



*Inspire Learning, Ignite Curiosity*

## **Marlow C of E Infant School Health & Safety Policy 2023-24**

***Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness”  
Genesis 1:26***

### **Rationale**

At Marlow Church of England Infant School our curriculum aim is to inspire learning and ignite curiosity, within a welcoming Christian and spiritual community.

This bible verse above underpins our Christian vision. It tells us that every individual is created in God's image and so this leads us to conclude that everyone is precious and valuable. As a result of this we focus on treating everybody with respect and dignity because we acknowledge their God given value and unique identity.

To help us achieve our vision we concentrate on:

- Embracing the uniqueness of everybody and being inclusive of all
- Empowering all to be enthusiastic learners
- Ensuring that every child feels nurtured, supported and safe
- Enriching learning through progressive teaching methods and technology
- Being responsible to and for society
- Being good citizens of the planet
- Embodying a Christian and spiritual community
- Being guided by our values of respect, kindness, perseverance, forgiveness, thankfulness and service

At Marlow C of E Infant School, we aim to ensure that all our pupils, staff and visitors are safe while they are at school and endeavour to provide an environment that promotes health & well –being at all levels.

As a school we support the rights of children and these rights are encompassed in UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. This policy focuses on helping to realise *Article 19: “All children have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind”*

### **Policy Aims**

This policy aims to ensure that high standards of Health, Safety & Well Being are present in the school. The overall aim is to provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment for our staff and pupils and others with whom we work.

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

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## **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 1974, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, other relevant health and safety legislation and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. 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:** Mrs Sharon Reynolds

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Name of Chair of Governors:** Mr Mark Skoyles

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Review date:** November 2024

## **PART 2: RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANISATION**

### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

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

### **2.2 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 are 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;

### **2.3 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 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;
- Attend Swimming Pool Awareness for Headteachers training if the school has its own swimming pool;
- Make sure that staff understand their responsibilities and know how to access support and advice to help them manage risks responsibly.
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken by competent persons and that suitable control measures are taken on a risk basis to manage the health and safety risks to staff and any other people who may be affected by the school's activities;
- 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 Council 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 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

## **2.4 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.

## **2.5 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 school's health and safety policy in their areas of control and agreeing the annual health and safety report.



## **2.6 HEALTH AND SAFETY COORDINATOR**

At Marlow C of E Infant school, the Headteacher takes the lead for health and safety on site with the support of the School Bursar. They provide the focal point for the school's health and safety management arrangements. Their school wide roles 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 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 Council;
- Provide health and safety induction training for all staff;
- Provide basic fire awareness training for all staff at least every six months. Refer to training notes section 3.3 Health and Safety Policies and Procedures.
- 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 ensure 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 the Council and other contractors;
- Advise the Headteacher of situations or activities which are potentially hazardous to the health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors;
- To ensure that staff are adequately instructed in safety and welfare matters about their specific workplace and the school generally.

## **2.7 TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF HOLDING POSITIONS OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

This includes Assistant Headteachers, the School Bursar and the Site Management team

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 area of responsibility and to 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;
- Ensure that all staff they manage are familiar with the relevant health and safety Codes of Practice, for their area of work;
- 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.

## **2.8 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;
- Make recommendations to their Headteacher or manager regarding equipment and improvements to plant, tools, equipment or machinery;
- Integrate all relevant aspects of safety into the teaching process;
- Report all accidents, defects and dangerous occurrences to their manager.

## **2.9 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 1977.

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

## **2.10 STAFF**

All of the school workforce plays 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:

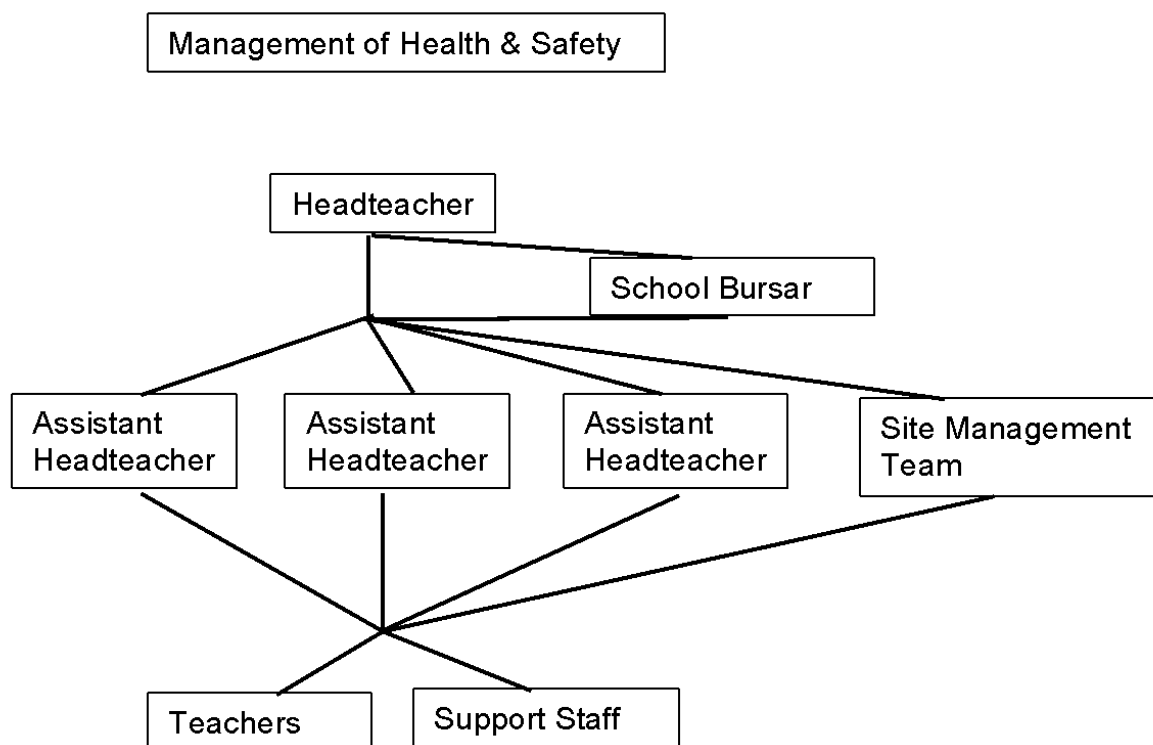
- comply with the school's health and safety policy and procedures at all times;
- take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others when undertaking their work, for example;
  - check classrooms/work areas are safe;
  - check equipment is safe before use;
  - ensure safe working 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;
- not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare;
- take part in and contribute to health and safety inspections, risk assessments etc. as appropriate;
- report
  - accidents, incidents of violence and aggression and near misses;
  - ill health caused by work activities;
  - defective equipment or premises, hazardous situations and other health and safety concerns;
  - report immediately to their Headteacher/Line Manager any serious or immediate danger.

## 2.11 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

*Read in conjunction with 2.10 above:*



## **PART 3: PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS**

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

### **LEAD GOVERNOR FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The lead governor with responsibility for scrutiny of health and safety performance is Mr Robert McFarlane

### **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT**

The asbestos register and asbestos management plan are held at: School Office

The Headteacher is responsible for

- making arrangements for dealing with asbestos in compliance with the 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

### **3.1 AUDIT, REVIEW, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND ACTION PLAN**

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

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring the implementation of recommendations of any health and safety audit reports carried out by the Council

### **3.2 CATERING**

The Headteacher is responsible for registering the food premises with the local Environmental Health Officer, District Council;

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- monitoring the preparation of food and the nutritional standards of meals;
- the maintenance of satisfactory hygiene standards;
- ensuring that temperature of the refrigerator and freezer are monitored and logged;
- ensuring an adequate schedule of deep cleaning is undertaken.

### **3.3 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.

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

### **3.4 CONTRACTORS - SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT**

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

### **3.5 EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

Mrs Alison Browning 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 Council's Education Visits Co-ordinator.

### **3.6 ENFORCING AUTHORITY VISITS**

The 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.

### **3.7 FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The 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.

The Site Manager is responsible for

- maintaining the Fire Log;
- checking daily that evacuation routes remain clear and that final exit doors are openable;
- checking firefighting equipment weekly that firefighting equipment remains in a useable condition,  
e.g. fire extinguishers, fire blankets;
- 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	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office
Bomb Alert	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office
Gas Leak	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office
Electrical Fault	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office
Water	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office
Storm or Flood Damage	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office
Lockdowns	School Office/HT Office/Staff Office

The person who discovers the emergency will raise the alarm immediately by the most appropriate means and ensure that the Headteacher or the Assistant Headteachers are 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, 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.

### 3.8 FIRST AID

First aid boxes are kept in the medical rooms (KS1, Reception)

Sarah Downing (Assistant Headteacher) and Chantel Simons (MDSA Coordinator) are responsible for making a termly check of the contents of all first aid boxes in KS1, Reception and the school office.

On a day to day basis, and in addition to the termly checks, all school staff are responsible for highlighting items of First Aid supplies that are running low. In addition to this one of the MDSAs checks and logs the stock in the boxes on a weekly basis.

Grab first aid boxes are kept in the Medical rooms (KS1 and Reception) and in the school office.

Travelling First Aid Bags for trips are kept in the school office and are checked by Helen Higham, HLTA.

The nearest medical centre/NHS GP Marlow Medical Centre, 01628 405550

The nearest hospital with accident and emergency facilities is Wexham Park Hospital, 01628 01753  
633000

The following employees are qualified to provide first aid:

Person	Role	Course	Renewal Date
Suzanne Chaney	Teaching Assistant	Paediatric First Aid (2day blended)	December 2023
Virgil Richardson	Teaching Assistant	Paediatric First Aid (2day blended)	December 2023
Chandima Samaraweera	HLTA	Paediatric First Aid (2day blended)	December 2023
Sharon Reynolds	Headteacher	First Aid at Work (3 day)	March 2024
Sarah Downing	Asst Headteacher	First Aid at Work (3 day)	March 2024
Rebecca Burton	LSA	Emergency First Aid at work	November 2024
Chantel Simons	MDSA coordinator	First Aid at Work (3 Day)	November 2024
Cassie Hawkins	Teaching Assistant	Emergency First Aid at work	November 2024
Jane Ross	Teaching Assistant	Emergency First Aid at work	November 2024
Linda Phillips	Teaching Assistant	Emergency First Aid at work	November 2024
Emma Smith	MDSA	Emergency First Aid at work	December 2024
Helen Higham	Teaching Assistant	First Aid at Work (3 day)	January 2025
Claire Green	Teaching Assistant	Emergency First Aid at Work	June 2025
Holly Madziwa	Teacher	Paediatric First Aid	February 2026
Lauren Wright	Comms Officer	First Aid at Work	June 2026
Johanna Snell	MDSA	Emergency First Aid	July 2026
Sarah Sayers	MDSA	Emergency First Aid	July 2026
Bridget Nuttall	MDSA	Emergency First Aid	July 2026
Jenny Britnell	Teaching Assistant	Emergency First Aid at work	July 2026
Jayne O'Connor	MDSA	Emergency First Aid at work	July 2026
Denise Wynne	MDSA	Emergency First Aid at work	July 2026
Veronica Merchant	MDSA	Emergency First Aid at work	July 2026
Matthew Creese	Teacher	Paediatric First Aid	November 2026

For further guidance refer to section 3.2 health and safety policies and procedures



### **3.9 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

The 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

#### **3.9.1 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH**

Access to occupational health services is through PAM Group via HR

#### **3.9.2 EMPLOYEES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**

Employees Assistance is provided by our insurers and is a completely independent and confidential personal support service, which is available 365 days 24 hours; Freephone number: 0800 882 4102

### **4. INCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION**

The Headteacher is responsible for reporting accidents, incidents and near misses, as soon after the event, as possible using the Assessnet on-line recording system.

The 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](mailto:healthandsafety@buckcc.gov.uk)

Minor injuries to non-employees (i.e. pupils and visitors) where first aid is given will be reported on CPOMS which can be accessed via the Medical Room tablets or Class tablets.

The 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  
<https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/health-and-safety/health-and-safety-policies/>

#### **4.1 INSPECTIONS**

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

Inspections of individual departments and specific work areas will be carried out by Heads of Department or nominated staff.

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

## 5. INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING

### 5.1 INFORMATION AND ADVICE

A Health and Safety Law Poster is displayed in the staff room

Health and safety advice available from the Health and Safety Team

Telephone: 01296 674412

E-mail: [handstraining@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:handstraining@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### 5.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING:

#### 5.2.1 INDUCTION

Health and safety induction training will be provided for all new employees and for work experience placement students by **Line Managers** which covers the following guidance and documentation that is available from [https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/health-and-safety/health and safety policies/](https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/health-and-safety/health%20and%20safety%20policies/)

<i>BCC Health and Safety Policy</i>	<i>School Health and Safety Policy</i>
<i>Codes of Safe Practice and Guidance</i>	<i>Education Visits Policy Document</i>
<i>Premises Asbestos Log</i>	<i>Premises Legionella Log</i>
<i>Job Based Risk Assessment and other appropriate assessments</i>	<i>Fire and other Emergency Arrangements</i>
<i>Accident Reporting Arrangements</i>	<i>First Aid Arrangements</i>
<i>Safe Use of Work Equipment</i>	<i>Procedures for Hazardous Substances</i>
<i>Good Housekeeping, Waste Disposal and Cleaning Arrangements</i>	<i>Hazard Reporting and Maintenance Procedures</i>
<i>Special Hazards/Responsibilities Associated with their Work Activity</i>	<i>Special Needs of Young Employees (e.g. Work Experience Placements)</i>

#### 5.2.2 TRAINING RECORDS AND TRAINING NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

The **Headteacher** 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>Asbestos Awareness</i>	<i>IOSH Working Safely</i>	<i>Personal Safety of Employees</i>	<i>Fire Safety Training</i>
<i>COSHH Awareness</i>	<i>Legionella</i>	<i>Emergency First Aid at Work</i>	<i>Safe Playground Inspection</i>
<i>First Aid at Work</i>	<i>Food Safety in Catering</i>	<i>Manual Handling (Loads)</i>	<i>Team Teach training</i>
<i>Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions</i>	<i>Paediatric First Aid (for schools with children below 5)</i>	<i>Working at Height</i>	<i>Governor's Role in Health and Safety</i>
<i>IOSH Managing Safely/Refresher</i>	<i>Visual Tree training</i>		

### **5.2.3 STRATEGIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND PREMISES MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

#### ***SPECIFIC COURSE FOR GOVERNORS***

- The Governor Role for Health and Safety (provided by Governor Services.): Mr Robert McFarlane

#### ***COURSES FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM***

- Asbestos Awareness (Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Mrs S Reynolds
- Fire safety training (for Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Mrs SJ McKevitt
- IOSH Managing Safely/Managing Safely Refresher 3 day/1 day course (for Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Mrs S Reynolds
- Legionella Training (Headteachers/Health and Safety Coordinators): Mrs S Reynolds

### **5.2.4 OCCUPATIONAL RISKS**

- Emergency First Aid at Work: see table above
- Fire Warden Training: Sharon Reynolds, Helen Millar, Sarah Downing, Jayne Moore, Jenny Britnell, Lauren Wright, Sarah Jane McKevitt
- First Aid at Work: See Table Above
- First Aid for Schools: See Table Above
- Paediatric First Aid (for schools with children up to age 5): See table above
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions (includes Managing Medicines): Jayne Moore, Sharon Reynolds, Lauren Wright
- Step Up training: Emma Howarth, Sharon Reynolds, Sarah Downing, Ruth Mitchell, Elise Cabbage, Alison Browning, Matthew Creese, Holly Madziwa, Chantel Simons, Johanna Snell, Jayne O'Connor, Cassie Hawkins

### **5.2.5 CARETAKING / SITE MANAGEMENT**

- Asbestos Awareness : Headteacher/Site team
- COSHH Health and Safety Training: Headteacher/Site Team
- Working Safely (IOSH): Site team
- Legionella: Headteacher/Site Team
- Manual Handling: Headteacher/Site Team,
- Visual Tree Assessment : Buckland Landscape/Site Team
- Working at Height: Site Team

## 6 LEGIONELLA

The Headteacher is the Premises Responsible Person for the management of Legionella

Mr M Humphrey, Site Team 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

## 7 LETTINGS

Mrs Sarah Jane McKevitt is responsible for co-ordinating lettings of the premises and for giving health and safety including emergency information to hirers.

## 8 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

## 9 OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring outdoor play equipment and safety surfaces is

- regularly inspected by person who has attended Safe Playground Inspection course;
- inspected and maintained annually by a competent contractor;
- repaired or taken out of use, as required.

Mr J Carr, Site Team is responsible for inspecting the equipment and safety surfacing weekly.

Mrs S Downing, Assistant Headteacher 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

## 10 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 the Headteacher when they become aware of a need to repair or replace PPE, which they use.

For further guidance refer to section 11.1 health and safety policies

## **11 PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**

Mrs SJ McKeivitt, School Bursar 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.

## **12 RISK ASSESSMENT**

### **12.1 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.

### **12.2 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Headteacher is the Responsible Person under the Fire Safety Reform Order;

The 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

### **12.3 MANUAL HANDLING RISK ASSESSMENTS (LOADS)**

Manual handling risk assessments will be carried out by the Headteacher 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.

### **12.4 MOVING AND HANDLING RISK ASSESSMENTS (PEOPLE)**

Moving and handling risk assessments will be carried out by the Headteacher, following guidance and documentation in section 5.2 health and safety policies and procedures

They will be responsible for ensuring:

- assessments are regularly reviewed by an appropriate person and actions required are implemented;
- appropriate people attend
  - Paediatric Moving and Handling training/refresher training annually:
  - Load Risk Assessor training/refresher training annually

## 12.5 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 S Reynolds	Headteacher
Mrs S Downing	Assistant Headteacher
Mrs S J McKevitt	School Bursar
Mrs H Millar	Administration Officer
Mrs E Howarth	Assistant Headteacher
Mr M Creese	Assistant Headteacher
Mrs A Browning	Teacher
Mrs R Mitchell	Teacher
Miss E Cubbage	Teacher
Mrs H Madziwa	Teacher
Mrs L Wright	Communications Officer

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

## 12.6 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

## 12.7 RISK ASSESSMENTS OF CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

Risk Assessments for curriculum activities will be carried out by relevant Subject Leaders using guidance from CLEAPSS, Association for Science Education (ASE), and Association for Physical Education (afPE), Buckinghamshire Councils Health and Safety Policies and other recognised sources of competent advice

## 12.8 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The Headteacher 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, Catering, Grounds Maintenance;

- ensuring that the assessments have been communicated to staff and ensuring the actions required including provision of training are implemented.

For further guidance refer to section 4.1 health and safety policies and procedures

### **13 SAFE PLANT AND WORK EQUIPMENT**

Plant and equipment will be inspected, maintained and, where necessary, tested by appropriate contractors appointed by the Governing Body /County

Any problems or defects regarding plant and equipment should be reported to Mrs SJ McKevitt, School Bursar.

#### **13.1 CARETAKING AND CLEANING EQUIPMENT**

A member of the site management team in his absence, is responsible for ensuring that

- caretaking and cleaning equipment is regularly inspected and maintained; this includes powered cleaning equipment, power and hand tools
- users/operators are trained and supervised;

Rapid Clean have been authorised and trained to use caretaking and cleaning equipment.

For further guidance refer to section 9.15

- users/operators are trained and supervised;

#### **13.2 GAS EQUIPMENT**

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that

- gas equipment is serviced and maintained annually;

For further guidance refer to section 10.9 health and safety policies and procedures

#### **13.3 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT**

Bucklands Landscapes are responsible for ensuring that

- grounds maintenance equipment is regularly inspected and maintained;
- users/operators are trained and supervised;

Bucklands Landscapes have been authorised and trained to use grounds maintenance equipment;

For further guidance refer to section 10.1 health and safety policies and procedures

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#### **13.4 MANUAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT (LOADS)**

This includes equipment used for the manual handling of loads

The Site Team 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

### **13.5 WORKING AT HEIGHT - ACCESS EQUIPMENT**

The Site Team 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.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring appropriate training is provided, employees are appropriately supervised and that suitable risk assessments are carried out.

The Site Team is responsible for inspecting access equipment and maintaining the Access Equipment Log (Ladder and Step Ladder Log)

For further guidance refer to section 10.2 health and safety policies and procedures

### **13.6 EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN CURRICULUM AREAS**

#### **13.6.1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT (PE)**

The Headteacher 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;
- on the store cabinet;

### **14 SEVERE WEATHER**

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

The Site Team 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



## **15 SITE SAFETY, HOUSE KEEPING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **15.1 SITE SAFETY**

All employees and governors must report any hazards to Mrs SJ McKeivitt, School Bursar via the hazard reporting book which is kept in the school office. She will arrange for repairs or action to remove hazard.

### **15.2 LOCATIONS OF MAIN SERVICE ISOLATION POINTS**

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

Water	Boiler House
Electricity	Staff Room – Electricity cupboard
Gas	Opposite Boiler House

### **15.3 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.

### **15.4 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 Mrs SJ McKeivitt, School Bursar who will arrange for them to be cleared.

The school will be cleaned by: Rapid Clean every day at 6.30pm. Staff should avoid areas where floors have been wet mopped.

Spill kits are kept in the following locations: KS1 and Reception medical rooms

### **15.5 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.

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

Rapid Clean under the supervision of Mrs Sarah Jane McKeivitt, School Bursar and the Site Team are responsible for ensuring:

- waste is collected daily and stored in appropriately sited secure containers;
- waste containers are secured in either a compound or by being chained

## **16 SITE SECURITY AND VISITORS**

All visitors must report to the school office where they will be asked to sign in using the inventory system and wear a visitors' badge.

Other arrangements to ensure the security of pupils and employees on site are all gates; apart from the main one, locked at 9:00am and unlocked at 3:05pm.

The site team are responsible for locking the building, arming security alarms etc

## **17 SMOKING**

The Headteacher 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

## **18 SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

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

The Headteacher is the accountable person for implementing the school's policy on Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions.

Mrs S. Reynolds, Mrs Lauren Wright and Mrs J Moore are responsible for

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

The Headteacher is responsible for undertaking and reviewing Individual Health Care Plans using the template available in section 8.9.

The Headteacher is responsible for compiling an inventory of pupils who have been diagnosed with asthma or have been prescribed a salbutamol inhaler

The Headteacher is responsible for management of controlled drugs following guidance and documentation

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

## **19 TEAM TEACH**

The Headteacher is responsible for arranging Team Teach training and monitoring its effectiveness.

## **20 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 Council policy contained in "*Regulations for the Use of Vehicles 2016*"

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that all employees who drive for work have a valid licence and business insurance (business insurance is also available for school from Buckinghamshire Council Insurance)

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

## **20.1 ON-SITE VEHICLE MOVEMENTS**

The segregation of traffic and pedestrians will be controlled by the following measures:

- No vehicles on the school grounds should be moving at the beginning and end of the school day. These times are between:
  - 8.30am and 9.30am and
  - 3.00pm and 3.30pm
- The main school gates are open during this time and this allows pedestrians to use the car park as a waiting area for drop off and pick up of children at the beginning and end of the school day. After these times the gates are closed and remain close unless a vehicle requires access for deliveries etc.
- There is a sign on the school gate that makes clear the times when the car park is not accessible for vehicles.
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on duty to monitor the situation during the times stated above and cones will be put across the entrance of the open gates to make visitors and contractors more aware that the site is not accessible for vehicles at these times.
- When arranging to visit the school site, contractors and visitors will be told via the office email that they will not be able to access the site with a vehicle at the times stated above.

## **21 WORK EXPERIENCE**

The Headteacher is responsible for

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

## **22 REVIEW OF POLICY**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Date of latest review: November 2023

Date of next review November 2024