

Maple Cross JMI & Nursery School

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Health and Safety Policy

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HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Maple Cross JMI & Nursery School

PART 1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Governing Body of Maple Cross JMI and Nursery School will strive to achieve the highest standards of health, safety and welfare consistent with their responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and other statutory and common law duties.

This statement sets out how these duties will be conducted and includes a description of the school's organisation and arrangements for dealing with different areas of risk. Details of how these areas of risk will be addressed are given in the arrangements section.

This policy will be brought to the attention of, and/or issued to, all members of staff. A printed reference copy is kept in the school office and an e-copy on the school's "shared" T: drive.

This policy statement and the accompanying organisation and arrangements will be reviewed on an annual basis.

This policy statement supplements:

Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) Health and Safety Policy
and the school's behaviour and other safety related policies.

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H. Trickett

Laura Whyte, **Vice-Chair of Governors**

Hannah Trickett, **Headteacher**

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Headteacher	Hannah Trickett
Health & Safety Governor	Laura Whyte
Assistant Heads	Anjali Majithia & Emma Bailey
Inclusion Manager	Alexis Fox
Office Manager	Philippa Gosden
Office Admin Assistant	Mandy Jenkins & Penny Fairbairn
Footsteps	Kathy Reynolds
EVC	Anjali Majithia
Caretaker	Steve Pidgeon

PART 2. ORGANISATION

As the employer the Local Authority has overall responsibility for Health and Safety in Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

At a school level duties and responsibilities have been assigned to staff and governors as detailed below.

Responsibilities of the Governing Body

The Governing Body are responsible for ensuring health and safety management systems are in place and effective. They fulfil a strategic role in health and safety and are not expected to be involved in day to day management of the school.

As a minimum these management systems should adhere to the LA's health and safety policy, procedures and standards as detailed in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#).

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

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

Where required the Governing body will seek specialist advice on health and safety which the establishment may not feel competent to deal with.

HCC's Health and Safety Team, Tel: 01992 556478
healthandsafety@hertfordshire.gov.uk provide competent health and safety advice for Community, Community Special and VC schools.

Responsibilities of the Headteacher

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

The Headteacher has responsibility for:

- Co-operating with the LA and Governing Body to enable health and safety policy and procedures to be implemented and complied with.
- Communicating the policy and other appropriate health and safety information to all relevant people including contractors.
- Ensuring effective arrangements are in place to pro-actively manage health and safety by conducting and reviewing inspections and risk assessments and implementing required actions.
- Reporting to the Governing body on health and safety performance and any safety concerns/ issues which may need to be addressed by the allocation of funds.

- Ensuring that the premises, plant and equipment are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition.
- Reporting to the LA any significant risks which cannot be rectified within the establishment's budget.
- Ensuring all staff are competent to carry out their roles and are provided with adequate information, instruction and training.
- Ensuring consultation arrangements are in place for staff and their trade union representatives (where appointed) and recognising the right of trade unions in the workplace to require a health and safety committee to be set up.
- Monitoring purchasing and contracting procedures to ensure health and safety is included in specifications & contract conditions.

Whilst overall responsibility for health and safety cannot be delegated the Headteacher may choose to delegate certain tasks to other members of staff.

[The task of overseeing health and safety on the site has been delegated by the head to the Office Manager

Responsibilities of employees

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

All employees have responsibility to:

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

The day to day management of health and safety within the **Footseps** is the responsibility of Footsteps Manager.

PART 3. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Detailed information on the LA's expectations are provided in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#).

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- Appendix 3 - Health and Safety Monitoring and Inspections
- Appendix 4 - Fire Evacuation and other Emergency Arrangements
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RISK ASSESSMENTS

General Risk Assessments

The school conducts and documents risk assessments for all activities presenting a significant risk. These are co-ordinated by the Headteacher following guidance contained in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#) and are approved by the Headteacher.

Risk assessments are available for all staff to view and are held centrally in the school office area these assessments will be reviewed on an annual basis or when the work activity changes, whichever is the soonest. Staff will be made aware of any changes to risk assessments relating to their work.

Individual Risk Assessments

Specific assessments relating to staff member(s) or pupil(s) are held on that individual's file and will be undertaken by relevant line manager
Such risk assessments will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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

Curriculum Activities

Risk assessments for curriculum activities will be carried out by teachers using the relevant codes of practice and model risk assessments detailed below.
Whenever a new course is adopted or developed all activities are checked against these and significant findings incorporated into texts in daily lesson plans.

All LA schools have a subscription to [CLEAPSS](#) and their publications are used as sources of model risk assessment within Science, Art and DT.

See:

- CLEAPSS technology site <http://dt.cleapss.org.uk/>;
- CLEAPSS science site <http://science.cleapss.org.uk/>
- CLEAPSS primary school's site <http://primary.cleapss.org.uk/>

In addition, the following publications are used within the school as sources of model risk assessments (copies of which can be found on the school's shared drive, T:/Health and Safety/)

- [Be Safe! Health and Safety in primary science and technology, 4th Edition ASE] ISBN ISBN 978-0-86357-426-9]
- [Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity 2016' Association of PE 'AfPE' <http://www.afpe.org.uk/>]

OFFSITE VISITS

HCC has adopted the Outdoor Education Advisory Panel's (OEAP) [national guidance](#) for learning outside the classroom and offsite visits and all offsite visits will be planned following this guidance available via <https://oeapng.info/>

Responsibilities of key roles are outlined by the OEAP here:

[Visit leader](#)

[EVC](#)

[Headteacher](#)

HCC's policy for the management of Learning outside the classroom and offsite visits is available here <https://www.thegrid.org.uk/info/healthandsafety/visits/manual.shtml>

The LA's Offsite Visits Advisor must be notified of all level 3 trips, which include self-led adventurous activities, fieldwork trips to open or "wild" country, and all trips overseas. This will be done via the use of Evolve, the online notification and approvals system.

Evolve will be used for the planning and approval of **all** offsite visits. Relevant risk assessments, participant's names etc. will be attached electronically as required.

The member of staff planning the trip (visit leader) will submit all relevant paperwork and risk assessments relating to the trip to the school's Educational Visits Co-ordinator who will check the documentation and planning of the trip and if acceptable refer the visit for approval to the Headteacher.

HCC recommends that the EVC should attend training and refresher training every 3 -5 years.

The Off-Site Visits Guidance Folder gives references, guidance and support for planning visits.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING AND INSPECTION

A formal inspection of the site will be conducted on a termly¹ basis and be undertaken / co-ordinated by the Headteacher and Office Manager.

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

The Health & Safety Governor will be involved in monitoring the school's health and safety management systems on at least an annual basis and report back to both the relevant sub-committee and full governing body meetings.

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

Inspections will be conducted jointly with the establishment's health and safety representative(s) if possible.

¹ Cycle time for formal documented site inspection should be based upon risk, larger schools and/or those with higher risks should be undertaken termly.

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

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Fire alarm call points will be tested weekly in rotation. This test will occur on Fridays or Saturdays.

Any defects on the system will be reported immediately to the alarm contractor / electrical engineer Chubb, Tel: 0870240166.

A fire alarm maintenance contract is in place with Chubb and the system tested annually by them.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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

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

Defective equipment or extinguishers that need recharging should be taken out of service and reported direct to Chubb, Tel: 0870240166.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS

Emergency lighting will be checked for operation monthly in house and these tests recorded.

Annually a full discharge test and certification of the system will be undertaken by Plowright Hinton Ltd, Tel: 01707 336969.

MEANS OF ESCAPE

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

FIRST AID AND MEDICATION

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

TRAINED TO FIRST AID AT WORK LEVEL (3 days /18 hrs):

None.

(ref. HCC H&S Guidance version 6, March 2014 – we have less than 50 employees)

TRAINED TO EYFS STANDARD (PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID, 2 days/ 12 hrs):

At least one person who has a current certificate must be on the premises at all times when the younger children are present and must accompany these children on outings.

To ensure coverage we have determined a minimum of two staff within the Early Years Unit; one in the Nursery class and one in the Reception class should be so trained, a minimum of one member for Breakfast and After School Care. These arrangements are also to be supported by one other member of support staff to ensure lunchtime cover.

Those currently trained are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery • Nursery • Reception • Reception • Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Biss (Oct'19) Leonie Heydarzadeh (Nov'19) Juliet Scourfield (booked for Mar'20) Katy Stickley (Nov'19) Sarah Duce (Nov'18) |
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Certificates and a list of those currently qualified are held in the medicine cupboard in the school office area.

TRAINED TO EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK (1 day / 6 hrs):

The school aims to have all *support staff* (with the exception of the caretaker, cleaners and those who have undertaken Paediatric First Aid) trained to this level, or to a suitable “first aid in schools” level, to ensure immediate response to any need.

Certificates and a list of those currently qualified are held in the school office.

To provide a central reference point, all office staff are qualified.

- Mandy Jenkins (Mar'19)
- Philippa Gosden (Mar'19)
- Penny Fairbairn (pending)

We are planning to revert to all teaching staff also trained. This is planned for summer '20.

OTHER TRAINING IN EMERGENCY FIRST AID ² (6 hr):

(see above)

No children at this time (2019/20) require us to have other specific training with the exception of adrenalin pens. We aim to have all staff so trained by the school nurses on an annual basis.

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

FIRST AID BOXES ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

The main first aid supplies are kept in the medical cupboard in the school office. Travel kits are also kept in the medical cupboard.

The Office Manager is responsible for regularly checking (termly) that the contents of first aid supplies including travel kits are complete and replenished as necessary. Before each trip the travel kits should also be checked by the trip leader.

Transport to hospital: Where a first aider considers it necessary, the injured person will be sent directly to hospital (normally by ambulance). Parents / carers will be notified immediately of all major injuries to pupils.

No casualty will be allowed to travel to hospital unaccompanied and an accompanying adult will be designated in situations where the parents/carers cannot be contacted in time.

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

Useful Contact Numbers

Local Hospitals:

Mount Vernon Hospital Minor Injury Unit (9am – 8pm)Tel: 01923 844201
Watford General Hospital A&E Dept.Tel: 01923 244366
Hillingdon Hospital A&E Dept.Tel: 01895 238282

NHS 111: Tel: 111
School Nurse Tel: 0300 123 7572

Administration of medicines

All medication will be administered to pupils in accordance with the DfE document [Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions](#). Detailed arrangements are provided in a separate policy (HELD ON THE 'SHARED DRIVE, T:Policies and in the school office).

No member of staff will administer **any** medication (prescribed or non-prescribed) to children under 16 without a parent's written consent except in exceptional circumstances. Full details are held in our Managing Medicines Policy.

Office (and where appropriated the on-site independent Breakfast Club) staff are responsible for accepting medication and checking all relevant information has been provided by parents / carers prior to administering. Records of administration will be kept by the school office. When medicine is received via the independent breakfast club, the office will ring the parent to check through the details.

² Supplementary first aid training focussed on pupil needs and could include other specific risks e.g. sports first aid for PE staff etc.

All non emergency medication kept in school is securely stored in the 'white' cupboard in school office area with refrigerated medicine kept in clearly labelled containers in the "medicine" fridge in the staff kitchen with access strictly controlled. All pupils know how to access their medication. Under no circumstances will medication be stored in first aid boxes.

Emergency medication and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens are always readily available to children and not locked away. These are kept in the medicine cupboard in the school office area so there is no ambiguity of location for staff in an emergency (with a duplicate in the child's classroom's cupboard for adrenaline pens and for some asthma cases), and clearly labelled.

Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP)

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

IHCPs are in place for those pupils with significant medical needs e.g. chronic or ongoing medical conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis etc.

The IHCP is developed with the pupil (where appropriate), parent/carer, designated named member of school staff, specialist nurse (where appropriate) and relevant healthcare services. These plans will be completed at the beginning of the school year / when child enrolls / on diagnosis being communicated to the school and will be reviewed annually by the Inclusion Manager.

All staff are made aware of any relevant health care needs and copies of health care plans are available inside class information files and with the Inclusion Manager.

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

APPENDIX 7

ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

Accidents to employees

Employees must report all accidents, violent incidents and near misses. Where HCC is the employer then **all** employee incidents must be reported to HCC using the online accident/incident reporting system hosted on Solero.

Employee accident / incident forms are to be retained for a minimum of 3 years.

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

A local accident book in the school office medical cupboard is used to record all minor incidents to non-employees. A list of minor items is kept in both Nursery and Reception class; any accidents of concern are sent to/recorded at the school office. More significant incidents as detailed below must also reported to HCC using the online accident reporting system hosted on Solero.

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

Parents / carers will be notified immediately of all major injuries.

Pupil / student accident forms are to be retained for a minimum of 3 years after their 18th Birthday.

All Accidents

All major incidents will be reported to the Headteacher and the Health and Safety Governor

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

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

Any relevant learning points will be communicated to relevant staff and pupils / students.

Reporting to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring all RIDDOR reportable incidents are reported.

Incidents involving a fatality or major injury will be reported immediately to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on 0345 300 9923 and the Education Health and Safety team on 01992 556478.

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

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

See the HSE information sheet '[Incident reporting in schools](#)' EDIS1 REV 3

For VC and Community schools any incident notified to the HSE must also be reported to the LA's Health and Safety Team.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION & TRAINING

Consultation

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

The teaching Trade Unions appointed Safety Representative on the staff is/are *currently no-one takes on this role.*

Health and Safety is an on-going agenda item at the weekly whole school briefing. Health and Safety is regularly discussed at meetings and discussions throughout the school.

Communication of Information

Information and guidance on how to comply with the LA's health and safety policy is given in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#), which is available for reference via the Grid.

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed on the staff room door.

The Education Health and Safety Team, Tel: 01992 556478 provide competent health and safety advice for Community, Community Special and VC schools.

Health and Safety Training

All employees will be provided with:

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

Any new instructions or restrictions will be communicated to all staff via school e-mail and (for those who do not have access to school e-mail) via the "MSA" notice and highlighted as part of the standard cycle of policy review.

Training records will be kept in the H&S files in the office area and in personnel records. The Office Manager is responsible for co-ordinating health and safety training needs and for including details in the training and development plan. This includes a system for ensuring that refresher training is undertaken within the prescribed time limits.

The Headteacher will be responsible for assessing the effectiveness of training received and ensuring staff are competent to undertake their duties.

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

PERSONAL SAFETY / LONE WORKING

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

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

Lone working

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

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

Staff working outside of normal school hours must obtain permission of the Headteacher/senior member of staff/ their line manager and sign in and out of the school premises.

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

When working off site (e.g. when visiting homes) staff should carry out appropriate control measures; mobile phone contact, notifying a colleague of visit details, expected time of return / end time and arrangements for contacting. Staff undertaking home visits should obtain as much background information as possible about the child/family being visited. Where there are known risks, which may affect staff safety, staff should not visit alone.

School staff responding to call outs

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

Any alarms are alerted to our key holding service – Watford Key Holding, Tel: 01923 801476 – who attend and call out staff if necessary.

PREMISES AND WORK EQUIPMENT

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

Where premises defects are identified a dynamic assessment is conducted to determine if the area should be isolated / cordoned off whilst awaiting repair.

The Office Manager is responsible for identifying all plant and equipment in an equipment register and ensuring that any specific training or instruction needs, personal protective equipment requirements are identified and relevant risk assessments conducted where required.

Equipment restricted to those users who are authorised / have received specific training is labelled accordingly.

Planned maintenance / inspection

Regular inspection and testing of school plant and equipment is conducted to legislative requirements by competent contractors. Records of such monitoring will be kept in the H&S folder in the school office area. (Key areas for compliance are outlined in 'Maintenance and inspection requirements on the [Grid](#) and the DfE's [Good Estate Management for schools](#))

Curriculum Areas

The Office Manager is responsible for ensuring maintenance requirements for equipment are identified and implemented eg PE and play equipment.

Electrical Safety

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

All portable items of electrical equipment will be subject to formal inspection and testing (Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)) on an identified cycle (dependant upon the type of equipment and the environment it is used in).

All earthed equipment (class 1) and cables attached to such equipment will be tested annually.

This inspection and testing will be conducted Plowright Hinton Ltd, Tel: 01707 336969 annually.

The Office Manager is responsible for keeping an up-to-date inventory of all relevant electrical appliances and for ensuring that all equipment is available for testing

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

A fixed electrical installation test (fixed wire test) will be conducted by Plowright Hinton Ltd, Tel: 01707 336969, on a 5 year cycle with all circuits tested. **Last test November 2015.**

Records of these inspections and certification will be maintained and remedial works arising acted upon in a timely manner.

External play equipment

External play equipment will only be used when appropriately supervised.

This equipment will be checked daily before use (by staff) for any apparent defects, and Caretaker will conduct and record a formal termly inspection of the equipment.

PE and Play equipment is subject to an annual inspection by Sovereign (01702 291129) for the playground equipment and T&B (01582 833633) for the indoor PE equipment and EYFS playground equipment.

FLAMMABLE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

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

Within curriculum areas (in particular science and DT the Headteacher is responsible for COSHH and ensuring that an up to date inventory and model risk assessments contained in the relevant national publications are in place. (CLEAPSS, Association for Science Education's "Topics in Safety" etc.)

In all other areas the establishments nominated person(s) responsible for substances hazardous to health is the Office Manager.

They shall ensure:

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

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

ASBESTOS

APPENDIX 12

An asbestos survey and management plan is in place for the school in accordance with [HCC's asbestos policy](#). The school's most recent asbestos management survey was conducted on September 2012.

The school's asbestos log (including school plans, asbestos survey data and site specific management plan) is held in the school office area.

The Headteacher will ensure that **all** school staff (and others such as catering and cleaning staff who may not be employed directly by the school) are made aware of the location of asbestos containing materials (ACM) within their work areas.

Under no circumstances must staff undertake any work which could disturb the fabric of the building or fixed equipment, e.g. affixing anything to walls without first obtaining approval from an Asbestos Authorising Officer. (Even stapling / pushing a drawing pin into ACM may result in the release of fibres into the air.)

In the event of any damage occurring to materials known or suspected to contain asbestos this will be reported to one of the school's asbestos authorising officers and the area immediately evacuated and closed / locked off.

Professional advice will be sought and details of the incident reported to HCC's asbestos team asbestos@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

The school's asbestos authorising officers are the Headteacher, the Office Manager and the Admin Assistant, refresher training is required 3 yearly.

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

An authorising officer cannot self-authorise their own work-

The Headteacher / asbestos authorising officers shall ensure:

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

APPENDIX 13

CONTRACTORS

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

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

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

working effectively.

School managed projects

The [Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2015](#)³ applies to all building, demolition, repair and maintenance or refurbishment work.

Where the school undertakes projects direct the governing body are considered the 'client' and therefore have additional statutory obligations. These projects are managed by the Headteacher or the manager appointed for the project, on the school's behalf who will ensure landlords consent has been obtained and, where applicable, all statutory approvals, such as planning permission and building regulations have been sought.

To ensure contractor competency the school uses a property framework contractor as a method of procuring works. These contractors have satisfied the County Council that they understand and abide by health and safety regulations. Details can be found at <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/info/premises/property.shtml>

When considering the appointment of contractors outside of Hertfordshire frameworks the Headteacher will undertake appropriate competency checks prior to engaging a contractor. i.e. they have sufficient skills, knowledge and experience) to do the job safely, the degree of competence required will depend on the work to be done].

Contractors will be required to provide a construction phase plan, risk assessments and method statements detailing the safe systems of work to be used prior to works commencing on site.

Risk assessments and method statements shall be specific to the site and all aspects of the works to be undertaken. The school, contractors and any subcontractors involved will exchange relevant information regarding the work activities and agree the risk assessments.

³ Such projects are notifiable to the HSE where the work exceeds 30 days or involves more than 500 person days of work. In such instances and/ or if there will be more than 1 contractor on site at the same time (in which case a principal designer and principal contractor must be appointed in writing by the client) it is recommended that an agent be used to work on the schools behalf.

WORK AT HEIGHT

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

Storage above head height is minimised as far as possible, where this cannot be avoided only light-weight and rarely-used items are stored there.

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

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

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

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

The nominated person(s) shall ensure:

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

Staff may not use ladders and may only use step ladders when they have read and signed the safety instructions as per the school's risk assessment.

LIFTING AND HANDLING

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

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

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

Paediatric Moving and Handling

All staff who move and handle pupils have received appropriate training (both in general moving and handling people techniques and specific training on any lifting equipment, hoists, slings etc. they are required to use).

All moving and handling of pupils has been risk assessed and recorded by a competent member of staff.

Equipment for moving and handling people (hoists, slings etc.) is subject to inspection on a 6 monthly basis by a competent contractor.

DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT (DSE)

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

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

Advice on the use of DSE is available in the [Education Health and Safety Manual](#)

VEHICLES ON SITE

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

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

Separate pedestrian and vehicle gates are provided.

A risk assessment is in place for pedestrian / vehicle segregation.

The vehicle access gate must not normally be used for pedestrian access. The white vehicle access gate to the car park is to be kept shut from 8.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

The vehicle access gate from the car park to the bike sheds and beyond is to be locked from 8.15 a.m. to the end of the school day/school clubs. This is to prevent vehicles crossing the footpath between the two in a reckless manner. The gate may be unlocked during this time to allow vehicles to pass in a sensible manner.

LETTINGS / SHARED USE OF PREMISES

Lettings are managed by the Office Manager following HCC guidance.

MINIBUSES

The school has no mini-buses but we do use/hire smaller vehicles owned by The Reach Free School.

Office Admin Assistant maintains a list of nominated drivers who have received training in order to drive such vehicles, conducts an annual check of their driving licence via the [DVLA](#).

On an annual basis individual staff will be required obtain a check code from the [DVLA](#) and provide this to the Office Admin Assistant in order the school can see what vehicles they can drive and any penalty points or disqualifications on their licence.

APPENDIX 20

STRESS / WELLBEING

The school and governing body are committed to promoting high levels of health and well being and recognise the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors through risk assessment, in line with the HSE and HCC's management standards. The school buys into the S.A.S. Insurance Well-Being and Medicaid for teachers.

Systems in place within the school for responding to individual concerns and monitoring staff workloads: Performance Management, mentoring, staff able to speak to headteacher / senior management, membership of an employee Assistance Programme: S.A.S.

APPENDIX 21

LEGIONELLA

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

A water risk assessment of the school has been completed Nov'19 by Kingfisher Environmental. The Office Manager is responsible for ensuring that the identified operational controls are being conducted and recorded in the school's water log book.

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

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

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

All records relating to the management of Legionella must be kept for 5 years.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Primary school swimming in public / secondary schools

These will be planned as an offsite visit in line with the schools policy.

The school will obtain a copy of the pool's standard operating procedure (PSOP) (sometimes referred to as a normal operating procedure (NOP) and emergency action plan (EAP)) which identify the safety arrangements for the host pool.

In addition the school will obtain assurance over:

- The level of training of the swimming teacher(s);
- Pupil / swimming teacher ratios;
- Rescue / lifeguard provision provided;
- Changing provision / arrangements