

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

STATEMENT OF INTENT

It is our school's policy to carry out our activities in such a way as to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of our employees and all persons likely to be affected by our activities including the general public where appropriate. We will co-operate and co-ordinate with partnerships, contractors, sub-contractors, employers, Hampshire County Council departments and the occupiers and owners of premises and land where we are commissioned to work in order to pursue our Health and Safety Policy aims.

Our aims are to:

- Provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment ensuring the welfare of all persons
- Maintain control of health and safety risks arising from our activities
- Comply with statutory requirements as a minimum standard of safety
- Consult with all staff on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare
- Provide and maintain safe systems, equipment and machinery
- Ensure safe handling, storage and use of substances
- Provide appropriate information, instruction and supervision for everyone
- Ensure staff are suitably trained and competent to do their work safely
- Continually develop a safety culture to remove or reduce the possibility of accidents, injuries and ill-health
- Assess risks, record significant findings and monitor safety arrangements
- Review and revise safety policies and procedures periodically and when circumstances may introduce a requirement to amend or improve arrangements
- Develop and maintain a positive health and safety culture through regular communication and consultation with employees and their representatives on health and safety matters

Our health and safety management system has been developed to ensure that the above commitments can be met. All staff and governors will be instrumental in its implementation.

ORGANISATION

Employer Responsibility

The overall responsibility for health and safety at Whiteley Primary School is held by Hampshire County who will:

- Set clear Health and Safety policies and procedures
- Ensure that health and safety has a high profile
- Ensure adequate resources for health and safety are made available
- Consult and advise staff regarding health and safety requirements & arrangements
- Periodically monitor and review local health and safety arrangements

Responsible Manager (Headteacher)

The responsible manager for the premises is the Headteacher who will act to:

- Ensure the school adopts the employer's policies and procedures
- Develop a safety culture throughout the school
- Consult staff and provide information, training and instruction so that staff are able to perform their various tasks safely and effectively
- Consult and work with recognised Trade Union Safety Representatives/employee representatives and safety committees
- Assess and control risk on the premises as part of everyday management
- Ensure a safe and healthy environment and provide suitable welfare facilities
- Make operational decisions regarding health and safety
- Ensure periodic safety tours and inspections are carried out
- Ensure significant hazards are assessed and risks are managed to prevent harm
- Ensure staff are aware of their health and safety responsibilities
- Periodically update the governing body as appropriate
- Produce, monitor and periodically review all local safety policies and procedures

All Staff (including volunteers)

All staff have a statutory obligation to co-operate with the requirements of this policy and to take care of their own health and safety and that of others affected by their activities by:

- Supporting the school in its health and safety arrangements
- Ensuring their own work area remains safe at all times
- Not interfering with health and safety arrangements or misusing equipment
- Complying with all safety procedures, whether written or verbally advised, for their own protection and the protection of those who may be affected by their actions
- Reporting safety concerns to the Site Manager or other appropriate person
- Reporting any incident that has led, or could have led to damage or injury
- Assisting in investigations due to accidents, dangerous occurrences or near-misses
- Not acting or omitting to act in any way that may cause harm or ill-health to others

Site Manager and Site Assistants

The site manager and his assistant are responsible for undertaking a wide range of typical health and safety related duties on behalf of, and under the direction of the responsible manager. They are to work within the parameters of any provided training and in accordance with risk assessments and the on-site safe working practices. They are to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

All Teachers & Supervisors

The responsibility of applying local safety procedures on a day-to-day basis rests with the teachers and supervisors. Where any new process or operation is introduced in the area of their responsibility, they are to liaise appropriately so that the associated risks are assessed and any precautions deemed necessary are implemented. They are to ensure that all new members of staff under their control are instructed in their own individual responsibilities with regards to health and safety, and they will appropriately monitor those new staff. They are to make periodic inspections of their areas of responsibility, taking prompt remedial action where necessary to control risk.

Health and Safety Governor

The governor with responsibility for health and safety is **Matt McDonnell**. The purpose of the Health and Safety governor is to assist in the assessment of safety related matters and provide appropriate support to the responsible manager/headteacher. The Health and Safety governor will meet periodically with the Headteacher and site manager to monitor and discuss on-site health and safety performance, and recommend any actions necessary should this performance appear or prove to be unsatisfactory. The health and safety governor will be kept informed of all changes in practices and procedures, new guidance, accidents, incidents and risk related matters, and will update the Governor resources committee on a termly basis regarding these matters. The Health and Safety governor is part of the meeting with Property Services when buildings and grounds issues are discussed.

Accident Investigator

The on-site trained accident investigator is **Lesley Pennington** (**Headteacher**). This person is responsible for leading on all accident investigations in accordance with corporate procedures. The site manager has also received training for accident investigation.

Asbestos Competent Person

The site manager is the nominated competent person for asbestos on the premises and acts on behalf of the headteacher to provide the necessary competence to enable asbestos to be managed safely. He is to annually complete the asbestos e-learning course and all training records are to be retained.

The asbestos competent person will ensure that all staff have a reasonable awareness of asbestos management and dangers. He is to ensure that the appropriate staff are competent in the use of the asbestos register and that asbestos is managed in accordance with corporate requirements. He will advise the headteacher of any condition or situation relating to asbestos which may affect the safety of any premises users. He is to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

COSHH Assessor

The on-site trained COSHH assessor is **Mike Butcher** (site manager). The COSHH Assessor is the competent person for the assessment of all the hazardous substances on the premises. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required

Fire Safety Co-ordinator

The site manager is the fire safety co-ordinator who is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and acts on behalf of the responsible manager. He has attended the fire safety co-ordinator training course and will refresh this training every three years. The fire safety co-ordinator is responsible for the local management and completion of day-to-day fire safety related duties and upkeep of the fire safety manual.

The fire safety co-ordinator is to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Health & Safety Representative

The school's health and safety representative is **Mike Butcher** (Site Manager). He will represent the staff with regard to their health and safety at work. He is expected to promote a positive safety culture throughout the premises and carry out the health and safety duties appropriate to their role in accordance with current guidance and legislative requirements.

Legionella Competent Person

The site manager is the nominated competent person for Legionella on the premises and acts on behalf of the headteacher to provide the necessary competence to enable Legionella to be managed safely. He is to annually complete the Legionella e-learning course and all training records are to be retained.

The Legionella competent person will ensure that all periodic and exceptional recording, flushing, cleaning and general Legionella management tasks are correctly completed and recorded in accordance with departmental and corporate requirements. He will advise the headteacher of any condition or situation relating to Legionella which may affect the safety of any premises users. He is to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Risk Assessor

The risk assessor is Mike Butcher (site manager). The Risk Assessor will attend Risk Assessor training every 3 years. The Risk Assessor acts of behalf of the Headteacher to ensure risk assessments are completed and hazards are identified and managed. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required. The Headteacher has also received risk assessor training.

Work at Height

The competent person for work at height on the premises are Mike Butcher (site Manager) and Rob Parker (site assistant). The competent person for working at height acts on behalf of the Headteacher and will ensure work at height is carried out safely. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

ARRANGEMENTS

The following arrangements for health and safety have been developed in accordance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. These arrangements set out all the health and safety provisions for Whiteley Primary School and are to be used alongside other current school procedures & policies.

In carrying out their normal functions, it is the duty of all managers and staff to act and do everything possible to prevent injury and ill-health to others. This will be achieved in so far as is reasonably practicable, by the implementation of these arrangements and procedures.

Accident/Incident Reporting & Investigation

The on-site management, reporting and investigation of accidents, incidents and near misses is carried out in accordance with the corporate policy requirements.

Any accident, incident or injury involving staff, visitors, contractors, and the more serious accidents/incidents to children are to be reported and recorded on the HCC Accident/incident reporting form (on line). A copy of the completed incident report is automatically received by the Children's Services Health & Safety Team, the person who reported the incident, and the Manager/Accident Investigator.

Following the completion of an online accident report, an investigation must be carried out as soon as practicable after the accident. Managers will receive an email request to complete an investigation, with a link to the investigation form.

Minor accidents to pupils are recorded in the minor accident book located in the medical room.

The Children's Services Health and Safety Team will review every incident reported on the online system and identify which are notifiable to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) under the Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR). If reportable, the Children's Services Health and Safety Team will report the incident to the HSE, and a copy of the report will be sent to the school. (In Non-HCC controlled schools, the report to the HSE will need to be completed by the Employer.)

The headteacher will ensure that the governing body is appropriately informed of all incidents of a serious nature. All accident/incident reports will be monitored by the Headteacher for trend analysis in order that repetitive causal factors may be identified to prevent reoccurrences. The governing body should be regularly updated on monitoring and any trends identified.

Premises hirers and community/extended service/third party users must report all incidents related to unsafe premises or equipment to the unit/centre/school/premises staff, who will appropriately report and investigate each incident. Incidents related to the user's own organised activities are to be reported by them in line with their own reporting procedures.

Asbestos Management

Asbestos management on site is controlled by the Nominated Responsible Person. The asbestos register as issued by the Asbestos Team is stored online (accessible to Hampshire contractors) but a paper copy is also located at the school office and is to be shown to all contractors who may need to carry out work on site who have not had the online access. Contractors must sign the register as evidence of sighting prior to being permitted to commence any work on site.

The Responsible Manager and the Nominated Responsible Person must complete the asbestos checklist relevant to their role (one for each role) when they are appointed. Copies of these must be retained with the asbestos register.

They will also complete the Asbestos e-learning on an annual basis. The nominated person will additionally attend the Hampshire Scientific Services half day attendance course as a one off. As will any other school staff that are likely to carry out any invasive works.

Any changes to the premises' structure that may affect the asbestos register information will be notified to the Asbestos Team in order that the asbestos register may be updated accordingly.

Under no circumstances must contractors or staff drill or affix anything to walls that may disturb materials without first checking the register and/or obtaining approval from the nominated responsible person.

Any damage to any structure that possibly contains asbestos, which is known or identified during inspection, should be immediately reported to the headteacher and/or the asbestos nominated responsible person who will immediately act to cordon off the affected area and contact the Asbestos Team for guidance. Any

contractor suspected to be carrying out any unauthorised work on the fabric of the building should be immediately stopped from working and immediately reported to the headteacher and/or asbestos competent person.

Community Users/Lettings

The headteacher will ensure that:

- Third parties and other extended service users operate under hire agreements
- A risk assessment for the activity is completed (users may use their own proforma provided it includes all appropriate information).
- The premises is safe for use and is always inspected prior to, and after each use
- Means of general access and egress are safe for use by all users
- All provided equipment is safe for use
- Fire escape routes and transit areas are safe and clear of hazards
- Hirers/users are formally made aware of fire safety procedures and equipment

Contractors on Site

It is recommended HCC minor works framework is always to be used for contractual work on the premises. Where the minor works frame work is not used appropriate safe selection of contractor's procedures are to be used to ascertain competence prior to engaging their services. The schools management surveyor should be contacted for further guidance.

All contractors must report to the main office where they will be asked to sign the visitors book and asbestos register and be met by the Site Manager or Site Assistant before undertaking work. All contractors will be issued with the schools induction brief that includes all relevant details of fire safety procedures & local safety arrangements.

Host staff are responsible for monitoring work areas and providing appropriate supervision.

Curriculum Activities

All safety management and risk assessments for curriculum based activities will be carried out under the control of the relevant subject managers using the appropriate codes of practice and safe working procedural guidance for Design & Technology, Science, Music, Physical Education & Sport, Art, Swimming and Drama as issued by CLEAPSS, HIAS and Hampshire County Council. The appropriate subject teachers will be responsible for local risk management and ensuring that maintenance of equipment and premises in their areas of the curriculum are managed safely following the appropriate guidance.

Display Screen Equipment

All main users must complete the *display screen equipment e-learning course* every year without exception. All users must carry out periodic workstation assessments using the corporate Workstation Assessment Form. Workstation assessments will be actioned as necessary by line managers and routinely reviewed at intervals not exceeding three years.

Electrical Equipment

The responsible manager/headteacher will ensure that:

- Only authorised and competent persons are permitted to install or repair equipment
- Equipment is not to be used if found to be defective in any way
- Defective equipment is to be reported & immediately taken out of use until repaired

- All portable electrical equipment will be inspected annually. Fixed electrical equipment (e.g. PCs) will be tested at least every 48mths.
- Equipment testing/inspection can only be carried out by a competent person.
- The competent person currently used is PATTCO.
- Personal electrical equipment is not to be brought onto the premises or used unless its use is approved by management and it has been tested, or less than 12mths since purchase (and included in the next testing date).
- New equipment must be advised to the Headteacher/site manager in order that it can be added to future PAT testing schedules.
- RCDs (residual current devices) are used for multiple units (e.g. laptop trolley) or outdoor use e.g. PA.

Any defective or suspected defective equipment, systems of work, fittings etc must be reported to the Site Manager and attended to as soon as possible.

Emergency Procedures

General emergency evacuation for non-fire related emergencies is to be carried out in accordance with the schools emergency evacuation plan. The school has a fire emergency plan for fire related emergencies and an emergency evacuation plan for all non-fire emergencies.

All staff will receive a brief and/or a copy of the emergency evacuation plan at induction, and they will be periodically provided with updated information as the emergency evacuation plan is routinely reviewed and amendments are introduced.

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans are to be completed, provided and exercised for any vulnerable persons to be able to ensure safe, assisted evacuation in the event of an emergency incident.

Fire Safety

Arrangements regarding fire safety are set out in the Fire Safety Manual. The fire safety coordinator is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and is the immediate point of contact for all fire safety related enquiries on site.

The responsible manager/headteacher will ensure through the fire safety co-ordinator that:

- All staff complete the mandatory fire safety induction e-learning course every year
- Fire safety information is provided to all staff at induction and periodically thereafter
- Fire evacuation procedures, fire safety training and fire equipment inspection and testing are carried out in accordance with corporate guidance and the premises fire safety manual
- The fire manual is reviewed annually by the Fire Safety Co-ordinator, the Headteacher, and Governors making the necessary amendments
- Relevant information from the fire risk assessment is shared with employees annually The Responsible Manager will ensure that trained Fire Marshals are in place to assist in fire evacuation.

First Aid

Arrangements regarding first aid provision are set out in the First Aid Policy. The names and locations of the first aid trained staff on site are listed in the first aid policy and also clearly signposted around the school.

A needs assessment of the first aid requirements is completed annually, or when changes are required. This details the number of first aid staff required.

First aid is never to be administered by anyone except first aid trained staff with in-date training certification, operating within the parameters of their training.

Glazing

Glass and glazing on site has been surveyed and risk assessed to ensure that it is suitable safety glass for the area in which the glazing is located, this includes taking account for the activities undertaken and types of children at the school. The survey and assessment are kept electronically in the site manager's room, as well as on the School Pool and is reviewed and updated every 5 years or when there are changes to the premises.

Any damaged glazing will be reported to the site team and made safe and replaced as soon as possible.

Good Housekeeping

Tidiness, cleanliness and efficiency are essential factors in the promotion of good health and safety. The following conditions are to be adhered to at all times:

- All corridors and passageways are kept free from obstruction
- Shelves in storerooms and cupboards are stacked neatly and not overloaded
- Floors are kept clean and dry, and free from slip and trip hazards
- Emergency exits and fire doors are not obstructed in any way
- Supplies are stored safely in their correct locations
- Rubbish and litter are cleaned and removed at the end of each working day
- Poor housekeeping or hygiene conditions are immediately reported

Hazardous Substances

Hazardous substances, materials, chemicals and cleaning liquids are not permitted to be used or brought into use on site unless a documented COSHH assessment has been undertaken by the trained COSHH assessor, and the product has been approved for safe use on site by the responsible manager/headteacher. The premises COSHH assessor acting on behalf of the responsible manager/headteacher is the Site Manager.

When using a harmful substance, whether it is a material, cleaning fluid or chemical substance, staff must ensure that adequate precautions are taken to prevent ill-health in accordance with the COSHH assessment completed for that hazardous substance. Staff must never attempt to use a harmful substance unless adequately trained to do so, and then only when using the safe working practices and protective equipment identified in the COSHH assessment.

All hazardous substances are to be stored in the secure and signed storage when not in use which is kept in the Site managers storage room. This is to remain locked at all times.

Inspections and Monitoring

Daily monitoring of the premises, through working routines and staff awareness, is expected to identify general safety concerns and issues which should be immediately recorded in the premises defect book and reported to the Site Manager.

Monitoring and inspections of individual subject store cupboards will be carried out by the subject manager.

Periodic documented inspections of the premises will be carried out every term in accordance with the premises inspection schedule. Inspection findings are to be recorded on the locally adapted Premises Safety Inspection Checklist. The health and safety governor will also carry out a routine inspection with the site manager once per half term.

Defects identified during these routine documented inspections are to be immediately reported to the site team and recorded. Any identified high level risks or safety management concerns are to be actioned immediately after discussion with Responsible person and Site Manager.

The termly H&S web monitoring form will be completed by the Headteacher in liaison with the site manager. The monitoring form focuses on different areas each term and is an integral part of the School's and Children's Services Health and Safety Team's monitoring programme.

Kitchens

The main kitchen area is only to be used by authorised staff in accordance with the identified safe working procedures. Authority and procedures for local management of the main kitchen is the responsibility of HC3S (Hampshire Caterers). Any persons not normally authorised but wishing to enter the kitchen area must gain approval prior to entry and must strictly adhere to the kitchen safe working practices.

Staff making use of the cookery room for use with pupils follow the guidance and risk assessment provided by the Design Technology team, following county guidance.

Legionella Management

The Legionella Nominated Responsible Person (NRP) will manage and undertake all processes regarding Legionella in accordance with Hampshire County Council corporate procedure. They will:

- Record sentinel point temperatures on the online reporting system
- Regularly flush unused outlets
- Report any alterations to the water system
- Undertake descaling and disinfection

Lone Working

A risk assessment will be carried out to categorise each lone workers role and the risk presented, in accordance with the Corporate Lone Working Procedure.

Lone working will only take place:

- With the Headteacher's approval
- Following risk assessment
- Where it cannot be avoided

The lone working arrangements for employees who undertake lone working on this site is record on School Pool/health and safety/lone working.

Minibuses

All minibus drivers must have completed MIDAS training prior to being permitted to drive minibuses.

Moving and Handling

All staff must complete the moving and handling e-learning course every year without exception. Staff are not permitted to regularly handle or move unreasonably heavy or awkward items, equipment or children unless they have attended specific moving and handling training.

The Site Manager and Site Assistants are expected to undertake regular physical work which would typically include regular moving and handling; therefore, they will attend a formal moving and handling course specific to the work requirements.

All moving and handling tasks are risk assessed before they are undertaken in accordance with the Corporate Moving and Handling Procedure.

Off-site Activities

Arrangements regarding off-site activities are managed in accordance with the Outdoor Education Service's procedures and guidance.

Provision of Information

The Headteacher will ensure that information systems are established so that staff are periodically provided with information regarding safety arrangements on the premises. These systems will include the following: staff meetings, email distribution, staff briefings (half termly newsletter), Google forms to agree compliance, signature based receipt of information and Health and Safety noticeboard.

Visitors and Contractors are provided with Health and Safety Information on arrival by the office team or a member of the site team, as appropriate.

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

Local health and safety advice is available from the Headteacher and site manager. The Children's Services Health & Safety Team can provide can provide both general and specialist advice which is available on their website or on request.

Risk Assessment

Risk assessments will be carried out where a significant risk is identified or is reasonably foreseeable.

The trained risk assessor will oversee the completion of risk assessments. Risk assessments will be carried out by employees with the appropriate knowledge and understanding of the area, task or equipment being assessed. All risk assessments and associated control measures will be approved and signed by the Headteacher.

Completed risk assessments are listed in the assessment register (School Pool/health and safety/risk assessments) and will be reviewed periodically in accordance with the risk assessment review schedule.

Employees will be informed, where appropriate, of hazards and control measures identified in risk assessments. Risk assessments will be shared with employees and relevant third parties periodically and when there are changes.

Security

Arrangements regarding security are based on the premises security risk assessment and are set out in the on-site security policy which includes emergency unlock routines.

Smoking

Smoking and use of e-cigarettes/vaporizers is not permitted on school premises.

Stress & Wellbeing

Whiteley Primary School is committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing and recognises the importance of identifying & reducing workplace stressors. Stress management through risk assessment and appropriate consultation with staff will be periodically reviewed and acted upon in accordance with the Health & Safety Executive's Stress Management Standards.

On-site arrangements to monitor, consult and reduce stress situations are met through meeting work balance requirements, annual staff questionnaire, termly staff forums, the work of the PDL team and performance management reviews.

Traffic Management

The school does not have a car park on site but occasional traffic comes on site for specific purposes e.g. refuse collection, contractor work. Arrangements regarding on-site traffic safety are based on the premises traffic risk assessment and are set out in the on-site traffic policy and procedures.

Training

Health and safety induction training will be provided and recorded for all new staff/volunteers in accordance with the New Staff Induction Checklist.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that all staff/volunteers are provided with adequate information, instruction and training regarding their safety at work. A training needs analysis will be carried out from which a comprehensive health and safety training plan will be developed and maintained to ensure health and safety training is effectively managed for all staff who require it.

All staff will be provided with the following as a minimum training provision:

- Induction training regarding all the requirements of this health and safety policy
- Appropriate local training regarding risk assessments and safe working practices
- Updated training and information following any significant health and safety change
- Specific training commensurate to their own role and activities
- Periodic refresher training that will not exceed three yearly intervals
- Appropriate annual e-learning courses to meet HCC mandatory corporate training requirements.

Training records are held by the Headteacher who is responsible for co-ordinating all health and safety training requirements, maintaining the health and safety training plan, and managing the planning of refresher training for all staff.

Violent Incidents

Violent, aggressive, threatening or intimidating behaviour towards staff, whether verbal, written, electronic or physical, will not be tolerated at Whiteley Primary School. Staff should be categorised using the Corporate Control Menu and control measures documented on the Violence & Aggression Risk Assessment. This will be shared with relevant staff and reviewed on a regular basis.

Staff must report all such violent and aggressive incidents to ensure that there is an awareness of potential issues and/or injuries, and so as to enable incidents to be appropriately investigated so that reasonable actions may be taken to support those involved and reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the future.

Child on child violent incidents will be reported via CPOMs.

Violent incident reporting is completely confidential. Intentional violent and aggressive incidents towards members of staff are to be reported using the on-line incident reporting system. Incidents will be reported as close to the incident date as possible and not in batches. Where necessary, violent incidents towards staff by other adults will be reported to the police.

Visitors

All visitors must initially report to the main reception where they will be provided with the key health, safety and fire safety information to enable them to act appropriately and safely in the event of an incident.

Visitors to the premises will be required to sign in and out, to read the provided H&S information leaflet and will be issued with a badge. Visitors who have a verified DBS check will be issued with a yellow lanyard 'unescorted visitor' badge. Any visitors in school without verified DBS checks will be issued with a red lanyard 'escorted visitor' badge and will not be permitted unsupervised access to the building.

Vulnerable Persons

Where there are vulnerable persons (young, pregnant, those with a disability, those with temporary or permanent medical conditions etc) working or visiting the premises, a risk assessment will be completed and appropriate procedures implemented to ensure their health, safety and welfare whilst on site.

Work Equipment

All general equipment requiring statutory inspection and/or testing on site (eg. boilers, PE equipment, climbing apparatus) will be inspected by appropriate competent contractors as provided by the term contractor under PBRS arrangements, or as locally arranged.

Equipment is not to be used if found to be defective in any way. Defective equipment is to be reported and immediately taken out of use until repairs can be carried out.

Work at Height

Work at height is always to be undertaken in accordance with the Corporate Procedure on Work at Height and the CSHST guidance. At Whiteley Primary School general work at height will be undertaken in accordance with the on-site generic risk assessment for work at height which identifies general requirements and safe working practices. Specific or higher risk tasks will be carried out in accordance with a specific risk assessment for that task.

The trained competent person for work at height on the premises will:

- Use steps, stepladders, and leaning ladders in accordance with their training
- Provide step stool instructional training briefs to employees
- Provide stepladder and steps training to employees using the Children's Services Stepladder & Steps Safety user PowerPoint presentation
- Carry out and record periodic inspections of all ladders, stepladders, and podium steps used on-site
- Remove access equipment from use if defective or considered unsuitable for use

The competent person for work at height, and all other employees, are not permitted to use any other access equipment for work at height without specific training. This includes the use of scaffolding, mobile towers, and mobile elevated work platforms.

School employees are not permitted to work on roofs unless suitable edge protection and safe access arrangements are in place.

APPENDICES

- A. Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy (reviewed by resources committee)
- B. Emergency Evacuation Plan (+ Gull Coppice Community Plan)
- C. Fire Safety Manual (kept in school office)
- D. First Aid Policy
- E.. Physical Intervention Policy (reviewed by resources committee)
- F. Traffic Management Plan
- G. Lone Working Policy & Procedures
- H. Ice and snow plan
- I. Security Policy