

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Incorporating the Local Health and Safety Arrangements for:

- **St Oswald's RC Primary & Nursery School, Accrington**
- **Category of School**
- **8883763 / 11012**
- **Hartley Avenue, Accrington BB5 0NN**

This policy is based on the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated health and safety and other legislation. It should be read in conjunction with the Lancashire County Council's Health and Safety Management System which is held on the School's Portal.

As a Voluntary Aided School the governing body is the employer and is responsible for the use of the premises. The headteacher is responsible for the implementation and management of health, safety and welfare within the school. The governing body and the headteacher should work in partnership to meet these responsibilities.

As the person(s) with responsibility for the implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school, I/we will, as far as is reasonably practicable:

- provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work activities;
- provide and maintain safe plant and equipment;
- ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks and ensure the provision of adequate training;
- maintain safe and healthy working conditions;
- ensure safe handling and use of substances;
- review and revise this policy and arrangements as necessary at regular intervals, and, as a minimum, following each 5 yearly review of this template by the county council;
- consult with employees on matters affecting their health and safety;
- provide information, instruction and supervision for employees;
- prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health;
- comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements;
- act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the "Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire" and the "School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document".

Signed: <i>C. L. Kippax</i>	Signed: <i>J Jordan</i>
	On behalf of the Governing Body
Headteacher's name: Mrs C Kippax	Chair of Governors name: John Jordan
Date: September 2023	Proposed Review date: September 2025 or earlier

Responsibilities

The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school is that of eg headteacher:	<i>C Kippax Head Teacher</i>
The delegated member of staff with day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is eg school business manager, health and safety co-ordinator etc:	<i>C Lee / S Warburton SBM / H&S Governor</i>
To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in their specific areas eg premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-hours arrangements, educational visits:	<i>Premises – G Bradshaw, Site Manager Fire Safety – G Bradshaw/C Kippax Emergency Plans – C Kippax Educational Visits – C Kippax</i>
Health and safety objectives for the school (as identified by accident/incident investigation, consultation, review of risk assessments, health and safety management support and audit visits; advice from the county council etc, or other sources eg DfE, Teachers.Net, other schools, the HSE) will be developed and monitored by:	<i>C Kippax HT S Warburton H&S Governor G Bradshaw – Site Supervisor C Lee - SBM</i>
Documented health and safety objectives and any associated action plan(s) can be found: Note: Any actions arising from those objectives should be documented eg as an action plan, and monitored to ensure they are achieved.	<i>Gov Minutes; Staff meeting minutes</i>
All employees within the school have a responsibility to:	
1. Co-operate with the headteacher and his/her nominated representatives on all matters relating to health and safety; 2. Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety; 3. Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and not knowingly place anyone who may be affected by their work activities at risk; 4. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement); and, 5. Adhere to the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document which state that teachers' professional duties include maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere.	

Health and safety risks arising from work activities

I/we will ensure that so far as is reasonably practicable, all areas of risk are assessed and adequate control measures are put in place to ensure the health and safety of all employees, pupils, contractors, non-employees and anyone else affected by the school's activities.

Risk assessments will be undertaken by: Risk assessments will be undertaken prior to the introduction of any new work tasks / activities that pose a significant risk to health and safety.	<i>C Kippax HT G Bradshaw Site Supervisor</i>
The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported to:	<i>C Kippax HT G Bradshaw SS C Lee SBM</i>
Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>
The responsibility for ensuring the action required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>
Checking that implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>
Risk assessments will be reviewed regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes. Responsibility for this rests with:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>

School's Commitment

To meet the requirements of this Policy Statement, the headteacher/governing body and/or his/her/their nominated representative(s) will:

- a) draw up and implement appropriate health and safety procedures for the school;
- b) share appropriate elements of these procedures with all employees, pupils, visitors and anyone else who may be affected by them;
- c) arrange for risk assessments to be completed for all areas of work and review them on a regular basis;
- d) as part of the risk assessment process, produce safe systems of work where necessary and arrange for their implementation including any appropriate training, resourcing, auditing and monitoring;
- e) identify adequate resources for the implementation of the health and safety policy and arrangements within the school;
- f) comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements; and,
- g) act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire and the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

The school will:

- make health and safety procedures and documentation available for inspection upon request
- regularly review its arrangements in respect of the applicable topics and activities listed in the table at the end of this Policy document.

Consultation with employees

The school recognises and accepts its duty to consult with employees and will do so via a union-appointed safety representative and/or through elected employee representatives where union appointed representatives are not available.

Employee representative(s) for the school are:	<i>S. Warburton C Lee</i>
Consultation with employees is provided via:	<i>Email updates</i>

Safety Representatives

The school recognises and accepts that safety representatives must be given the paid time necessary to carry out their functions, and paid time as is necessary to undergo training in those functions, as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Safety representatives' functions are to:

- investigate potential hazards and dangerous occurrences at the workplace, and complaints by employees relating to health, safety and welfare at work, and examine the causes of workplace accidents;
- make representations to the headteacher/governing body on the above investigations, and on general matters affecting the health and safety of the employees they represent;
- regularly inspect the workplace;
- represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors; and,
- attend health and safety committee meetings.

Safe plant and equipment

The school will ensure that all plant and equipment that requires maintenance is identified, that maintenance is carried out and that new or second-hand plant and equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased.

Responsible person(s) for identifying all equipment/plant needing maintenance:	<i>G Bradshaw – Site Supervisor</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring effective maintenance arrangements are in place:	<i>G Bradshaw – Site Supervisor</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out:	<i>G Bradshaw – Site Supervisor</i>
Any problems found with equipment should be reported to:	<i>G Bradshaw – Site Supervisor</i>
Responsible person(s) to check that new equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased:	<i>C Lee/C Kippax (SBM/HT)</i>

Information, instruction and supervision

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at: Note: It is a legal requirement to display the Health and Safety Law Poster in a prominent position in each workplace eg in the school's reception area, or to give employees a copy of the Health and Safety Law leaflet.	<i>Staffroom</i>
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Health and safety advice is available from:	Paul Hood – H&S advisor for school School Portal
Induction, supervision of trainees/work placements etc will be arranged/undertaken/monitored by:	Cath Kippax - HT

Competency for tasks and training

The school has arrangements in place to ensure that all new employees are provided with appropriate health and safety induction training when they start work. This will cover basics such as first aid and fire safety. Job specific health and safety training will also be provided if needed to achieve the required competency. Training arrangements will include regular refresher training where appropriate. Write down your arrangements for training here, including arrangements for record keeping.

Induction training will be arranged/undertaken for all employees by:	<i>Cath Kippax - HT</i>
Job specific training will be provided by:	LA training / online training
Jobs requiring specific health and safety training are:	LA training / online training as appropriate
Training records are kept by:	Office
Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:	<i>Cath Kippax - HT</i>

Accidents, first aid and work-related ill health

The school acknowledges the legal requirement to:

- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for the reporting, recording and investigation of incidents and accidents;
- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for reporting work related injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences under the RIDDOR Regulations;
- provide appropriate first aid arrangements for employees and anyone attending the premises that may be affected by the school's activities;

- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place to provide health surveillance for any employees who may be **at risk** of ill-health as a direct result of their work activities.

The first aid box(es) is/are available:	Nursery: Utility room KS1: Atrium KS2: cloakroom (individual mini 1 st Aid kits are taken to Astroturf at playtimes)
The first aider(s) and appointed person(s) is/are:	<i>List in school office</i>
All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported to:	<i>Cath Kippax - HT</i>
Health surveillance is not required for any job roles within the school.	

Performance monitoring

The school acknowledges its requirement to monitor the health and safety of employees and anyone who may be affected by its work activities and has appropriate arrangements in place to fulfil this requirement and to keep records.

To check our working conditions and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will conduct workplace inspections. These are carried out by:	<i>C Kippax – HT</i> <i>S Warburton – Governor</i> <i>C Lee SBM</i> <i>G Bradshaw SS</i>
Review all risk assessments regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes.	See Section: Health and safety risks arising from work activities for responsibility details
Responsible person(s) for investigating accidents eg road traffic accidents, slips, trips and/or falls etc before requesting assistance from the Health, Safety and Quality team if necessary:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>
Responsible person(s) for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>
Responsible person(s) for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>
Responsible person(s) for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness	<i>C Lee SBM</i> <i>C Kippax HT</i>

absence:	
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Emergency procedures - fire and evacuation

The school acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that appropriate emergency procedures are in place and that these are communicated to all concerned, including other users of the premises, and monitored on a regular basis.

Responsibility for ensuring the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented rests with:	<i>C Kippax HT Governors</i>
Escape routes are checked by/every:	<i>G Bradshaw SS weekly:</i>
Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:	<i>Lancashire Fire & Rescue annually:</i>
Alarms are tested by/every:	<i>G Bradshaw SS weekly:</i>
The emergency evacuation procedure is tested by/every:	<i>C Kippax HT termly</i>
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place to deal with other emergency situations eg bomb threat, flood, etc. rests with:	<i>C Kippax HT</i>

Table of occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Occupational health and safety topic/activity (Note: This is not a comprehensive list. Please add any further topics/activities relevant to your school.) Information and guidance is available on the Health, Safety and Quality team website :	Applicable (✓)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Accident reporting, recording and investigation	✓	HT's Office Black Folder "Accident Register"
Asbestos management plan		No asbestos in school
Bodily fluids (urine; blood; faeces; vomit) and biological agents	✓	Health and Safety Policy Handbook Blue Folder Staffroom
Cleaning/caretaking tasks	✓	Cleaning Store/ Lone Working – Red LCC Folder HT's Office
Control of contractors	✓	Contractors on Site RA Red LCC Folder HT's Office
Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)	✓	Site Supervisor's store
Disability access (health and safety implications)	✓	Single Equality Policy/ Action Plan Green Folder HT's Office
Display screen equipment and eye tests	✓	DSE Advice Red LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
Driving at work	✓	Driving on behalf of school RA Red LCC Folder HT's Office
Electrical safety, for example, installations, PAT tests, visual checks, local policy on bringing electrical items into school etc	✓	See HSE Electrical Advice Red LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
Emergency procedures other than fire, for example flood, services failure	✓	Emergency Incident Matrix Red LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
Extended school and community use	✓	Lettings Policy Green Folder HT's Office
Finger traps (internal and external)	✓	
Fire safety	✓	Fire Drill/ Evacuation Procedures LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
First aid	✓	First Aid RA Red LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
Gas safety, for example, installations, servicing, tests, visual checks, local policy on use of gas items in school etc	✓	Gas Safety Legislation Red LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
Health and safety induction (a checklist is available on the health safety and quality website)	✓	Staff Induction Handbook

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Infection control, including needles and needlestick injuries	✓	Use of Needles RA Red LCC RA's Folder HT's Office
Lettings to non-school groups	✓	Lettings Policy
Manual handling	✓	Manual Handling RA/ Advice Red LCC RAs Folder HT's Office
Minibuses		Driving on behalf of school RA Red LCC Folder HT's Office
Mobile phones (the use of)	✓	Staff Handbooks Blue Folder
Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression	✓	Lone Worker RA Red LCC RA's Folder HT's Office
Play equipment installations inspections	✓	Playgrounds RA Red LCC RA's Folder HT's Office
Playgrounds and external areas	✓	"RA Red LCC Generic Risk Assessments Folder HT's Office
Ponds and water features	N/A	
Premises management (see premises management guidance on the Health, Safety and Quality team's website)	✓	H&S Policy Handbook Staffroom Blue Folder/ PM Advice Red Risk Assessment Folder HT's Office
Pupil moving and handling (special needs)		
Pregnant employees and nursing mothers	✓	New & Exp Mothers Red Risk Assessment Folder HT's Office
Reporting of health and safety concerns/faults	✓	H&S Policy Handbook Staffroom Blue Folder
Severe weather including winter gritting	✓	Severe weather policy- file
Shared use of buildings		
Sharps, for example, broken glass in the school building or external grounds	✓	H&S Policy Handbook Staffroom Blue Folder
Stress	✓	
Swimming pools		
Transport safety/vehicle movement – arrangements for vehicle	✓	Car Park policy

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movement, car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation on site		
Visitor and volunteers' safety	✓	Information Flyer for Visitors HT's Office notice board
Waste storage and disposal	✓	H&S Policy Handbook Staffroom Blue Folder
Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc) – a Legionella Risk Assessment should be in place as part of your premises management arrangements	✓	Advice available on LCC County Portal/ from HT on request
Work equipment and machinery	✓	Lone Working RA Red Risk Assessment Folder HT's Office
Working at height – ladders, access equipment etc	✓	Ladder Safety Advice Red RA Folder HT's Office
Workplace inspection (internal and external)	✓	See Workplace Inspection Form Red RA Folder HT's Office

Table of non-occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Curriculum and other non-occupational activities (information and guidance is available in various parts of the Schools Portal)	Applicable (✓)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Administration of medication	✓	Administration of medicine policy
*Educational visits	✓	EVC Policy
Food safety and hygiene	✓	Food & Drink Policy
Outdoor activities	✓	Outdoor Activities RA
PE equipment	✓	PE RA
Pupil handling and restraint	✓	Use of force or restraint Policy
Grounds maintenance activities		
Pupil movement and flow	✓	Behaviour Policy
School transport		
Science (only where not covered by curriculum safety procedures set down in CLEAPSS)		
Smoking	✓	No Smoking Policy in school and on school premises
Special needs of pupils (health and safety issues)	✓	SEN Policy
Stage and drama activities		
Supervision of pupils	✓	Behaviour Policy
Technology rooms and equipment		
Wearing of jewellery	✓	Uniform Policy
Work experience	✓	Induction Handbook

The school will also take into account the risks, and make health and safety arrangements for, non-routine, out of hours, 'one-off', seasonal or sporadic activities for example special school and community events such as school fetes, etc.

*Note: Educational Visits have a separate intranet site on the Schools Portal at [Educational Visits](#).