

# ABBNEY HILL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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## LOCAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

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Headteacher signature:	
Chair of Governors' signature:	

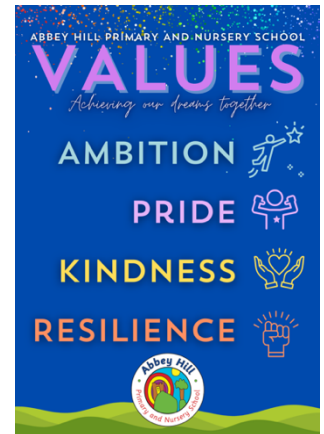


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## AIMS

**Through this policy, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for all. We recognise our duty to comply with health and safety legislation and aim to exceed these minimum requirements through the implementation of best practice standards. We are committed to ensuring that health and safety considerations are integrated into all aspects of school life.**



## OUR STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY

- To promote an effective safety culture throughout the school
- To maintain safe and healthy place of work for employees with safe access and egress
- To ensure that non-employees e.g. pupils, parents, visitors etc., are not exposed to a risk to their health and safety
- To promote effective risk management within play and sport so that an appropriate challenge is provided with an acceptable level of risk
- To provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from school activities, including educational off-site visits
- To consult with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety
- To provide safe plant and equipment
- To ensure safe use, handling and storage of substances
- To provide information, instruction, training and supervision for employees
- To ensure all employees are 'competent' to carry out their activities
- To provide adequate welfare facilities for employees and pupils
- To monitor the standards of health and safety performance and ensure continuous improvement in the management of health and safety
- To review the systems in place that manage health and safety and to revise it as necessary on an annual basis
- Our duties at a local level

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Governing Bodies are responsible for:

- Taking reasonable steps to ensure that the school is following the employer's policy and procedures e.g. through regular discussion at governance meetings.
- Receiving reports on staff training that enable them to carry out their responsibilities safely.
- Promote a sensible approach to health and safety, making use of competent health and safety advice when required.
- Work in close partnership with the Headteacher and senior management team to support sensible health and safety management and to challenge as appropriate.
- Integration of good health and safety management into business decisions.
- Approving the school's health and safety policy and other policies that relate to health and safety.



- Carrying out and recording a formal health and safety inspection of all parts of the buildings and site on at least an annual basis.
- Ensuring that adequate health and safety resources are made available to meet health and safety requirement
- Ensuring health and safety is a fixed agenda item on Governor meetings.
- Considering immediate reviews in the light of major shortcomings or events.

## DUTIES OF HEADTEACHERS

The Headteachers are responsible for:

- Demonstrating visible, active commitment to health and safety improvement.
- The overall maintenance and development of safe working practices and conditions for all employees, pupils and other non-employees on site.
- Ensuring that the requirements of all relevant legislation, codes of practice and school policies are met at all times.
- Ensuring safe working conditions and safe working practices are provided for the health, safety and welfare of staff, pupils and others.
- Consulting with employees, and safety representatives, on local health and safety issues.
- Ensuring effective means of communication with staff on health, safety and welfare issues.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken and reviewed annually or as necessary.
- Identify the training needs of employees and ensure that they are 'competent' to carry out their activities.
- Ensuring that arrangements are made for defects in the premises, its plant, equipment or facilities are reported and made safe.
- Ensuring that accident, work-related ill health and violent incidents are reported and investigated as necessary.
- Monitoring the standard of health and safety throughout the school.
- Ensuring that emergency procedures are in place.
- Ensure that staff involved in educational visits are aware of their responsibilities regarding the Off-Site Visits Policy and have access to it.
- Authorise all Off-Site Visits; inform Trust of any non-routine Off-Site Visits.

## DUTIES OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

The School Operations Manager is responsible for:

- Demonstrating visible, active commitment to health and safety improvement
- Consulting with employees, and safety representatives, on health and safety issues
- Ensuring effective means of communication with staff on health, safety and welfare issues
- Identify the training needs of employees and ensure that they are 'competent' to carry out their activities
- Ensuring that arrangements are made for defects in the premises, its plant, equipment or facilities are reported and made safe
- Ensuring that accident, work-related ill health and violent incidents are reported and investigated as necessary
- Ensuring that emergency procedures are in place



## DUTIES OF THE SITE MANAGER

The Site Manager's duties include:

- Keeping the building and site in good order and repair and free of waste / litter
- Monitoring the maintenance of plant and equipment e.g. heating boilers, electrical equipment, local exhaust ventilation equipment, pressure systems, gas appliances, lifting equipment (e.g. for disabled persons), passenger / goods lifts, fire alarm system, intruder alarms etc.
- Monitoring the provision and safe use of main services i.e. water, gas and electricity
- Monitoring the inspections and maintenance of plant and equipment - including access equipment i.e. step ladders, ladders, mobile towers etc.
- Monitoring and maintaining effective security arrangements
- Maintaining safe storage of chemicals, hazardous substances and equipment
- Ensuring that deliveries made safely, e.g. by avoiding peak pedestrian times
- Dealing with reported damage and defects
- Monitoring the condition of known asbestos containing materials
- Assisting the Head Teacher and Governors with the annual health and safety inspection
- Undertaking duties in accordance with legionella management requirements

## DUTIES OF THE EVC

Duties of the Off-Sites Visit Co-Ordinator (OCC)

- Follows the Transform Trust Educational Off-Site Visits Policy where their full responsibilities are outlined.

## DUTIES OF ALL EMPLOYEES

All employees are instructed to:

- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety and of others who might be affected by their actions or lack of action.
- Co-operate with the school on health and safety matters including compliance with Trust and school procedures.
- Not to interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety.
- Report any health and safety concerns, e.g. hazards or defects etc. in line with local procedures.
- Ensuring that pupils are aware of the school's emergency procedures.

## ARRANGEMENTS

### Accident Reporting and Investigation

Accidents to employees are recorded and investigated in accordance with NCC policy using the online incident reporting system / recorded locally.

Accidents to pupils and other non-employees are recorded as laid down in the Schools Health and Safety guidance and flowchart. To summarise:

1. Minor pupil accidents as a result of play e.g. (tripping over own feet, bumping into other children) are recorded locally in a pupil accident report book / sheet.
2. Pupil accidents where action needs to take place to avoid reoccurrence are recorded on the online incident reporting system/ accident report form.
3. Pupil accidents resulting in fractures or other injury that required outside medical attention must be reported on the online incident reporting system / accident report form.



4. Of those accidents that 2. applies to, if the pupil goes directly to hospital from school for treatment (rather than a precaution) then these must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (see below).

All accidents are investigated by: Adam Jevons-Newman (Headteacher) or Stephanie Karlonas (Deputy Headteacher)

Reported accidents are monitored termly to identify any trends, e.g. same pupil or accident in the same location.

The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring certain more serious accidents to both employees and non-employees are reported to the Health and Safety Executive as legally required by the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations.

## ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

All medication will be administered to pupils in accordance with the DfE document

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/306952/Statutory\\_guidance\\_on\\_supporting\\_pupils\\_at\\_school\\_with\\_medical\\_conditions.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306952/Statutory_guidance_on_supporting_pupils_at_school_with_medical_conditions.pdf)

Medication is administered by qualified First Aiders. Please see our First Aid Policy for further reference.

## ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

It is the law that asbestos-containing materials shall not be introduced into the school. If asbestos containing materials pose a serious risk to the health of persons using our premises the materials shall be removed as safely and as soon as possible.

Where asbestos containing materials are present, and do not pose a serious risk, the school shall take the opportunity to remove them progressively from our property, when it is safe and cost effective to do so. Whilst asbestos containing materials remain in situ the school shall ensure that they are managed in such a manner so that the risk to the health of our employees, contractors, visitors and other people using our premises is minimised.

All work on asbestos containing materials shall be carried out in accordance with the current legal standards using the best working practices by licensed contractors.

The condition of asbestos in the building is monitored by the Site Manager on a monthly basis and recorded in the Asbestos logbook.

No destructive or potentially destructive work (however minor) will be undertaken in the school without first reference to the asbestos survey and logbook.

The Asbestos Survey is held by the School Office and is made available to any contractors carrying out work within the school.

The latest Asbestos Management Survey report is dated: October 2018. A revised survey is due to be taken in 2026.

## COMMUNICATION

Effective communication between the Headteacher and employees is undertaken including through face-to-face, regular leadership and staff meetings, briefings and e-mail.



## CONSTRUCTION WORK

All construction work is carefully monitored in accordance with NCC guidance. Large building projects and significant construction works are managed by C.P. Associates.

## CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

Health and Safety is regularly updated through briefings and meetings. Employees are encouraged to report any health, safety or welfare concerns to the Headteacher or the Site Manager. The iamCompliant system is used to log any such concerns along with a pre-existing caretaker's book.

We will consult with employees or School/Trust safety representatives (where appointed) in good time:

The introduction of any measure at the workplace which may substantially affect the health and safety of the employees. Health and Safety Policy – September 2024 8

Information they must give their employees on risks to health and safety and preventive measures.

The planning and organising of any health and safety training.

**A School Health and Safety Committee will be established if requested to do so by two or more safety representatives.**

## CONTRACTORS

As part of the tendering process for any building work, contractors are chosen who can prove their competence in the specific trade. The Site Manager is responsible for day-to-day control of contractors, although it is recognised that overall responsibility lies with the Headteacher. Contractors are asked to complete and sign an induction/local site rule form before they commence work

## CURRICULUM

Risk assessments are undertaken on all lessons where there is a significant risk of injury/ill health.

Precautions are included in lesson plans as necessary.

Specialist guidance is provided by:

- Design and Technology through the Design and Technology Association (DATA).
- Physical Education through The Association for Physical Education (afPE)
- Science through the Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services
- (CLEAPSS)
- Science and Technology (ages 3-12)- "Be Safe!", Association for Science Education.
- "Make it Safe", NAAIDT



## DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT

The regulations are applicable to regular 'users' of display screen equipment, e.g. office Staff. A workstation risk assessment is carried out for any employee who meets the criteria of a 'user', using the online system provided on the schools' safety manual.

It is recognised, however, that the guidance should be followed by all individuals who use display screen equipment in order to avoid repetitive strain injury, postural problems and issues which could affect the eyes.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

All portable electrical appliances in school are checked by a 'competent' person at predetermined intervals: annually / every two years. Records of PAT testing are held on site.

All employees are instructed to carry out a visual inspection of electrical equipment, prior to use for signs of damage or charring, to report defects to the Site Manager so that action can be taken to take the equipment out of use.

The electrical installation is inspected at 5 yearly intervals by a competent person i.e. electrical engineer. Remedial action from the report is undertaken by the school.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Detailed in the academy's Emergency Plan.

## FINGER GUARDS

The risk of pupil finger trapping in door hinges is managed by control measures detailed in the school's risk assessment. This includes the provision of finger guard devices where deemed necessary.

## FIRE SAFETY

The fire evacuation procedure and plan of the school building noting escape routes and assembly points are displayed in all classrooms.

Fire drills are undertaken termly. Fire training is provided at the start of the school year and at inductions with new starters.

The Site Manager undertakes all on-site testing (e.g. fire alarm, emergency lighting) and records in the fire log book and on iamCompliant.

We may also refer to fire management folder including risk assessment and logbook.

## FIRST AID

Additional details about our First Aid Provision can be found in our First Aid Policy.



## GAS EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES

All gas boilers / appliances are inspected annually by a 'competent' contractor who is on the Gas Safe Register

Gas supplies are capable of being isolated and 'locked off' when not in use.

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Where possible the use of hazardous substances is avoided through the substitution of the hazardous substance for a less harmful one.

A (COSHH) risk assessment is carried out for the use of any hazardous substances used / stored on site, e.g. cleaning chemicals bearing a hazard warning symbol.

Information / COSHH assessments relating to hazardous substances in school are kept in **The Site Manager's Office**.

All chemicals are kept securely under lock and key to prevent unauthorised access.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE

Competent advice is provided through the H&S Support package from the Schools Health and Safety Team (☎ 0115 87 64608/9) and Corporate Safety (☎ 0115 87 64328) (accident system and training)

## HOUSEKEEPING (AND SEE ALSO UNDER WASTE / LITTER)

All employees are responsible for keeping their own workplace in good order i.e. clean, tidy and free of obstructions and slip / trip hazards.

All employees are informed of their responsibilities during their induction.

## INFORMATION

All employees are given adequate information on health and safety matters in relation to their work activities, i.e. as identified in the relevant risk assessments.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) poster "Health and Safety Law- what you need to know" is displayed in the *school staffroom / reception / office*. The name of the H&S Governor, contact details for the Schools H&S Team and where to obtain details of the union safety representatives (intranet) are included.



# INSPECTIONS

The following inspection/servicing contracts are in place: *add further / delete as necessary or reference where this list is kept*

Type	Frequency	Contractor
Air conditioning	Annual or as recommended by manufacturer	Heronridge Services (Nottingham)Ltd
Automatic gates (electric powered)	6-Monthly	Assured Gate Services
Catering equipment	As required by risk assessment, recommended by manufacturer	Various
Ceiling Fans	Annual	Heronridge Services (Nottingham)Ltd
Electrical installation	Five Yearly	Fred K Lamb Ltd
Fume Cupboard/Dust Extraction (LEV)	14 months	Richard C Stonehouse
Gas boilers	Annual	C.D. Northgate and CO Ltd
Gym equipment (fitness training etc.)	6-Monthly / Annual	Gems Ltd
Intruder Alarm and Door Access	6-Monthly	Total Integrated Solutions (TIS)
Emergency Lighting	6-Monthly	Fred K Lamb Ltd
Fire Alarm	Quarterly / 6-Monthly	ADT Fire and Security PLC
Fire Extinguishers	Annual	Nottinghamshire Fire Safety Limited
Legionella Testing	Monthly (temperature) Water Tank (6 monthly)	Second Element
PE and Play equipment	Annual	Gems Limited
Portable Electrical Appliances	Generally Annually / 2-Yearly	AGG Electrical Safety Testing Ltd
Power Tools	As required by risk assessment, recommended by manufacturer	As required
Radiators	Annual	Heronridge Services (Nottingham)Ltd
TMV and Water Heaters	Annual	MDB Plumbing



Tree Inspections	As recommended by the academy's arboriculturist (typically 3 years)	Via East Midlands Ltd
Urinals	Annual	ADSM
Water Coolers	Annual	Aquaaid

## LETTINGS / USE PREMISES OUT OF HOURS

The school obtain legal and insurance advice regarding any lettings. Contract with conditions of hire has been completed, signed and approved as necessary.

## LONE WORKING

Lone working situations include home visits, interviewing, responding to alarm activations, working late / early or at weekends or during holiday periods.

Risk Assessments for lone working have been carried out and relevant employees, including peripatetic workers e.g. home tutors, have been consulted and informed.

Employees have been instructed to avoid high risk activities whilst lone working e.g. working at height.

## MAINTENANCE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Site Manager is responsible for arranging / monitoring and keeping records for the routine maintenance of plant and equipment.

The Site Manager is responsible for carrying out repairs or arranging for repairs to be carried out.

## MANUAL HANDLING

Employees are instructed to seek assistance when in doubt or where their personal lifting capacity is likely to be exceeded.

Mechanical aids are provided, e.g. trolleys, sack trucks, hoists for disabled pupils, where necessary.

Leaflets on safe manual handling of inanimate objects is available from the Safety Manual.

The safe manual handling of pupils, e.g. disabled children, is only carried out by employees who have received specific training provided by a 'competent' provider. A number of staff have been trained in RPI (Restrictive Physical Intervention). A risk assessment is carried out for manual handling tasks which present a significant hazard, using the form provided from the Safety Manual.



## MONITORING AND REVIEW

Health and Safety issues are monitored through effective communication with employees and regular inspections of building and site.

## NEW AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS

New and Expectant mothers are given special protection by health and safety legislation i.e. Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 – regulation 16.

A risk assessment is carried out as soon as the Head Teacher is made aware by the employee and reviewed as necessary.

## OFF-SITE EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The Off-Site Visits Co-ordinator (OVC) is Carole Deakin

The OVC is responsible to the Head Teacher for ensuring health and safety issues have been addressed and that all relevant risk assessments are completed.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

PPE is issued to employees as required, e.g. to the Site Manager, Cleaners and any employee who may have to deal with bodily fluids. P.P.E. is also provided for students, e.g. in science, design and technology and PE, PPE is replaced as required.

## POSITIVE HANDLING / DE-ESCALATION

The school's Positive Handling Policy is in place and can be viewed in the policy section of the school website or a copy may be provided via the office.

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY

The Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that the playground is inspected prior to use and that harmful items are removed e.g. broken glass etc.

Staff report any identified defects / concerns directly to the Site Manager or Head Teacher.

Play equipment is inspected annually by Gems Ltd.

## REPORTING OF DEFECTS, HAZARDS AND NEAR MISSES

All employees have been instructed to report defects, hazards, near misses to the Head Teacher, Line Manager or Site Manager immediately so that prompt action can be taken to avoid accidents and injury. A logbook is available in the school office to report these matters.



## RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk assessments, as legally required, have been carried out in consultation with employees and are kept centrally in **the Health and Safety File** and are available electronically via the staff SharePoint.

Where relevant, they are based on the model generic risk assessments available from the Safety Manual.

## SAFETY EDUCATION

Arrangements are in place for safety education to be included in the curriculum.

## SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

Under legislation Academy employees who have been appointed as Safety Representatives have legal rights and functions e.g.:

- to represent employees
- to investigate hazards and complaints
- to carry out inspections of the workplace
- to attend safety committees

Safety Representatives have no legal responsibilities other than those of an employee.

## SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Delete the body of this section if the Model Security policy has been adopted and just reference that policy.

The Site Manager is responsible for maintaining the security of the site, e.g. locks, self-closers, gates, fences, etc.

Arrangements are in place to prevent unauthorised access, so far as is reasonably practicable, and also to ensure that pupils are prevented from absconding, where applicable, e.g. in the Nursery.

The response to alarm activation is covered in the Lone working procedures.

Key holders are:

- **Adam Jevons-Newman**
- **Stephanie Karlonas**
- **Joanne Parker-Clowes**
- **Marc Naylor**
- **Taybar Security Ltd**



## SITE INSPECTIONS

Arrangements are in place for a joint inspection to be carried out of the building and site, at least annually, by the Head Teacher, Site Manager and Director of Estates.

Employees have been instructed to report any damage / defects to the Site Manager or Head Teacher.

## SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Slip, trip or fall hazards e.g. damaged carpets / floor tiles, raised paving slabs etc. are reported to the Site Manager or Head Teacher who will ensure that appropriate action is taken to avoid accident / injury.

Access routes and storage areas are kept free of obstruction to minimise the risk of trips and falls.

## STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS

All employees are responsible for ensuring items are stored safely and to report any hazards to their Line Manager, e.g. unsecured racking, defective lighting in store areas, inappropriate / lack of access equipment, e.g. step ladders.

Employees have been advised that 'heavy' items should be stored at approximately waist level to minimise the risk of injury.

## STRESS, WORK RELATED

The Head Teacher is responsible for managing work-related stress within the school.

A Stress Management Risk Assessment is available.

## SUN PROTECTION

Pupils are encouraged to use high-factor sun protection cream, lotion or spray as necessary and to wear head / neck protection as provided by parents / carers.

Drinking water is provided throughout the year and drinking water containers are taken on any outdoor activities as necessary.

In extreme weather conditions the length of time that pupils are exposed to the sun is controlled.

Shade is provided on the school playground including under the trees on the KS2 playground. Adjustments may be made to playtimes or the timing of playtimes to avoid the hottest part of the day.



## SUPERVISION

Pupils are supervised during all activities throughout the school day. It has been determined that during break time and lunch time, the adult supervisors are needed to cover the following areas when in use:

- KS1 gated area
- KS1 top playground
- KS2 bottom playground including grassed-hill
- Field
- Pre-School and FSU playgrounds

**It is an expectation that staff are vigilant to the behaviour and play of pupils and wherever possible place themselves to have the broadest field of vision to the area they are responsible for.**

## TRAINING

All employees are given adequate health and safety training, which includes basic skills training, specific on the job training and training in health and safety or emergency procedures.

New, temporary and supply staff are given basic induction training on health and safety, including the arrangements for first aid, fire and evacuation, using a checklist. New employees are adequately supervised, as required.

Site Management staff attend general health and safety training shortly after commencement and on a five yearly refresher basis after this.

## VEHICLES, USE OF

The use of vehicles for transporting pupils is included in the risk assessment process for off-site educational visits, e.g. the use of taxis, minibuses, buses and coaches.

The use employees' own vehicles for the transporting of pupils is also included in the risk assessment process. A generic risk assessment has been completed. It is policy that at least 2 staff must always travel with a pupil in an employee's car (including the staff member driving).

Employees are instructed not to use hand held mobile phones whilst driving.

## VIOLENCE

Violence, threatening behaviour and abuse against school employees or other members of the school community will not be tolerated.

The Academy has adopted the Health & Safety Executive's (HSE) definition of violence:

'any incident in which a person is abused, threatened or assaulted in circumstances relating to their work'.



All incidents of violence are reported on Arbor and to the Trust with a PCI reporting form and investigated as required by Line Manager / Head Teacher.

A poster is available for display in reception areas informing visitors that violence is unacceptable.

Training will be provided in de-escalation and positive handling through the Behaviour Support Service. The main purpose of such training is to avoid / minimise the risk of injury to either employees or pupils.

Further action is taken via the Police, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, or Academy Legal Advisor as required.

## WASTE / LITTER MANAGEMENT

The Site Manager is responsible for the management of waste and litter. Pupils are encouraged to take an active part in the management of litter.

Adequate waste bins are available around school, which are emptied daily. External waste bins are secured away from school buildings to reduce the risk of damage by arson.

A 'sharps' box is available in school in order to deal promptly with any discarded needles / syringes being found.

Arrangements have been made for the safe storage and collection of clinical waste.

## WATER MANAGEMENT / CONTROL OF LEGIONELLA

The Academy complies with the requirements of the legionella Approved Code of Practice (L8).

The following company have been employed to review the Academy's legionella risk assessment on a 2-yearly basis: Arc Partnership

Include who performs the legionella checks- Site Manager? Contractor? Refer to SERAM database and monitoring by Head Teacher and Schools H&S Team (if used).

## WELFARE FACILITIES

Sufficient toilet facilities are available for both employees and pupils, which include adequate hand washing / hand drying facilities.

Pupils have access to labelled drinking water taps and may use drinking water bottles throughout the day.

There is adequate provision of heating, lighting and ventilation and is monitored and maintained by the Site Manager.

All glazing is either safety glazing or safety film has been applied. Broken windows are replaced with safety glazing.



## WORK EQUIPMENT

All work equipment is suitable for intended purpose, obtained from a reputable source, maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and subject to local inspection prior to use, e.g. for damage and to ensure that safety devices are in place.

A risk assessment is carried out, where applicable, for the use of certain powered equipment if required, e.g. circular saws, chain saws, abrasive wheels, strimmers, hedge cutters, pressure washers, mowing equipment, etc.

Training is carried out, where applicable; in the safe use of certain work equipment, e.g. abrasive wheels, circular saws, etc. Records of the training are kept.

Arrangements are in place for the statutory inspection of plant / equipment, e.g. local exhaust ventilation systems, fume cupboards, gas boilers / heating systems, lifting equipment (e.g. passenger lifts, hoists for disabled children etc.), pressure systems, etc.

## WORKPLACE TRANSPORT SAFETY

A risk assessment has been carried out for the control of vehicles on site. One of the main aims is to keep pedestrians and vehicles apart so far as is reasonably practicable.

Arrangements are in place to ensure that there is no vehicular movement on the premises during peak pedestrian traffic times, e.g. when the pupils are arriving and leaving school and lunch times. Except in an emergency, as far as is reasonably practicable the gates should be closed from 8:40-9:00am and

## WORKING AT HEIGHT

Employees should avoid working at height wherever possible, e.g. by arranging for stored items to be in reach from floor level, or by using contractors e.g. for changing lights in the Hall / Gym, window cleaning, putting up stage lighting etc.

Risk assessments are carried out where working at height can not be avoided, e.g. for use of step ladders, ladders, access to roof areas by the Site Manager. Employees are instructed not to work at height whilst lone working.

Kick stools and sets of small stepladders has been provided for teaching / office staff to access to items stored at height or to put up displays etc. Employees must not use chairs / desks / tables for this purpose. The larger stepladders are for the use of the Site Manager only and are locked away when not in use.

Appropriate training has been provided in the use of access equipment.

Arrangements are in place for access equipment to be inspected on a termly basis by the Site Manager. Employees are instructed to report damage / defects immediately to the Site Manager / Head Teacher



## MONITORING AND REVIEW

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored regularly through:

- Annual health and safety audits.
- Regular visits from the Health and Safety Link Governor
- Visits and support from the Trust Director of Estates
- Termly reports to the governing body.
- Ongoing feedback from staff, pupils, visitors and wider members of the school community on safety issues. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher to ensure it remains relevant and compliant with current legislation.

## CROSS-REFERENCED OR RELATED POLICIES

- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Asbestos (within Asbestos logbook)
- Behaviour Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Overarching Policy
- Emergency Plan
- Environment Policy
- Fire Risk Assessment
- First Aid Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Off-Site Visits Policy
- Positive Handling Policy
- Severe Weather Guidance
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
- Uniform Policy

