

Bledlow Ridge School



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR SCHOOLS

Buckinghamshire Council Health and Safety Policies and Procedures Version 1: Section 1.6: Model Health and Safety Policy for Schools May 2024

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

PART 1: GOVERNING BODY STATEMENT OF INTENT

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

We will achieve this by:

- Taking reasonable steps to make sure that the school is following the employer's policy and procedures e.g. through regular discussion at governance meetings;
- Promoting a sensible and proportionate approach to health and safety, making use of competent health and safety advice when required;
- Working in close partnership with the Headteacher and senior management team to support sensible health and safety management and to challenge as appropriate;
- Developing and maintaining a positive health and safety culture with an emphasis on continually improving our performance;
- Ensuring staff receive adequate information, instruction and training to enable them to carry out their responsibilities competently;
- Ensuring that health and safety management is an integral part of decision making and organisational processes;
- Providing a safe and healthy working environment for our staff, pupils and others working in the school;
- Ensuring safe working methods are in place and providing safe equipment.
- Communicating and consulting with our staff and their trade union representatives;
- Complying with statutory requirements and where possible best practice;
- Investigating and learning the lessons from accidents, incidents, near misses and work related ill health incidents;
- Monitoring and reviewing systems and preventative measures to make sure they are suitable, sufficient and effective
- Ensuring adequate resources are available to fulfil our health and safety responsibilities and objectives;
- Working with and monitoring our contractors to ensure consistent and comparable health and safety standards.

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

Name of Headteacher: Natasha Harrison

Date: 01.09.2023

Name of Chair of Governors: Zoe Williams

Date: 01.09.24

Review date: September 2026

PART 2: RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANISATION

1. INTRODUCTION

To comply with the Governing Body's Statement of Intent the following responsibilities have been assigned:

2. THE GOVERNING BODY

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

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

3. THE HEADTEACHER

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

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

- Ensure that the school is following Buckinghamshire County Council's Health and Safety Policy and has effective arrangements for managing the real health and safety risks at the school.
- Be fully committed to the Governing Body's Statement of Intent, ensuring that a positive health and safety culture is demonstrated and promoted through their leadership
- Act as the "Responsible Person" under the Fire Safety Order within the School
- Maintain effective communications with employers, governors, and the school workforce, and give clear information to pupils and visitors, including contractors, regarding the significant risks on site
- Nominate themselves or a senior manager as the Health and Safety Co-ordinator;

- Undertake all relevant training appropriate to their role and ensure staff are given adequate information, instruction, training and supervision to carry out their duties, paying particular attention to new/inexperienced employees and trainees;
- Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken in relation to directly managed staff, for example, job based risk assessments, stress risk assessments, return to work risk assessments, personal emergency evacuation plans;
- Ensure safe systems of work and procedures are developed and are implemented;
- Ensure prompt action is taken to resolve any situations that may adversely affect the health and safety of staff or other people;
- Ensure that they seek timely assistance and advice where expert help is required from Health and Safety Consultancy team;
- Ensure that all plant and work equipment provided is: selected through a risk assessment process, suitable, properly maintained and subject to all necessary tests and examinations;
- Ensure that accidents and incidents (including near misses and violence and aggression) are reported to County and the HSE (where appropriate) and investigated and the findings acted upon without delay;
- Ensure there are meaningful, effective arrangements in place for consulting employees and their trade union representatives on health and safety matters that affect them;
- Ensure information that may assist safety representatives in their role is provided to them;
 - Participate and make recommendations to the Governing Body in relation to external independent audits carried out by the County Council or other bodies
 - Report to the Governing Body any health and safety issues which cannot be resolved;
 - Ensure the requirements of the Occupier's Liability Acts 1957/1984 are complied with to reduce risk to lawful and unlawful visitors;
- Monitor and review health and safety performance through:
 - termly health and safety inspections of work areas/practices;
 - setting health and safety targets and objectives through appraisals and other supervisory reviews;
 - reviewing incidents and accidents
 - monitoring commissioned and contracted work for compliance;
 - ensuring that the management of health and safety considers the needs of anyone with a protected characteristic under the Equalities Act;
 - ensuring audit action plans are implemented;
 - reporting to the Governing Body at least annually on the school's health and safety performance

4. LEAD GOVERNOR FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Lead Governor has the following responsibilities:

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

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)

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

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

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY COORDINATOR (HEADTEACHER)

This role often provides the focal point for the school's health and safety management arrangements. Their school wide roles may include:

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

The Health and Safety Coordinator has the following responsibilities to:

- Attend appropriate health and safety training courses including IOSH Managing Safely and Managing Fire Safety Training to enable them to discharge their duties effectively;
- Ensure that a fire risk assessment is completed by a competent contractor for the school and that it is implemented and reviewed at least annually;
- Promote health and safety matters throughout the school and assisting the Headteacher in the implementation of the County Council's and School's Health and Safety Procedures;
- Ensure the Fire Log, Asbestos Log and Legionella Log are kept up to date;
- Ensure that the Health and Safety Notice Board is kept up to date;
- Ensure the correct accident, incident and near miss reporting procedures are followed and that, where appropriate, accidents are investigated;
- Arrange termly health and safety inspections and ensuring follow up action is completed and records kept available for audits;
- Ensure appropriate procedures for school visits is followed;
- Participate in any Health and Safety Audits arranged by the County Council;
- Provide health and safety induction training for all staff;
- Keep an up to date record of staff health and safety training;
- Ensure that all statutory inspections are completed and records kept;
- Make provision for the inspection and maintenance of work equipment;
- Ensure that emergency drills and procedures are carried out regularly and monitored for effectiveness and that records are kept;
- Monitor contractors on site and ensuring they consult the Asbestos Log before starting work.
- Coordinate and manage the annual risk assessment process for the school;
- Coordinate performance monitoring processes;

- Manage records of all health and safety activities including management of building fabric and building services in liaison with County and other contractors;
- To ensure that staff are adequately instructed in safety and welfare matters about their specific workplace and the school generally.

7. TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF HOLDING POSITIONS OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY

(Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Caretaker, Finance Officer)

They have the following responsibilities to:

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

8. CLASS TEACHERS

Class teachers are expected to:

- Exercise effective supervision of their pupils, to know the procedures for fire, first aid and other emergencies;
- Follow the particular health and safety measures to be adopted in their own teaching areas as laid down in the relevant Codes of Practice;
- Give clear oral and written instructions and warnings to pupils when necessary;
- Follow safe working procedures;
- Require the use of protective clothing and guards where necessary;
- Integrate all relevant aspects of safety into the teaching process;
- Report all accidents, defects and dangerous occurrences - **record this in the premises job book in the medical room**

9. SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

Safety representatives do not have responsibilities under this policy; however they do have functions as laid down in the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations.

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

10. STAFF

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

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

In particular staff must:

- comply with the school's health and safety policy and procedures at all times;
- take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others when undertaking their work, for example;
 - check classrooms/work areas are safe;
 - check equipment is safe before use;
 - ensure safe working procedures are followed;
- co-operate with managers in complying with relevant health and safety safe systems of work and procedures;
- use all work equipment and substances in accordance with instruction, training and information received;
- wear, use, store, maintain and replace personal protective equipment as appropriate;
- report
 - accidents, incidents of violence and aggression and near misses;
 - defective equipment or premises, hazardous situations and other health and safety concerns;
 - report immediately to their Headteacher/Line Manager any serious or immediate danger.

11. PUPILS

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

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

PART 3: PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures and arrangements have been adopted to ensure compliance with the Governing Body's Statement of Intent.

1. LEAD GOVERNOR FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

The lead governor with responsibility for scrutiny of health and safety performance is Peter Bayly.

2. ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

The asbestos register and asbestos management plan is held at: Caretaker's Cupboard in the Medical Room

Ian Darkins/Natasha Harrison is responsible for

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

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

3. AUDIT, REVIEW, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND ACTION PLAN

Natasha Harrison, Headteacher is responsible for reviewing the School's Health and Safety Policy and ensuring all staff signed a list to acknowledge that they have read and understood the policy.

Natasha Harrison, Headteacher is responsible for ensuring the implementation of recommendations of any health and safety audit reports carried out by the County Council

4. CATERING

Ian Darkins, site assistant is responsible for ;

- ensuring that temperature of the refrigerator and freezer are monitored and logged;
- ensuring an adequate schedule of deep cleaning is undertaken.

Innovate catering company is responsible for:

- monitoring the preparation of food and the nutritional standards of meals;
- the maintenance of satisfactory hygiene standards;

5. CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

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

There are no Union-appointed safety representatives at present.

Consultation with employees not represented by a union is provided through Miss Gemma Grimaldi, staff representative on Premises, Health and Safety Committee.

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

6. CONTRACTORS - SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT

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

[Health and Safety | SchoolsWeb](#) - to access Buckinghamshire Policies please ask the office to gain access.

7. EDUCATIONAL VISITS

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

8. ENFORCING AUTHORITY VISITS

Natasha Harrison, Headteacher is responsible for implementing any recommendations following a visit by the Enforcing Authorities and reporting matters requiring authorisation/action to the Governing Body or LA.

9. FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

Natasha Harrison, Headteacher is responsible for

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

Ian Darkins, Caretaker is responsible for

- maintaining the Fire Log;
- checking weekly that evacuation routes remain clear and that final exit doors are openable;
- testing the alarms every week from different call points and recording the tests in the Fire Log;
- testing the emergency lighting at appropriate intervals

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

Type of emergency procedure	Location(s)
Fire Evacuation Procedure	By each fire exit & school office
Bomb Alert	School Office and Emergency Plan
Gas Leak	School Office and Emergency Plan
Electrical Fault	School Office and Emergency Plan
Water	School Office and Emergency Plan
Storm or Flood Damage	School Office and Emergency Plan

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

Note: The priorities are as follows:

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

10. FIRST AID

First aid boxes and first aid record books are kept in the Medical Room

First Aid grab bags are kept in the classrooms.

Office Staff are responsible for making a termly check of the contents of all first aid boxes.

The nearest medical centre/NHS GP

Unity Health, Wades Field, Stratton Rd, Princes Risborough HP27 9AX

Unity Health practice 01844 344281

The nearest hospital with accident and emergency facilities is:

Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 8AL

Tel: 01296 315000

The following employees are qualified to provide first aid:

Name of Employee	Job Title	Qualification
Natasha Harrison	Headteacher	First Aid at Work (3 days)
Rebecca Robinson	Admin Team	Emergency Paediatric First Aid
Kirsty Shields	Admin Team	Emergency Paediatric First Aid
Val Parke	Teaching Assistant	Emergency Paediatric First Aid
Katey Williams	Teaching Assistant	Emergency Paediatric First Aid
Kate Ingleby	Teaching Assistant	Emergency Paediatric First Aid

Louise Luyk	Teaching Assistant	Emergency Paediatric First Aid
Hannah Stanley	EYFS Teacher	Emergency Paediatric First Aid

11. HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Natasha Harrison, headteacher is responsible for monitoring absence owing to stress related illness and promoting wellbeing

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

11.1 Occupational Health

Access to occupational health services is available through Bucks Council HR.

11.2 Employees Assistance Programme

Employees Assistance is provided by Optima Health and is a completely independent and confidential personal support service, which is available 365 days 24 hours; Freephone number 01327 810 797 or email team4@optimahealth.co.uk

12. INCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

Natasha Harrison and Ian Darkins are responsible for reporting accidents, incidents and near misses, as soon after the event, as possible using the Assessnet on-line recording system if required.

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

Minor injuries to non-employees (i.e. pupils and visitors) where first aid is given will be reported in the Accident Book, kept at: Medical Room

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

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

13. INSPECTIONS

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

Formal health and safety inspections will be carried out termly with the Health and Safety Governor.

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

14. INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING

14.1 INFORMATION AND ADVICE

A [Health and Safety Law Poster](#) is displayed at: The staffroom

Health and safety advice is available from the Health and Safety Team via the HR Service Desk.
Telephone: 01296 382233 E-mail: hrrservicedesk@buckscc.gov.uk

14.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING:

14.2.1 Induction

Health and safety induction training will be provided for all employees (where appropriate) and for work experience placement students by the headteacher which covers the following guidance and documentation that is available from https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/health-and-safety/health_and_safety_policies/

BCC Health and Safety Policy

School Health and Safety Policy

Codes of Safe Practice and Guidance

Education Visits Policy Document

Premises Asbestos Log

Premises Legionella Log

Job Based Risk Assessment and other appropriate assessments

Fire and other Emergency Arrangements

Accident Reporting Arrangements

First Aid Arrangements

Safe Use of Work Equipment

Procedures for Hazardous Substances

Good Housekeeping, Waste Disposal and Cleaning Arrangements

Hazard Reporting and Maintenance Procedures

Special Hazards/Responsibilities Associated with their Work Activity

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

Safe Practice in School Swimming

14.2.2 Training Records and Training Needs Identification

The School Secretary is responsible for identifying training and refresher training needs and keeping health and safety training records. Staff and governors named below have received or will receive health and safety training in the following areas (amend as appropriate):

<i>Ian Darkins Natasha Harrison Asbestos Awareness</i>	<i>Natasha Harrison Ian Darkins - date TBC IOSH Working Safely</i>	<i>Personal Safety of Employees</i>
<i>Natasha Harrison COSHH Awareness</i>	<i>Ian Darkins Legionella</i>	<i>Natasha Harrison Fire Safety Training Rachel Stanley Fire Warden Training</i>
<i>Natasha Harrison First Aid at Work</i>	<i>Manual Handling (Loads)</i>	<i>Food Safety in Catering Victoria White and Sarah Metcalf</i>
<i>Governor's Role in Health and Safety</i>	<i>See list in medical room Paediatric First Aid</i>	<i>Ian Darkins Working at Height</i>
<i>IOSH Managing Safely/Refresher</i>	<i>Load Risk Assessor for Moving and Handling</i>	<i>Rebecca Robinson Autumn 2024 Kirsty Shields - Autumn 2023 Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions (formerly Managing Medicines)</i>

14.2.3 Strategic Health and Safety Management and Premises Management Training

Specific course for Governors

- The Governor Role for Health and Safety: Peter Bayley

Courses for Senior Leadership Teams

- Asbestos Awareness: Natasha Harrison and Ian Darkins
- Fire safety training: Natasha Harrison and Ian Darkins
- IOSH Managing Safely/Managing Safely Refresher 4 day/1 day course: Natasha Harrison and Ian Darkins
- Legionella Training (Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Natasha Harrison

14.2.4 Curriculum/Subject Specific Health and Safety Training

Primary and Secondary PE and School Sport

- All Swim England School Swimming Course. Contact is Mandy Carey at swimming@ahs.bucks.sch.uk or visit the BCC Swimming School's web page
- Rachel Stanley (one additional staff member: Ella Simms)

Primary Food Technology and Occasional Catering Events

Food hygiene course: Victoria White

14.2.5 Occupational Risks

- Emergency First Aid at Work: Natasha Harrison
- Fire Warden Training: Rachel Stanley
- First Aid for Schools: See Above
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions (includes Managing Medicines): Rebecca Robinson, Kirsty Shields

14.2.6 Caretaking/Site Management

- Asbestos Awareness : Ian Darkins
- COSHH Health and Safety Workshop: Ian Darkins/Natasha Harrison
- IOSH Working Safely course – a 1 day basic health and safety course : Ian Darkins
- Legionella: Ian Darkins and Natasha Harrison
- Safe Playground Inspection : Completed by external contractor
- Visual Tree Assessment : To be completed by external contractor
- Working at Height: Ian Darkins

15. LEGIONELLA

Natasha Harrison, Headteacher is the Responsible Person for the management of Legionella

Ian Darkins, site assistant is the Nominated Legionella Controller who has been trained to be responsible for checking water temperatures and flushing appropriate outlets as part of the Legionella programme

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

16. LETTINGS

School secretaries are responsible for co-ordinating lettings of the premises and for giving health and safety including emergency information to hirers.

17. NOISE

Any employee concerned about the noise levels at work should report the matter to the headteacher who will arrange for remedial action or for an assessment to be made by the Health and Safety Team or a specialist contractor.

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

18. OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Ian Darkins is responsible for ensuring outdoor play equipment and safety surfaces is

- regularly inspected by person who has attended Safe Playground Inspection course - meet external provider for information (last inspection: September 2024)
- inspected and maintained annually by a competent contractor; (September 2024)
- repaired or taken out of use, as required.

Ian Darkins is responsible for inspecting the equipment and safety surfacing weekly.

Natasha Harrison is responsible for ensuring outdoor play equipment is adequately supervised when in use.

For further guidance refer to section 10.7 health and safety policies

19. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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

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

Ian Darkins is responsible for making arrangements for laundering soiled PPE, e.g. overall, lab coats, aprons, etc.

For further guidance refer to section 11.1 health and safety policies

19.1 Respiratory Protective Equipment

N/A

20. PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Natasha Harrison, headteacher is responsible for ensuring that portable electrical appliance testing is carried out at the frequencies in section 10.3 health and safety policies and procedures

Staff should not bring electrical equipment onto the school site unless they have authorisation and the appliances have been portable appliance tested.

21. RISK ASSESSMENT

21.1 GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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

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

21.2 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Natasha Harrison, Headteacher is the Responsible Person under the Fire Safety Reform Order;

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

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

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

21.3 MANUAL HANDLING RISK ASSESSMENTS (LOADS)

Manual handling risk assessments will be carried out by Ian Darkins following guidance and documentation in section 5.2 health and safety policies and procedures

They will be responsible for ensuring any actions required are implemented, including training needs.

21.4 COMPUTERS AND WORKSTATION ASSESSMENTS

The Headteacher is responsible for identifying 'users' and ensuring workstation assessments are undertaken (Using HSE Guidelines) and any corrective action required implemented.

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

Employee Name	Job Title
Mrs Rebecca Robinson	School Secretary
Mrs Kirsty Shields	School Secretary
Mrs Emma Leigh	Finance Officer/Bursar

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

21.5 VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION TO STAFF

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

21.6 RISK ASSESSMENTS OF CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

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

21.8 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Ian Darkins and Natasha Harrison is responsible for

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

22. MANUAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT (LOADS)

This includes equipment used for the manual handling of loads

Ian Darkins is responsible for ensuring that manual handling equipment such as sack barrows; flat-bed, trolleys, pallet trucks etc are maintained in a safe condition

For further guidance refer to section 5.1 health and safety policies and procedures

23. WORKING AT HEIGHT - ACCESS EQUIPMENT

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

24. PE EQUIPMENT

Ian Darkins and Natasha Harrison is responsible for ensuring that

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

25. SEVERE WEATHER

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

Natasha Harrison is responsible for clearing and gritting appropriate pedestrian and vehicle routes on the site.

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

26. SITE SAFETY, HOUSE KEEPING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

27.1 SITE SAFETY

All employees and governors must report any hazards to Ian Darkins who will arrange for repairs or action to remove hazard.

27.2 LOCATIONS OF MAIN SERVICE ISOLATION POINTS

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

Water	Outside school under school sign in Church Lane
Electricity	Electrical Cupboard in main entrance
Gas	Boiler Room

27.3 HOUSEKEEPING

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

27.4 CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS

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

The school will be cleaned by: LNT cleaning, every evening. Information of what will be cleaned will be shared with staff - see list in staffroom

Spill kits are kept in the following the caretaker's cupboard

27.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

Ian Darkins is responsible for arranging safe disposal of hazardous, special and/or clinical waste.

LNT Cleaning are responsible for ensuring waste is collected daily and stored in appropriately sited secure containers;

Ian Darkins is responsible for ensuring waste containers are secured in either a compound or by being chained

27. SITE SECURITY AND VISITORS

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

Other arrangements to ensure the security of pupils and employees on site include a controlled entry system, supervision arrangements and procedures for managing violent and abusive visitors.

Natasha Harrison/Barbara Rankin/Rachel Stanley is responsible for unlocking the building and disarming security alarms etc.

Sarah Metcalfe will lock the building upon leaving at 6pm. A keyholder still on site may take responsibility for this after this time.

28. SMOKING

Natasha Harrison will ensure that

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

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

29. SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The Headteacher is responsible for writing or adopting the County Model Policy for Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions following the statutory guidance issued by the DfE.

Kirsty Shields/Karen Hall are the accountable persons for implementing the school's policy on Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions.

Kirsty Shields/Rebecca Robinson is responsible for

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

Kirsty Shields/Rebecca Robinson are responsible for undertaking and reviewing Individual Health Care Plans.

Kirsty Shields/Rebecca Robinson are responsible for compiling an inventory of pupils who have been diagnosed with asthma or have been prescribed a salbutamol inhaler

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

30. SWIMMING

Natasha Harrison is responsible for school swimming and ensuring staff are appropriately trained

31. PHYSICAL CONTROL

Natasha Harrison is responsible for arranging physical control training and monitoring its effectiveness.

32. VEHICLES

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

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

33. ON SITE VEHICLE MOVEMENTS

The segregation of traffic and pedestrians will be controlled by the following measures: separate entrances and exits, clear signage

34. WORK EXPERIENCE

Natasha Harrison is responsible for

- co-ordinating work experience placements;
- ensuring risk assessments are completed by the employer;
- ensuring students are visited in their placements;

35. REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy will be reviewed annually.