



# Sunningdale School

## **Health & Safety Policy 2022–2023**

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Sunningdale School is the working environment for many groups of individuals and plays host to many others. It is important, therefore, that a safe environment is established in which children and adults can work together with confidence. It is the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team and Board of Governors to ensure this is the case.

In order to promote this we must all take responsibility for being vigilant and be aware of possible risks. Children and adults should be encouraged to look out for themselves and one another and share any concerns they may have swiftly and appropriately.

We must also, however, be aware of the need to keep a balance between security and safety and the maintenance of a comfortable, welcoming learning environment. This policy aims to address and provide guidance on this balance, identifying individual and group responsibilities.

### **Aims**

- To provide a safe, secure and healthy working environment for staff and children by so as reasonably practicable.
- Ensuring assessments are undertaken and control measures are adequate to prevent realisation of risks
- Allocating adequate resources for the management of health and safety risks.

- Identifying the training needs of employees and ensuring relevant training is provided
- Investigating incidents and identifying appropriate remedial action
- Ensuring health and safety audit reports and action plans are implemented within the timescales required.

### **Informing People of this Policy**

There is a copy of the policy in the 'Policies' folder on the school's internal staff server.

Staff are informed when the policy is updated.

The policy is ratified by Governors through the Policy Review Committee in line with the Policy Review Schedule.

All members of staff are issued with the policy and required to sign the register to acknowledge that they have read and understood the policy.

Visitors have their attention drawn to basic health and safety information on entry to the school and those likely to visit school on a regular basis are requested to read the policy.

New members of staff receive health and safety information as part of the induction policy.

It is the responsibility of teachers to ensure that significant health and safety risks are identified during lesson planning and preparation to ensure adequate controls are implemented where necessary and that lessons are supervised accordingly.

### **Responsibilities of the Governing Body**

- Ensure the high profile of health and safety in relation to financial planning, personnel decisions and in-service training.
- Ensure that policies relating to health and safety are in place and updated regularly
- Enable a member of the governing body (John Robson) to have a key monitoring role in relation to health and safety including a termly walk around the school building with the Site Supervisor, Office Manager and the Headteacher.

- Ensure that safety standards for purchased goods and equipment are met and that items offered for sale by the school are safe.

### **Responsibilities of the Headteacher**

- To ensure the Council, Directorate and school's Health and Safety policies are fully implemented and for day to day management of health and safety in Sunningdale School
- To undertake risk assessments as and when required and review regularly
- To investigate accidents and incidents and implement remedial action to prevent reoccurrence
- To ensure policies and employees are updated as to new legislation and guidance
- To provide employees with adequate training instruction information and supervision
- To ensure that temporary/supply staff are informed of basic health and safety policies and procedures
- To meet with health and safety representative of the Board of Governors to discuss health and safety issues
- To report on any audits/inspections to the GB and implement recommendations
- To ensure that procedures are in place to ensure the safety of contractors and hirers.
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### **Responsibilities of Individual Teachers**

The following list is a guide to the particular responsibilities that individuals have

- Know the safety measures and arrangements to be adopted in their own working areas and ensure that they are applied
- Know and apply the procedures in respect of emergencies
- Co-operate with Headteacher, Site staff, Office Manager in promoting health and safety measures
- Follow health and safety instructions and use appropriate safety equipment and protective clothing
- Maintain safety tools and equipment
- Report any accidents and incidents (including violence at work) incidents and 'near misses'
- Make parents/ volunteers aware of safety procedures in the classroom/ work area
- Ensure that relevant risk assessments are completed and followed

- To not make physical alterations to the physical fabric of the school building, including attaching shelves and equipment to walls, without the express permission of the Headteacher.

### **Responsibilities of Post-Holders**

TBC (24/11/22):	Chair of Board of Governors
TBC (24/11/22):	Board of Governors (Health and Safety)
Mr J. Waller:	Headteacher
Mrs C. Beattie:	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs N. Headon (In post 28/11/22):	Office Manager (overseeing premises)
Mr. E. Hamilton:	Site supervisor
Mr. D. Straughan:	Assistant Site Supervisor.

Those responsible for others should ensure that:

- Members of their team are complying with health and safety regulations
- Draw the attention of the Headteacher to any breach of procedure amongst their team which cannot be dealt with
- Supply teachers, temporary staff and new members of permanent staff are made familiar with health and safety procedures
- The Head teacher or Premises Manager are informed of any premises related accidents or near misses.
- Ensure accidents and incidents are reported using the IRI reporting procedure.
- Report any defects in premises or equipment the Headteacher and or Premise Manager and to notify Headteacher of any other H&S related issues
- They keep an overview of the parts of the premises for which they are responsible
- All donated equipment is safe for use, if necessary seeking specialist advice
- They implement existing policies and procedures and follow advice and instructions

### **Responsibilities of Visitors**

Regular visitors and other users of the school will be required to observe the safety rules of the school. The headteacher will ensure that visitors are informed of health and safety matters which may affect them during their visit.

Parents helping out in school will be made aware of the health and safety arrangements by the teacher who they are working with.

Groups of people who regularly hire the premises will be made aware of safety arrangements through our hiring information and H&S responsibilities e.g. first aid and fire warden provision will be detailed in the lettings agreement in discussion with the Office Manager, Headteacher and/ or Governing Board.

The Board of Governors and Headteacher have agreed that the following procedures/ codes of practice shall be followed within the school:

### **Accident reporting**

All accidents should be recorded on an internal accident form and the details forwarded to the Headteacher for action. In the absence of the Headteacher the Deputy Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher must be informed.

Premise related accidents should be reported to the Site Supervisor and Office Manager as well as the Headteacher.

Where necessary parents/guardians or other persons should be notified of the accident and action taken to ensure the location of the accident is still safe to use. Parents should be informed by the relevant section of the accident form and where necessary via the home-school diary or telephone directly.

### **COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)**

Our school is aware of the requirement eliminate the use of any hazardous substance or where this is not possible use alternative less hazardous substances. All staff procuring hazardous substances must ensure a Material Safety Data Sheet is obtained from the manufacturer and a COSHH assessment undertaken before the substance is used.

### **Working at Height**

A generic Work at Height risk assessment has been undertaken. Individual work at height activities will be risk assessed before work commences.

### **Risk assessments**

Risk assessments must be completed whenever there is the possibility that a hazard or danger might be encountered as part of a school activity. Risk

assessments and HSRA2 forms are kept in the administration file in the school office or on the office server. These are reviewed as required.

Risk Assessments for external visits are stored on the main school server and attached to relevant EVOLVE external visit forms within the Evolve platform.

Staff should inform the Senior Leadership Team of any H&S issues or concerns they become aware of.

### **Educational visits**

In addition to the content of this policy reference must be made to the school's External Visits Policy.

### **Work experience**

Work experience students are co-ordinated by the Administrative Team with support from the Senior Leadership Team. The Administrative Team is responsible for ensuring their induction of students whilst on site. Induction includes explanation of basic and important Health and Safety Information. Where appropriate they will be assigned a classroom based mentor.

### **Contractors and visitors**

The Board of Governors and Headteacher will ensure that the Corporate Control of Construction/Maintenance Code of Practice is adhered to at all times. This will be delegated to the Office Manager and Site Supervisor, as appropriate.

Contractors are made aware of the location of asbestos and asked to sign to acknowledge that they have received this information. All contractor and visitors are provided with relevant H&S and fire evacuation information. All contractors and visitors entering the premises are required to sign in and wear a visitors' badge.

### **Display Screen Equipment**

All work stations will be subject to a DSE assessment. This will be organised by the Office Manager with support from relevant IT professional support (Connected IT).

### **Asbestos**

An asbestos register is available and contractors made aware of any asbestos in their work area prior to work beginning. The site Asbestos Monitoring Officer is the

Headteacher. Monitoring is, however, delegated to the Site Supervisor with support from the Administrative Team, who are responsible for updating the asbestos register.

### **Fire**

A Fire Risk Assessment is undertaken and reviewed regularly by the Responsible Person with support from relevant professionals from Together for Children, the Site Supervisor and Administrative Team.

Responsibilities during fire drill and implementing the fire evacuation procedure:

Headteacher Deputy Head Teacher	Supervision of evacuation Evaluation of procedures Training and guidance
Office Manager Administrative Team	Calling the fire brigade/meeting the fire brigade at main gate
Teachers HLTAs Teaching Assistants	Roll call
Administrative Team	Collect registers & signing in books Checking visitors
Fire Wardens	To check where possible that the building is empty, doors closed, lights and major electrical equipment switched off (see below).

### **Fire Wardens**

The typical use of Fire Warden's is not viable under the normal operating practice of the school. Individual staff members are not static, may be anywhere within the site and may not even be on site at all. For this reason it is made clear that every member of staff has a responsibility to visually check that the building is empty, emptying, doors are closed and lights (and major electrical equipment) are turned off as they exit the building. Evacuating pupils remains the key responsibility of all staff. Due to high staff: pupil ratios (1:3) no child should be unaccounted for when exiting.

Current (September 2022) trained Fire Wardens are:

Edward Hamilton

David Straughan

Maria Appleby

Wendy Smiles  
 Claire Redman  
 Serena Alderson  
 Brogan Wallace  
 James Waller

All staff are reminded termly of the fire exit procedure and more frequently if any changes are implemented.

### Occupation Density Figures

Sports hall	220
Dining hall	133

### Reporting Incidents

All accidents should be recorded on an internal accident form and the details forwarded to the Headteacher for action. For more serious incidents staff should use an incident form (IR1) to report all incidents, including violence at work incidents (physical assault and or verbal intimidation) and report to the Headteacher so that action can be taken to prevent a re-occurrence.

### First Aid

Staff undergo periodic training in:

First Aid at Work

Emergency First Aid

Paediatric First Aid

The following people currently hold a first aid qualification:

Paediatric First Aid	Emergency First Aid at Work	First Aid at Work
Coral Hugo Helen Mcleod Jacqueline Catcheside Leanne Mcgregor Leanne Watson Lyndsey Ransom Michelle Simpson Nicola Waldron Samantha Johnson	Donna Richardson Amanda Smith Anne Oliver Ben Benson Bethany Coad Carol Dunn Charlotte Smith Charlotte Twinn Cheryl Greener	Serena Alderson

Sophie Howe Stefanie Collins Tara Porter Donna Richardson	Christine Evans Claire Redman Clare Taggart David Straughan Diane Lawton Dionne Campbell Donna Harris Emma Talbot Frances Mihailovic Gill Parker Jonathan Moffatt Julie Lowden Julie Mcbeth Justine Conlin Karen Tansey Leigh Calder Lucy Naylor Lynne Pringle Mandy Tumilty Maria Appleby Pam Dunn Rachael Mackey Rachel Robson Serena Alderson Wendy Smiles	
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### **First Aid Equipment**

First aid boxes are kept in the:

- Reception
- Sports Hall Store,
- School Dining Hall store,
- Technology/ Cookery Room,
- Hydrotherapy Area,
- SENhub training centre,
- School Mini Buses.

To be reviewed termly based on use of the building.

They contain only approved equipment, together with guidance on the treatment of injured people. They also contain latex gloves, which must be used for first aid

treatment, particularly if blood is present. This is to eliminate the risk of HIV virus infection.

For the supervising of an out-of-school visit there is a first aid satchel available – staff must ensure that this is taken on a trip and specific medical conditions taken into account. Paediatric first aid will be provided on all EYFS external visits. A member of class staff will have first aid training when on any class external visits.

The First Aid at Work trained staff with support from the Administrative team are responsible for monitoring and replenishing first aid boxes.

#### **Defibrillator Location:**

Administrative Sink Area (Outside Headteacher's Office).

#### **Near misses reporting**

Near misses should be reported to the Headteacher (or relevant Senior Leader in their absence) so that remedial action can be taken to prevent an accident occurring.

Any near misses are then recorded electronically via an internal near miss form (previously near miss book).

#### **Smoking**

To help ensure that we offer pupils, staff and visitors a safe, secure and healthy environment our school has adopted a no smoking policy, which covers the school, entrances, car parks, playgrounds and playing fields.

#### **New and Expectant Mothers**

Where staff become aware that they are pregnant they should inform the Headteacher in writing so that if necessary additional controls can be put in place. Appropriate rest and nursing facilities will be made available for expectant and nursing mothers and flexible time management should allow nursing to continue according to need.

#### **Monitoring arrangements**

The Governing Board may call for annual reports on:

- Accidents/ incidents
- Results of internal or external health and safety inspections
- Complaints

- Summary of reports or information from Health and Safety Link Governors

### **Policy review**

This policy will be reviewed and amended at least annually or sooner of significant changes occur.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>
Policy Author (if not Headteacher)			
Headteacher	J. Waller		
Chair of Governors			