put in place.

25.4 Staff must report incidents of violence and aggression in the same manner as accidents.

26.0 Working at Height

26.1 Working at height is risk assessed in accordance with LA guidance and that appropriate control measures are put in place to mitigate those risks.

26.2 Staff themselves, have a responsibility to ensure their own health and safety and assist in the operation of any systems designed to provide for their safety.

26.3 The risks associated with working at height are identified through risk assessment using SHE/G007 Working at Height.

26.4 Frequent documented checks take place to ensure the safe working condition of access equipment.

26.5 Procedures are in place to ensure any damaged access equipment is clearly labelled and removed as soon as practicable.

26.6 Training in the use of access equipment will be provided where required (e.g. for ladders, scaffold towers and high step ladders).

27.0 Work Experience

27.1 Work experience co-ordinators will ensure that the 'Good Working Practices' are always followed.

28.0 Workplace Inspections and Premises Risks (Site Manager + 1 governor)

28.1 Site Manager supported by the H&S Governor are responsible for premises/departments to undertake workplace inspections every term.

28.2 The site manager will ensure that hazards associated with premises are monitored and controlled. Legionella checks on site are an example of significant property risks that are being controlled.

29.0 Caretaking and Grounds Maintenance (and Grounds Safety)

29.1 The school identifies risks associated with caretaking and grounds maintenance and identifies the risks through the risk assessment process using the SHE/G004 Caretaking Duties Risk Assessment Toolkit.

30.0 Cleaning

30.1 A cleaning schedule is in place which is monitored by the Headteacher/responsible person.

30.2 All waste is disposed of according to appropriate health and safety guidelines. Deep cleaning is undertaken on a regular basis where necessary.

30.3 The school ensures general cleanliness, appropriate waste disposal, safe stacking and storage etc.

30.4 All members of staff and students adopt good housekeeping practices to assist in the maintenance of a safe and healthy workplace.

31.0 Slips Trips/Falls

- 31.1 The school recognises the main cause of accidents is slips, trips and falls are mitigations are put into place to prevent them.
- 31.2 It is the responsibility of each teacher to ensure that their classroom has clear traffic routes and that exit routes are kept clear.
- 31.3 A responsible person ensures regular inspection of communal areas.
- 31.4 All hazards, obstructions, spillages, defects or maintenance requirements are reported to the Site manager or via a recognised reporting process.
- 31.5 All employees are expected to be vigilant and aware of possible hazards.
- 31.6 Food spills are cleared immediately.
- 31.7 Cleaners are to be briefed not to leave hazards such as wet floors without warning signs.

32.0 Snow and Ice

- 32.1 Adequate arrangements are to be in place to minimise the risks from snow and ice on the site e.g. access/egress routes. A risk assessment has been carried out and an emergency plan has been developed to determine what action needs to be undertaken during adverse weather conditions e.g. which specific routes are gritted. There is suitable storage for salt/grit and tools (such as wheeled grit spreader) on site and a sufficient supply of grit/salt is available.

33.0 Water Hygiene

- 33.1 A water hygiene risk assessment has been conducted and is documented.
- 33.2 An effective water hygiene management plan is in place to control the risks of legionellosis to employees, students and members of the public.
- 33.3 A site logbook is used to record checks and a process is in place to conduct any actions should they arise.
- 33.4 The site manager is for water hygiene and is received training in water system management and has the competence and knowledge to ensure that all operational procedures are carried out in a timely and effective manner.

34.0 Environmental Management

- 34.1 The school fulfils its waste management responsibilities by:
 - 34.1.1 seeking to minimise waste at source and using only what is needed;
 - 34.1.2 seeking alternative products where possible;
 - 34.1.3 recycling as much as is practicable;
 - 34.1.4 disposing of as little as necessary.

35.0 Disposal of waste

- 35.1 waste is to be stored carefully onsite to avoid escape within the grounds or wider environment.
- 35.2 fire safety is to be considered e.g. security of bins.

35.3 an appropriate (licensed) waste contractor is to be used.

35.4 all waste classified as 'hazardous' is to be collected by specialist firms and disposed of in the approved manner.

36.0 Food Hygiene

36.1 The contracted catering company is to have a food hygiene management system (HACCP) in place.

36.2 Catering staff are to be appropriately trained in food hygiene.

36.3 Contractors are to have access to competent health and safety advice.

36.4 The provider of school food is to be registered with the Local Authority (District/Borough Council)

36.5 Food hygiene inspection reports are shared with the school

37.0 Covid adaptations

37.1 In addition to this policy, there are a number of additional practices and procedures that relate specifically to the management of the Covid. A whole school risk assessment and visitors' risk assessment can be found on the school website. These documents are live and change according to national updates from the DfE in consideration of local guidance.