

Westfield Primary School



Health & Safety

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1. Aims

Our school aims to:

- Provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment
- Establish and maintain safe working procedures amongst staff, pupils and all visitors to the school site
- Have robust procedures in place in case of emergencies
- Ensure that the premises and equipment are maintained safely, and are regularly inspected

To establish a robust system for managing health, safety and welfare in school, the following responsibilities will have been allocated:

In schools, the employer is ultimately responsible for health, safety and welfare.

In community and voluntary-controlled schools, the employer is the Local Authority.

2. Legislation

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on [health and safety in schools](#) and the following legislation:

[The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#), which sets out the general duties employers have towards employees and duties relating to lettings

[The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992](#), which require employers to make an assessment of the risks to the health and safety of their employees

[The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#), which require employers to carry out risk assessments, make arrangements to implement necessary measures, and arrange for appropriate information and training

[The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002](#), which require employers to control substances that are hazardous to health

[The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations \(RIDDOR\) 2013](#), which state that some accidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive and set out the timeframe for this and how long records of such accidents must be kept

[The Health and Safety \(Display Screen Equipment\) Regulations 1992](#), which require employers to carry out digital screen equipment assessments and states users' entitlement to an eyesight test

[The Gas Safety \(Installation and Use\) Regulations 1998](#), which require work on gas fittings to be carried out by someone on the Gas Safe Register

[The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#), which requires employers to take general fire precautions to ensure the safety of their staff

[The Work at Height Regulations 2005](#), which requires employers to protect their staff from falls from height

The school follows [national guidance published by UK Health Security Agency \(formerly Public Health England\)](#) when responding to infection control issues, and [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#), which provides guidance on what schools need to do during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sections of this policy are also based on the [statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#).

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The local authority and governing board

Halton Borough Council has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates responsibility for the strategic management of such matters to the school's governing board.

The governing board delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the Headteacher and staff members.

Halton Borough Council is responsible for -

- Providing model Health and Safety Policies in meeting the requirements of Health and Safety legislation;
- Providing advice and guidance to support schools in meeting the requirements of Health and Safety legislation;
- Providing support in the investigation of significant accidents;
- Ensuring that schools are provided with up to date information on legislative changes;
- Providing Health and Safety training and where necessary identifying specialist course providers; and
- Monitoring the implementation of the LA guidance.
- Adopt Health and Safety policies;
- Health and safety related advice and guidance provided by the LEA;
- The findings and actions arising from premises, fire, stress, occupational and curriculum-related risk assessments;
- Any hazards identified outside of the risk assessment process;
- Significant accidents and their causes and any actions taken or recommended to prevent future incidents;
- The findings of the LEA health and safety review and any recommendations translated into a school action plan;
- Health and safety issues arising from the annual maintenance review carried out by Property Services.
- Ensure that adequate health and safety training is provided

The governor who oversees health and safety is **Mr. Ian McIntyre**

3.2 Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for health and safety day-to-day. This involves:

- Implementing the health and safety policy
- As required by the Management of Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Regulations, 1999, ensuring that all categories of risk assessment¹ are carried out at recommended intervals;
- Ensuring there is enough staff to safely supervise pupils
- Ensuring that the school building and premises are safe and regularly inspected
- Providing adequate training for school staff
- Reporting to the governing board on health and safety matters
- Ensuring appropriate evacuation procedures are in place and regular fire drills are held
- Ensuring that in their absence, health and safety responsibilities are delegated to another member of staff
- Ensuring all risk assessments are completed and reviewed
- Monitoring cleaning contracts, and ensuring cleaners are appropriately trained and have access to personal protective equipment, where necessary
- Delegating clear roles and responsibilities for health and safety functions;
- Ensuring the actions from the health and safety team are met
- Attending any training for Head teachers that is recommended by the LA

¹ risk assessments are required for: The premises, fire, occupational, stress, educational visits, curriculum activities e.g. Science – refer to Section 2 of Health and Safety Guidance for Schools

In the Headteacher's absence, the Assistant Headteacher assumes the above day-to-day health and safety responsibilities.

3.3 Health and safety lead

The nominated health and safety lead is **Miss S Pope**.

3.4 Staff

School staff have a duty to take care of pupils in the same way that a prudent parent would do so.

Staff will:

- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do at work
- Co-operate with the school on health and safety matters
- Work in accordance with training and instructions
- Inform the appropriate person of any work situation representing a serious and immediate danger so that remedial action can be taken
- Model safe and hygienic practice for pupils
- Understand emergency evacuation procedures and feel confident in implementing them
- Are responsible for their own health and safety and that of pupils, colleagues and any others who may be affected by their work;
- Have a duty to report any identified hazards;
- Should co-operate with the employer by following the Health and Safety Guidance
- In order to protect their own and the safety of others, take 'immediate corrective action' where any dangerous or harmful situations arise or are identified; and
- Should be familiar with relevant sections of the Health and Safety Guidance provided by either the LA or the school's "competent advisor"

Consultation and Communication

The Head teacher and governing body will ensure that there is a two-way communication system for all health and safety matters by having health and safety as a standing item on the agenda of staff and departmental meetings. Trade Union representatives and employees are invited to take an active role in the management of health and safety in school.

The governors will also be informed of health and safety issues as required by the LA during the meeting of the full governing body.

3.5 Pupils and parents

Pupils and parents are responsible for following the school's health and safety advice, on-site and off-site, and for reporting any health and safety incidents to a member of staff.

3.6 Contractors

Contractors will agree health and safety practices with the Headteacher before starting work. Before work begins, the contractor will provide evidence that they have completed an adequate risk assessment of all their planned work.

4. Site security

The site manager is responsible for the security of the school site in and out of school hours. They are responsible for visual inspections of the site, and for the intruder and fire alarm systems.

Sentry Security, Site Manager, Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher are key holders and will respond to an emergency.

5. Fire

Emergency exits, assembly points and assembly point instructions are clearly identified by safety signs and notices. Fire risk assessment of the premises will be reviewed regularly.

Emergency evacuations are practiced at least once a term.

The fire alarm is a loud continuous bell.

Fire alarm testing will take place once a week.

New staff will be trained in fire safety and all staff and pupils will be made aware of any new fire risks.

In the event of a fire:

The alarm will be raised immediately by whoever discovers the fire and emergency services contacted. Evacuation procedures will also begin immediately

Fire extinguishers may be used by staff only, and only then if staff are trained in how to operate them and are confident they can use them without putting themselves or others at risk

Staff and pupils will congregate at the assembly points. These are on the playground.

Form tutors/class teachers will take a register of pupils, which will then be checked against the attendance register of that day

The School Business Manager will take a register of all staff and visitors.

Staff and pupils will remain outside the building until the emergency services say it is safe to re-enter

The school will have special arrangements in place for the evacuation of people with mobility needs and fire risk assessments will also pay particular attention to those with disabilities.

A fire safety checklist can be found in appendix 1.

6. COSHH

Schools are required to control hazardous substances, which can take many forms, including:

- Chemicals
- Products containing chemicals
- Fumes
- Dusts
- Vapours
- Mists
- Gases and asphyxiating gases
- Germs that cause diseases, such as leptospirosis or legionnaires disease

Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) risk assessments are completed by Mr. S Dillon Site Manager and circulated to all employees who work with hazardous substances. Staff will also be provided with protective equipment, where necessary.

Our staff use and store hazardous products in accordance with instructions on the product label. All hazardous products are kept in their original containers, with clear labelling and product information.

Any hazardous products are disposed of in accordance with specific disposal procedures.

Emergency procedures, including procedures for dealing with spillages, are displayed near where hazardous products are stored and in areas where they are routinely used.

6.1 Gas safety

Installation, maintenance and repair of gas appliances and fittings will be carried out by a competent Gas Safe registered engineer

Gas pipework, appliances and flues are regularly maintained

All rooms with gas appliances are checked to ensure they have adequate ventilation

6.2 Legionella

A water risk assessment has been completed by HBE. Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that the identified operational controls are conducted and recorded in the school's water log book

This risk assessment will be reviewed every two years and when significant changes have occurred to the water system and/or building footprint

The risks from legionella are mitigated by the following: e.g. temperature checks, heating of water, and weekly water run offs.

6.3 Asbestos

Staff are briefed on the hazards of asbestos, the location of any asbestos in the school and the action to take if they suspect they have disturbed it

Arrangements are in place to ensure that contractors are made aware of any asbestos on the premises and that it is not disturbed by their work

Contractors will be advised that if they discover material that they suspect could be asbestos, they will stop work immediately until the area is declared safe

A record is kept of the location of asbestos that has been found on the school site

7. Equipment

All equipment and machinery is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. In addition, maintenance schedules outline when extra checks should take place

When new equipment is purchased, it is checked to ensure it meets appropriate educational standards

All equipment is stored in the appropriate storage containers and areas. All containers are labelled with the correct hazard sign and contents

7.1 Electrical equipment

All staff are responsible for ensuring they use and handle electrical equipment sensibly and safely

Any pupil or volunteer who handles electrical appliances does so under the supervision of the member of staff who so directs them

Any potential hazards will be reported to Site Manager immediately

Permanently installed electrical equipment is connected through a dedicated isolator switch and adequately earthed

Only trained staff members can check plugs

Where necessary, a portable appliance test (PAT) will be carried out by a competent person

All isolator switches are clearly marked to identify their machine

Electrical apparatus and connections will not be touched by wet hands and will only be used in dry conditions

Maintenance, repair, installation and disconnection work associated with permanently installed or portable electrical equipment is only carried out by a competent person

7.2 PE equipment

Pupils are taught how to carry out and set up PE equipment safely and efficiently. Staff check that equipment is set up safely

Any concerns about the condition of the gym floor or other apparatus will be reported to the Site Manager.

7.3 Display screen equipment

All staff who use computers daily as a significant part of their normal work have a display screen equipment (DSE) assessment carried out. 'Significant' is taken to be continuous/near continuous spells of an hour or more at a time

Staff identified as DSE users are entitled to an eyesight test for DSE use upon request, and at regular intervals thereafter, by a qualified optician (and corrective glasses provided if required specifically for DSE use)

7.4 Specialist equipment

Parents are responsible for the maintenance and safety of their children's wheelchairs. In school, staff promote the responsible use of wheelchairs.

Oxygen cylinders are stored in a designated space, and staff are trained in the removal, storage and replacement of oxygen cylinders.

8. Lone working

Lone working may include:

- Late working
- Home or site visits
- Weekend working
- Site manager duties
- Site cleaning duties
- Working in a single occupancy office
- Remote working, self-isolation and/or remote learning

Potentially dangerous activities, such as those where there is a risk of falling from height, will not be undertaken when working alone. If there are any doubts about the task to be performed, then the task will be postponed until other staff members are available.

If lone working is to be undertaken, a colleague, friend or family member will be informed about where the member of staff is and when they are likely to return.

The lone worker will ensure they are medically fit to work alone.

9. Working at height

We will ensure that work is properly planned, supervised and carried out by competent people with the skills, knowledge and experience to do the work.

In addition:

The Site Manager retains ladders for working at height

Pupils are prohibited from using ladders

Staff will wear appropriate footwear and clothing when using ladders

Contractors are expected to provide their own ladders for working at height

Before using a ladder, staff are expected to conduct a visual inspection to ensure its safety

Access to high levels, such as roofs, is only permitted by trained persons

10. Manual handling

It is up to individuals to determine whether they are fit to lift or move equipment and furniture. If an individual feels that to lift an item could result in injury or exacerbate an existing condition, they will ask for assistance.

The school will ensure that proper mechanical aids and lifting equipment are available in school, and that staff are trained in how to use them safely.

Staff and pupils are expected to use the following basic manual handling procedure:

Plan the lift and assess the load. If it is awkward or heavy, use a mechanical aid, such as a trolley, or ask another person to help

Take the more direct route that is clear from obstruction and is as flat as possible

Ensure the area where you plan to offload the load is clear

When lifting, bend your knees and keep your back straight, feet apart and angled out. Ensure the load is held close to the body and firmly. Lift smoothly and slowly and avoid twisting, stretching and reaching where practicable

11. Off-site visits

When taking pupils off the school premises, we will ensure that:

Risk assessments will be completed where off-site visits and activities require them

All off-site visits are appropriately staffed

Staff will take a school mobile phone, a portable first aid kit, information about the specific medical needs of pupils, along with the parents' contact details

There will always be at least one first aider on school trips and visits

12. Lettings

This policy applies to lettings. Those who hire any aspect of the school site or any facilities will be made aware of the content of the school's health and safety policy, and will have responsibility for complying with it.

13. Violence at work

We believe that staff should not be in any danger at work, and will not tolerate violent or threatening behaviour towards our staff.

All staff will report any incidents of aggression or violence (or near misses) directed to themselves to their line manager/Headteacher immediately. This applies to violence from pupils, visitors or other staff.

14. Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school premises.

15. Infection prevention and control

We follow national guidance published by the UK Health Security Agency when responding to infection control issues. We will encourage staff and pupils to follow this good hygiene practice, outlined below, where applicable.

15.1 Handwashing

Wash hands with liquid soap and warm water, and dry with paper towels

Always wash hands after using the toilet, before eating or handling food, and after handling animals

Cover all cuts and abrasions with waterproof dressings

15.2 Coughing and sneezing

Cover mouth and nose with a tissue

Wash hands after using or disposing of tissues

Spitting is discouraged

15.3 Personal protective equipment

Wear disposable non-powdered vinyl or latex-free CE-marked gloves and disposable plastic aprons where there is a risk of splashing or contamination with blood/body fluids (for example, nappy or pad changing)

Wear goggles if there is a risk of splashing to the face

Use the correct personal protective equipment when handling cleaning chemicals

Use personal protective equipment (PPE) to control the spread of COVID-19 where required or recommended by government guidance and/or a risk assessment

15.4 Cleaning of the environment

Clean the environment, including toys and equipment, frequently and thoroughly

15.5 Cleaning of blood and body fluid spillages

Clean up all spillages of blood, feces, saliva, vomit, nasal and eye discharges immediately and wear personal protective equipment

When spillages occur, clean using a product that combines both a detergent and a disinfectant, and use as per manufacturer's instructions. Ensure it is effective against bacteria and viruses, and suitable for use on the affected surface

Never use mops for cleaning up blood and body fluid spillages – use disposable paper towels and discard clinical waste as described below

Make spillage kits available for blood spills

15.6 Laundry

Wash laundry in a separate dedicated facility

Wash soiled linen separately and at the hottest wash the fabric will tolerate

Wear personal protective clothing when handling soiled linen

Bag children's soiled clothing to be sent home, never rinse by hand

15.7 Clinical waste

Always segregate domestic and clinical waste, in accordance with local policy

Used nappies/pads, gloves, aprons and soiled dressings are stored in correct clinical waste bags in foot-operated bins

Remove clinical waste with a registered waste contractor

Remove all clinical waste bags when they are two-thirds full and store in a dedicated, secure area while awaiting collection

15.8 Animals

Wash hands before and after handling any animals

Keep animals' living quarters clean and away from food areas

Dispose of animal waste regularly, and keep litter boxes away from pupils

Supervise pupils when playing with animals

Seek veterinary advice on animal welfare and animal health issues, and the suitability of the animal as a pet

15.9 Pupils vulnerable to infection

Some medical conditions make pupils vulnerable to infections that would rarely be serious in most children. The school will normally have been made aware of such vulnerable children. These children are particularly vulnerable to chickenpox, measles or slapped cheek disease (parvovirus B19) and, if exposed to any of these, the parent/carer will be informed promptly and further medical advice sought. We will advise these children to have additional immunisations, for example for pneumococcal and influenza.

15.10 Exclusion periods for infectious diseases

The school will follow recommended exclusion periods outlined by the UK Health Security Agency and other government guidance, summarised in appendix 4.

In the event of an epidemic/pandemic, we will follow advice from the UK Health Security Agency about the appropriate course of action.

16. New and expectant mothers

Risk assessments will be carried out whenever any employee or pupil notifies the school that they are pregnant.

Appropriate measures will be put in place to control risks identified. Some specific risks are summarised below:

Chickenpox can affect the pregnancy if a woman has not already had the infection. Expectant mothers should report exposure to an antenatal carer and GP at any stage of exposure. Shingles is caused by the same virus as chickenpox, so anyone who has not had chickenpox is potentially vulnerable to the infection if they have close contact with a case of shingles

If a pregnant woman comes into contact with measles or German measles (rubella), she should inform her antenatal carer and GP immediately to ensure investigation

Slapped cheek disease (parvovirus B19) can occasionally affect an unborn child. If exposed early in pregnancy (before 20 weeks), the pregnant woman should inform her antenatal care and GP as this must be investigated promptly

COVID-19 may affect pregnancy, especially if the mother is not vaccinated. Pregnant women are considered part of the moderate risk group (clinically vulnerable) by the NHS

17. Occupational stress

We are committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing, and recognise the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors through risk assessment.

Systems are in place within the school for responding to individual concerns and monitoring staff workloads.

See staff Wellbeing Policy on shared google drive.

18. Accident reporting

18.1 Accident record book

An accident form will be completed as soon as possible after the accident occurs by the member of staff or first aider who deals with it. An accident form template can be found in appendix 2

As much detail as possible will be supplied when reporting an accident

Information about injuries will also be kept in the pupil's educational record

Records held in the first aid and accident book will be retained by the school for a minimum of 3 years, in accordance with regulation 25 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, and then securely disposed of.

18.2 Reporting to the Health and Safety Executive

The Headteacher will keep a record of any accident that results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7).

The Headteacher will report these to the Health and Safety Executive as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident.

Reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences include:

Death

Specified injuries. These are:

Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs and toes

Amputations

Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight

Any crush injury to the head or torso causing damage to the brain or internal organs

Serious burns (including scalding)

Any scalping requiring hospital treatment

Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia

Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space, which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness, or requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours

Injuries where an employee is away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days

Where an accident leads to someone being taken to hospital

Where something happens that does not result in an injury, but could have done

Near-miss events that do not result in an injury, but could have done. Examples of near-miss events relevant to schools include, but are not limited to:

The collapse or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment

The accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness

The accidental release or escape of any substance that may cause a serious injury or damage to health

An electrical short circuit or overload causing a fire or explosion

Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here:

How to make a RIDDOR report – <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

18.3 Notifying parents

The School Business Manager and/or Class Teacher will inform parents of any accident or injury sustained by a pupil, and any first aid treatment given, on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

18.4 Reporting child protection agencies

The Headteacher will notify Halton Borough Council Social Services of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, a pupil while in the school's care.

18.5 Reporting to Ofsted

The Headteacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a pupil in the Early Years Foundation Stage while in the school's care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident.

19. Training

Our staff are provided with health and safety training as part of their induction process.

Staff who work in high risk environments, such as in science labs or with woodwork equipment, or work with pupils with special educational needs (SEN), are given additional health and safety training.

20. Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the full governing body.

21. Links with other policies

This health and safety policy links to the following policies:

First aid

Risk assessment

Supporting pupils with medical conditions

Accessibility plan

Remote learning

Lone working

Lettings

HEALTH AND SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

Overall and final accountability for health and safety within the school is:

Miss S Pope

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY	NAMES	ACTION/ARRANGEMENTS
Appropriate staff are given health and safety responsibilities	Named person/s in charge: Miss S Pope	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Areas including, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science DT Sports 2. Educational Visits Coordinator & Deputy 3. Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs (Named Person) 4. Buildings, building maintenance and management of building contractors 5. Equipment and equipment maintenance
To prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health and provide adequate control of health and safety risks arising from work activities.	Named person/s in charge of risk assessments: Miss S Pope Mr S Dillon	Relevant risk assessments completed where necessary and actions arising out of those assessments implemented. The risk assessments will include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Occupational for staff including, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers/Teaching Assistants Middy assistants Manual staff

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY	NAMES	ACTION/ARRANGEMENTS
		<p>Office staff</p> <p>Cleaning staff</p> <p>Manual Handling</p> <p>First Aid Needs</p> <p>Stress</p> <p>COSHH</p> <p>Violence and aggression</p> <p>2. Building and Environments including,</p> <p>Fire</p> <p>Premises</p> <p>Classroom</p> <p>Security</p> <p>Driving within School Grounds</p> <p>School Kitchen</p> <p>Playgrounds</p> <p>Legionella</p> <p>Passenger Lifts</p> <p>sun</p> <p>Ladder Safety Checklist</p>

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY	NAMES	ACTION/ARRANGEMENTS
		<p>3. Others arising from individual risks,</p> <p>Workstations (DSE)</p> <p>Sun</p> <p>SEN</p> <p>Lone Working</p> <p>Mini Bus</p> <p>Pregnancy</p> <p>COSHH</p> <p>4. Activities</p> <p>Sports</p> <p>Educational Visits</p> <p>Keeping Animals</p> <p>These are reviewed every year, or earlier if working conditions change.</p>
<p>To provide adequate training to ensure employees are competent to do their work.</p>	<p>Named person/s who organizes training and maintains records:</p> <p>Miss S Pope</p>	<p>All staff given necessary health and safety induction with signed records.</p> <p>As identified or recommended, provided with appropriate training including,</p> <p>1. General health and safety</p>

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY	NAMES	ACTION/ARRANGEMENTS
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Risk Assessment 3. Fire (general) 4. Medical & Administration of Medication 5. First Aid 6. Work at heights 7. Manual Handling 8. Team Teach 9. COSHH 10. Science & DT 11. Managing Conflict 12. Visit Leader 13. Others as identified <p>Records will be maintained of the training to ensure that they are reviewed and refreshed when required.</p>
<p>To communicate, engage and consult with staff on health and safety conditions</p>	<p>Named person responsible for communications: Miss S Pope</p>	<p>Systems for ensuring that health and safety information is communicated to staff include:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Staff are routinely consulted on health and safety matters as they arise but also formally</p>

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY	NAMES	ACTION/ARRANGEMENTS
		<p>consulted at staff meetings</p> <p>The Governing Body have been made aware of health and safety matters formally at Governing Meetings</p>
To provide advice and support on occupational health issues	Named provider: NHS	Provision of an Occupational Health provider
To implement emergency procedures – evacuation in case of fire or other significant incident.	<p>Named person/s in charge :</p> <p>Miss S Pope</p> <p>Mr S Dillion</p> <p>Mrs N Shepherd</p>	<p>Evacuation plans including fire, bomb, critical incidents are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prepared, - communicated to staff, - tested from time to time (including termly fire drills); and - updated as necessary. <p>Escape routes well signed and kept clear at all times.</p>
To maintain safe and healthy working conditions, provide and maintain plant, equipment and machinery, and ensure safe storage/use of substances.	<p>Named person/s in charge :</p> <p>Miss S Pope</p> <p>Mr S Dillion</p>	<p>Toilets, washing facilities and drinking water provided.</p> <p>System in place for routine inspections and testing of equipment and machinery and for ensuring that action is promptly taken to address any defects.</p>

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY	NAMES	ACTION/ARRANGEMENTS
		Staff trained in safe handling/use of substances
To record and investigate accidents / incidents	Named First Aiders: Mr Dillon Miss McGreal Mrs Berry Mrs Thomson Miss Woods Miss Gavin Named person who reports under RIDDOR: Miss S Pope	In the event of accidents / incidents; to ensure that initial actions are taken and they are subsequently recorded and investigated. To ensure that, if required, they are reported to the HSE as required under RIDDOR,

Appendix 1. Fire safety checklist

ISSUE TO CHECK	YES/NO
Are fire regulations prominently displayed?	
Is fire-fighting equipment, including fire blankets, in place?	
Does fire-fighting equipment give details for the type of fire it should be used for?	
Are fire exits clearly labelled?	
Are fire doors fitted with self-closing mechanisms?	
Are flammable materials stored away from open flames?	
Do all staff and pupils understand what to do in the event of a fire?	
Can you easily hear the fire alarm from all areas?	

Appendix 2. Accident report

Name of injured person		Role/class	
Date and time of incident		Location of incident	
Incident details			
Describe in detail what happened, how it happened and what injuries the person incurred			
Action taken			
Describe the steps taken in response to the incident, including any first aid treatment, and what happened to the injured person immediately afterwards			
Follow-up action required			
Outline what steps the school will take to check on the injured person, and what it will do to reduce the risk of the incident happening again			
Name of person attending the incident			
Signature		Date	

Appendix 4. Recommended absence period for preventing the spread of infection

This list of recommended absence periods for preventing the spread of infection is taken from non-statutory guidance for schools and other childcare settings from the UK Health Security Agency. For each of these infections or complaints, there [is further information in the guidance on the symptoms, how it spreads and some 'dos and don'ts' to follow that you can check.](#)

In confirmed cases of COVID-19, we will follow the recommended self-isolation period based on government guidance.

Infection or complaint	Recommended period to be kept away from school or nursery
Athlete's foot	None.
Campylobacter	Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
Chicken pox (shingles)	<p>Cases of chickenpox are generally infectious from 2 days before the rash appears to 5 days after the onset of rash. Although the usual exclusion period is 5 days, all lesions should be crusted over before children return to nursery or school.</p> <p>A person with shingles is infectious to those who have not had chickenpox and should be excluded from school if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered or until the rash is dry and crusted over.</p>
Cold sores	None.
Rubella (German measles)	5 days from appearance of the rash.
Hand, foot and mouth	Children are safe to return to school or nursery as soon as they are feeling better, there is no need to stay off until the blisters have all healed.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
Measles	Cases are infectious from 4 days before onset of rash to 4 days after, so it is important to ensure cases are excluded from school during this period.
Ringworm	Exclusion not needed once treatment has started.
Scabies	The infected child or staff member should be excluded until after the first treatment has been carried out.
Scarlet fever	Children can return to school 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment. If no antibiotics have been administered, the person will be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. If there is an outbreak of scarlet fever at the school or nursery, the health protection team will assist with letters and a factsheet to send to parents or carers and staff.

Slapped cheek syndrome, Parvovirus B19, Fifth's disease	None (not infectious by the time the rash has developed).
Bacillary Dysentery (Shigella)	Microbiological clearance is required for some types of shigella species prior to the child or food handler returning to school.
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting (Gastroenteritis)	Children and adults with diarrhoea or vomiting should be excluded until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return. If medication is prescribed, ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed. For some gastrointestinal infections, longer periods of exclusion from school are required and there may be a need to obtain microbiological clearance. For these groups, your local health protection team, school health advisor or environmental health officer will advise. If a child has been diagnosed with cryptosporidium, they should NOT go swimming for 2 weeks following the last episode of diarrhoea.
Cryptosporidiosis	Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
E. coli (verocytotoxigenic or VTEC)	The standard exclusion period is until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved. However, some people pose a greater risk to others and may be excluded until they have a negative stool sample (for example, pre-school infants, food handlers, and care staff working with vulnerable people). The health protection team will advise in these instances.
Food poisoning	Until 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting and diarrhoea and they are well enough to return. Some infections may require longer periods (local health protection team will advise).
Salmonella	Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever	Seek advice from environmental health officers or the local health protection team.
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered.
Tuberculosis (TB)	Pupils and staff with infectious TB can return to school after 2 weeks of treatment if well enough to do so and as long as they have responded to anti-TB therapy. Pupils and staff with non-pulmonary TB do not require exclusion and can return to school as soon as they are well enough.
Whooping cough (pertussis)	A child or staff member should not return to school until they have had 48 hours of appropriate treatment with antibiotics and they feel well enough to do so, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.

Conjunctivitis	None.
Giardia	Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
Glandular fever	None (can return once they feel well).
Head lice	None.
Hepatitis A	Exclude cases from school while unwell or until 7 days after the onset of jaundice (or onset of symptoms if no jaundice, or if under 5, or where hygiene is poor. There is no need to exclude well, older children with good hygiene who will have been much more infectious prior to diagnosis.
Hepatitis B	Acute cases of hepatitis B will be too ill to attend school and their doctors will advise when they can return. Do not exclude chronic cases of hepatitis B or restrict their activities. Similarly, do not exclude staff with chronic hepatitis B infection. Contact your local health protection team for more advice if required.
Hepatitis C	None.
Meningococcal meningitis/ septicaemia	If the child has been treated and has recovered, they can return to school.
Meningitis	Once the child has been treated (if necessary) and has recovered, they can return to school. No exclusion is needed.
Meningitis viral	None.
MRSA (meticillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus)	None.
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling (if well).
Threadworm	None.
Rotavirus	Until 48 hours after symptoms have subsided.