



ST HILDA'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

Health and Safety Policy

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| VALUE | | | THE POLICY | |
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| Wisdom | Hope | Community | Dignity | Equality |
| <p>The aim of the Policy is to ensure the Health and Safety of all of those students, staff and visitors who use the school.</p> <p>The policy considers the wellbeing of staff and students and supports the schools vision to work alongside and in harmony with the local community.</p> <p>Health and safety of all those in school is equally adhered to ensure the wellbeing of all.</p> <p>The dignity of individuals in school is respected when risk assessments are conducted.</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the school values.</p> | | | | |

PART 1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Governing Body of St Hilda's C of E High School will strive to achieve the highest standards of health, safety and welfare consistent with their responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and other statutory and common law duties.

This statement sets out how these duties will be conducted and includes a description of the establishment's organisation and its arrangements for dealing with different areas of risk. Details of how these areas of risk will be addressed are given in the arrangements section.

This policy will be brought to the attention of all members of staff. Reference copies will be kept in the school reception and student services as well as being available on the school's website and shared drive.

This policy statement and the accompanying organisation and arrangements will be reviewed on an annual basis.

This policy statement supplements

- Liverpool City Councils School Health, Safety & Welfare Policy (also available on Staff Share Drive)

PART 2. ORGANISATION

At school level duties and responsibilities have been assigned to staff and governors as laid out below.

Responsibilities of the Governing Body

The Governing Body are responsible for health and safety matters at a local level and are responsible for:

- Ensuring adherence to the local authority health and safety policy, procedures and standards;
- Formulating a health and safety statement detailing the responsibilities for ensuring health and safety within the establishment;
- Reviewing the establishments health and safety policy annually and implementing new arrangements where necessary;
- Monitoring, reviewing and evaluating the school's health and safety performance.
- Providing appropriate resources within the establishment's budget to meet statutory requirements and the local authority health and safety policy, procedures and standards;
- Receiving from the Head teacher or other nominated member of staff reports on health and safety matters and reporting to (Diocese/LEA or other body as necessary), any hazards which the establishment is unable to rectify from its own budget;
- Seeking specialist advice on health and safety which the establishment may not feel competent to deal with.
- Promoting a positive H&S culture and high standards of health and safety within the establishment via Mrs Helen Roberts
- Ensuring that when awarding contracts health and safety is included in specifications & contract conditions taking account of all relevant policy and procedures.

Responsibilities of the Head teacher:

Overall responsibility for the day to day management of health and safety in accordance with the Local Authority Health and Safety Policy, H.S.E. guidance and national legislation rests with the Head teacher.

As manager of the establishment and of all the activities carried on within it, the Head will advise Governors of the areas of health and safety concern which may need to be addressed by the allocation of funds.

The Head teacher has responsibility for:

- Co-operating with the LA and governing body to enable health and safety policy and procedures to be implemented and complied with;
- Ensuring effective health and safety management arrangements are in place for carrying out regular inspections and risk assessments, implementing actions and submitting inspection reports to the governing body and LA where necessary;
- Communicating the policy and other appropriate health and safety information to all relevant people including contractors;
- Carrying out health and safety investigations;
- Ensuring all staff are competent to carry out their roles and are provided with adequate information, instruction and training;
- Ensuring consultation arrangements are in place for staff and their trade union representatives (where appointed) and recognising the right of trade unions in the workplace to require a health and safety committee to be set up.
- ***Reporting to Governors any hazards which cannot be rectified within the establishment's budget;***
- Ensuring that the premises, plant and equipment are maintained in a serviceable condition;
- Monitoring purchasing and contracting procedures to ensure compliance with policy.

The Head teacher may choose to delegate certain tasks to other members of staff. It is clearly understood by everyone concerned that the delegation of certain duties will not relieve the Head teacher from the overall day to day responsibilities for health and safety within the establishment.

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The task of overseeing health and safety on the site has been delegated by the head to the Facilities Manager.

Within departments this task is further delegated to the Health & Safety Officer and Heads of Department.

Responsibilities of delegated teaching staff / non-teaching staff holding posts of special responsibility;

- Apply the school's health and safety policy to their own department or area of work and be directly responsible to the Head teacher for the application of the health and safety procedures and arrangements;
- Maintain or have access to an up to date library of relevant published health and safety guidance from sources including CLEAPSS, AfPE etc., and ensure that all subordinate staff are aware of and make use of such guidance;
- Ensure regular health and safety risk assessments are undertaken for the activities for which they are responsible and that control measures are implemented;
- Ensure that appropriate safe working procedures are brought to the attention of all staff under their control;
- Resolve health, safety and welfare problems members of staff refer to them, and inform the head individual with delegated authority any problems to which they cannot achieve a satisfactory solution within the resources available to them;
- Carry out regular inspections of their areas of responsibility to ensure that equipment, furniture and activities are safe and record these inspections where required;
- Ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the provision of sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision to enable other employees and pupils to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own health and safety;
- Ensure that all accidents (including near misses) occurring within their department are promptly reported and investigated using the appropriate forms etc;
- Arrange for the repair, replacement or removal of any item of furniture or equipment which has been identified as unsafe.

Responsibilities of employees

Under the Health and Safety at work Act etc 1974 all employees have general health and safety responsibilities. Staff must be aware that they are obliged to take care of their own health and safety whilst at work along with that of others who may be affected by their actions.

All employees have responsibility to:

- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others in undertaking their work.
- Comply with the school's health and safety policy and procedures at all times.
- Report all accidents and incidents in line with the reporting procedure.
- Co-operate with school management on all matters relating to health and safety.
- Not to intentionally interfere with or misuse any equipment or fittings provided in the interests of health safety and welfare.
- Report all defects in condition of premises or equipment and any health and safety concerns immediately to their line manager.
- Report immediately to their line manager any shortcomings in the arrangements for health and safety.
- Ensure that they only use equipment or machinery that they are competent / have been trained to use.
- Make use of all necessary control measures and personal protective equipment provided for safety or health reasons.

PART 3. ARRANGEMENTS

Detailed information on Liverpool Council expectations is given in the Councils “Liverpool School HSW Policy 1 & 2” The following list of arrangements covers the key elements of a Health and Safety policy

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| RISK ASSESSMENTS |
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General Risk Assessments

The school risk assessments (for all activities, teaching and non teaching, premises and one off activities) will be co-ordinated by the H&S Manager in consultation with relevant department heads. The Risk Assessments will follow guidance contained in the Education Health and Safety Handbook and issued by the HSE. Risk Assessments are approved by the headteacher.

These risk assessments are available for all staff to view and are held centrally in Staff Shared (s:) Information

Risk assessments will be reviewed on an annual basis or when the work activity changes, whichever is the soonest. Staff are made aware of any changes to risk assessments relating to their work.

Individual Risk Assessments

Specific risk assessments relating to individuals, e.g. staff member or young person/pupil are held on that person's file and will be undertaken by Health and Safety Manager or Health and Safety Officer

It is the responsibility of staff to inform their line manager of any medical condition (including pregnancy) which may impact upon their work.

Such risk assessments will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Curriculum Activities

Risk assessments for curriculum activities will be carried out by the Head of Department/ Subject teacher or Health and Safety Officer using the relevant codes of practice and model risk assessments developed by national bodies.

Whenever a new course is adopted or developed all activities are checked against the model risk assessments and significant findings incorporated into texts in daily use

St Hilda's has a subscription to CLEAPSS and in science and DT their publications¹ are used as sources of model risk assessment in addition to the models available.

¹ CLEAPSS Science and D&T publications CD Rom or via www.cleapss.org.uk

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| OFFSITE VISITS |
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All offsite visits will be planned following guidance contained in the [Staff Handbook](#) and the Local Authority [Education](#) Visits Policy

The member of staff planning the trip will submit all relevant paperwork and risk assessments relating to the trip to the school's school administrator who will check the documentation and planning of the trip and if acceptable initially approve the visit before referring to the headteacher and Senior Leadership Team as appropriate.

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| <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING AND INSPECTION</p> |
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A general inspection of the site will be conducted termly and be undertaken / co-ordinated by the schools Health and Safety Manger/ Officer. Records of such inspections will be kept.

Monitoring inspections of individual departments will be also be carried out by Heads of Department or nominated staff. The person(s) undertaking such inspections will complete a report in writing of any significant findings and submit this to the head teacher.

A named governor will be involved / undertake an inspection on an annual basis and report back to both the relevant sub-committee and full governing body meetings. This governor monitoring will also cover management systems in addition to inspecting the premises.

Advice and pro forma inspection checklists can be found in the [Health and Safety Handbook](#)

Inspections will be conducted jointly with the establishment's health and safety representative(s) if possible.

FIRE EVACUATION AND OTHER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The head teacher is responsible for ensuring the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented following guidance contained in the [Health and Safety Handbook](#)

The fire risk assessment is also found in the H&S log book and reviewed on an annual basis.

Fire Instructions

These documents are made available to all staff and included in the establishments induction process.

An outline of evacuation procedures are made available to all contractors / visitors and are posted throughout the site.

Emergency exits, fire alarm call points, assembly points etc are clearly identified by safety signs and notices.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire and Evacuation

Fire and emergency evacuation procedures are detailed in the staff handbook and a summary posted in each classroom/office.

These procedures will be reviewed at least annually.

Emergency contact and key holder details are maintained by Focus Fire & Security

Fire Drills

- Fire drills will be undertaken twice per year, and a record kept in the fire log book;

Fire Fighting

- The safe evacuation of persons is an absolute priority. Staff may only attempt to deal with small fires, **if it is safe to do so without putting themselves at risk**, using portable firefighting equipment.

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- Ensure the alarm is raised BEFORE attempting to tackle a fire.
- **Details of service isolation points** (i.e. gas, water, electricity) can be located in the ground Floor Plant Room
- **Details of chemicals and flammable substances on site.** An inventory of these will be kept by Health and Safety Manager and Heads of Department as appropriate, for consultation.

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| INSPECTION /MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT |
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TESTING OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Fire alarm call points will be tested weekly in rotation by the Facilities Manager and a record kept in the fire log book. This test will occur on Fridays after 4:30pm

Any defects on the system will be reported immediately to the alarm contractor / electrical engineer McGoff & Vickers 0151 922 6441

A fire alarm maintenance contract is in place with McGoff & Vickers and the system tested quarterly with a full annual test.

INSPECTION OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Claughton Fire Protection undertakes an annual maintenance service of all firefighting equipment.

Ongoing weekly checks that all firefighting equipment is available for use and has not been tampered with are performed by the Facilities Manager.

Defective equipment or extinguishers that need recharging should be taken out of service and reported direct to Claughton Fire Protection on tel. 0151 652 6366

EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS

These systems will be checked for operation monthly in house by the Facilities Manager and annually by McGoff & Vickers 0151 922 6441

Test records are located in the site's fire log book held in the Facilities Managers office.

MEANS OF ESCAPE

Key holder (usually Facilities Manager) who opens building performs a daily checks for any obstructions on exit routes and ensures all final exit doors are operational and available for use.

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| FIRST AID AND MEDICATION |
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FIRST AID BOXES ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

Reception / Science Laboratories / Home Economics Rooms / Art & DT rooms and Workshop / PE Office / Library

Departments are responsible for regularly checking that the contents of first aid box are complete and replenished as necessary. A check should be made at least termly. Extra stock is held by the Health & Safety Officer and at Student Services

The following staff are available to provide first aid-

TRAINED TO FIRST AID AT WORK LEVEL (18 hr) :

Ben Norton

TRAINED TO EMERGENCY AID LEVEL (6 hr):

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| Charlie Collins | Apr 17 |
| Phil Poole | Apr 17 |
| Mark Potts | Apr 17 |
| Daniel Higgins | Jun 16 |
| Maria Hanratty | May 17 |
| Lorraine Birkett | May 17 |
| Selena Lynch | Jun 16 |
| Steph Mcdonald | Apr 17 |
| Maria Judge | Jun 16 |
| Carole Whitmore | Jun 16 |
| Cheryl Maguire | Nov 15 |
| Annette Kerr | Nov 15 |
| Helen Bulmer | Jun 16 |
| Caroline O'Neill (TA) | Jun 16 |
| Jackie Hale | Jun 16 |
| John Lavery (Basketball) | May 17 |
| Joe Boyland | Apr 17 |

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The Headteacher will ensure that first aiders have a current certificate and that replacements are found for those staff that leave employment

Drivers will check that any vehicles are properly equipped with first aid boxes before they are used.

Transport to hospital: If the first aider or Headteacher considers it necessary, the injured person will be sent directly to hospital (normally by ambulance). Parents and/or guardians will also be informed. No casualty should be allowed to travel to hospital unaccompanied and an accompanying adult will be designated in situations where the parents cannot be contacted.

The school will follow the procedure for completion of incident/accident records in accordance with HSE guidance.

Administration of medicines

All medication will be administered to pupils in accordance with the DfE document ["Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings"](#)

The only medication kept and administered within school are those prescribed specifically for a pupil at the request of the parent / guardian and with the consent of the head teacher. Records of administration will be kept by Student Services.

No member of staff should administer any medicines unless a request form has been completed by the parent / guardian.

All medications kept in school are securely stored in Student Services with access strictly controlled.

Where children need to have access to emergency medication i.e. asthma inhalers, epi-pen etc., it will be kept in Student Services, and clearly labelled and in a locked cabinet.

Health Care Plans

Health care plans are in place for those pupils with complex medical needs e.g. chronic or ongoing medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis etc)

These plans are reviewed annually by C O'Neill and written precautions / procedures made available to staff.

Staff undergo specific training related to health conditions of pupils and administration of medicines (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis etc) by a health professional as appropriate.

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| <p>ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES</p> |
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In accordance with the LA's accident/incident reporting procedure employees must report accidents, violent incidents, dangerous occurrences, and near misses on the relevant City Council forms.

Copies of these forms are available at the Student Services and Reception.

- The local accident book in Student Services is used to record all minor incidents to pupils & staff.
- School accident reports will be monitored for trends and a report made to the Governors, as necessary.
- The Headteacher, or their nominee, will investigate accidents and take remedial steps to avoid similar instances recurring. Faulty equipment, systems of work etc. must be reported and attended to as soon as possible.

Reporting to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Incidents involving a fatality or major injury will be reported immediately to the Education Health and Safety team on 01992 556478 and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on 0845 300 9923 or on-line at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/>.

Incidents resulting in the following must be reported to the HSE within 10 days of the incident occurring.

- A pupil or other non-employee being taken to hospital and the accident arising as the result of a curriculum activity, the condition of the premises / equipment, lack of supervision etc;
- Employee absence, as the result of a work related accident, for periods of 3 days or more (including W/E's and holidays).

Any incident notified to the HSE must also be reported to the Education Health and Safety Team.

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| HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION & TRAINING |
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Consultation

The school H&S committee meets termly and consists of Governors Facilities Manager / Health & Safety Officers

The governing body meets half termly Discussion of health, safety and welfare issues affecting staff, pupils or visitors form part of the agenda. Action points from meetings are brought forward for review by school management.

Communication of Information

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed in the Reception / Kitchens / Sports Hall

The LA Education Health and Safety Team may be contacted direct at:

- **Tel.** 0151 225 2689 / 2934 / 2648/ 2639 / 2587 / 2648 / 2677
- **email:** healthandsafetyunit@liverpool.gov.uk

Health and Safety Unit

Liverpool City Council

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Health and Safety Training

Health and safety induction training will be provided and documented for all new employees by HR / Health & Safety Manager and /or Head of Department.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that all staff are provided with adequate information, instruction and training and identifying the health and safety training needs of staff.

All employees will be provided with:

- induction training in the requirements of this policy;
- update training in response to any significant change;
- training in specific skills needed for certain activities, (e.g. use of hazardous substances, work at height etc.)
- refresher training where required.

Training records are held by HR/Health and Safety Manager who is responsible for co-ordinating

health and safety training needs and for including details in the training and development plan. This includes a system for ensuring that refresher training (for example in first aid) is undertaken within the prescribed time limits.

The Headteacher will be responsible for assessing the effectiveness of training received.

Each member of staff is also responsible for drawing the Head teacher's / line managers attention to their own personal needs for training and for not undertaking duties unless they are confident that they have the necessary competence.

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LONE WORKING

Staff are encouraged not to work alone in school. Work carried out unaccompanied or without immediate access to assistance should be risk assessed to determine if the activity is necessary.

Work involving potentially significant risks (for example work at height) **should not** be undertaken whilst working alone.

Where lone working cannot be avoided staff should consult the [Personal Safety & Lone Working](#) documents.

- Obtain the Headteacher's/senior member of staff's permission and notify him/her on each occasion when lone working will occur.
- Ensure they have means to summon help in an emergency e.g. access to a telephone or mobile telephone etc.
- When working off site (e.g. when visiting homes) notify a colleague of their whereabouts and the estimated time of return. [staff undertaking home visits to obtain as much background information as possible about the child/family being visited]
- Key holders attending empty premises where there has been an incident or suspected crime should do so only once the out of *hours security person from Focus Security* has arrived to accompany them
- Report any incidents or situations where they may have felt "uncomfortable".

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| PREMISES AND WORK EQUIPMENT |
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Statutory inspections

Regular inspection and testing of school equipment is conducted by appropriate contractors according to set timescales (these are detailed in the property managers questionnaire). Records of such monitoring will be kept by the Facilities Manager

The Facilities Manager is responsible for identifying all plant and equipment in an equipment register and ensuring that any training or instruction needs, personal protective equipment requirements are identified and relevant risk assessments conducted. Any equipment restricted to those users who are authorised / have received specific training is detailed in the register.

All staff are required to report to Facilities Manager and/or Heads of Department any problems found with plant/equipment. Defective equipment will be clearly marked and taken out of service by storing in a secure location pending repair or disposal.

Curriculum areas

Heads of department are responsible for ensuring maintenance requirements for equipment in their areas are identified and implemented.

Electrical safety

All staff should monitor the condition of plugs, cables and electrical equipment and conduct a quick visual inspection prior to use.

All portable items of electrical equipment will be subject to PAT (portable appliance testing) annually, conducted by an outside contractor

Personal items of equipment (electrical or mechanical) should not be brought into the school without prior authorisation and subjected to the same tests as school equipment.

Major fixed wiring circuits will be checked at least once every five years.

External Sports equipment

PE equipment is subject to an annual inspection by Head of Department

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| FLAMMABLE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES |
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Every attempt will be made to avoid, or choose the least harmful of, substances which fall under the ***“Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002”*** (the COSHH Regulations).

Within curriculum areas (in particular science and DT) then heads of department are responsible for COSHH and ensuring that an up to date inventory and model risk assessments contained in the relevant national publications (CLEAPSS, Association for Science Education's "Topics in Safety" etc.) are in place.

In all other areas the establishments nominated person(s) responsible for substances hazardous to health Cleaning Supervisor / Facilities Manager / Catering Manager

They shall ensure:

- an inventory of all hazardous substances used on site is compiled and regularly reviewed.
- material safety data sheets are obtained from the relevant supplier for all such materials.
- risk assessments are conducted for the use of hazardous substances (where generic risk assessments are available e.g. for products purchased from Hertfordshire Supplies, these are adapted to suit specific use of material on site)
- all chemicals are appropriately and securely stored out of the reach of children.
- all chemicals are kept in their original packaging and labelled (no decanting into unmarked containers).
- suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) has been identified and available for use.

PPE is to be provided free of charge where the need is identified as part of the risk assessment.

RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

The school follows CLEAPSS guidance L93 in Managing Ionising radiations and Radioactive sources.

- Liverpool Councils Radiation Protection Officer are Elaine Halsall / Dave O'Hare
- CLEAPSS provide the Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA) service.
- Member of staff in charge of radioactive sources (RPS) is Kate Finch (Teacher of Physics) and is responsible for ensuring all records pertaining to radioactive sources are maintained.

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| LIFTING AND HANDLING |
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Generic risk assessments for regular manual handling operations are undertaken and staff provided with information on safe moving and handling techniques.

Staff should ensure they are not lifting heavy items and equipment unless they have received training and/or equipment in order to do so safely.

All manual handling activities which present a significant risk to the health and safety of staff, will be reported to Facilities Manager / Health & Safety Officer and where such activities cannot be avoided a risk assessment will be conducted to ensure such risks are adequately controlled. A copy of this assessment will be provided to employees who must follow the instruction given when carrying out the task.

Emergency Evacuation Moving and Handling

Several staff serving as Fire Marshals who may need to move and handle pupils have received appropriate training (both in general moving and handling people techniques and specific training on any lifting equipment, hoists, slings etc. they are required to use).

Equipment for moving and handling people is subject to inspection on a 6 monthly basis by a competent contractor.*

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| CONTRACTORS |
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All contractors used by the school shall ensure compliance with relevant health and safety legislation, guidance and good practice.

All contractors must report to the school reception where they will be asked to sign the visitors book and wear an identification badge. Contractors will be issued with guidance on fire procedures, local management arrangements and vehicle movement restrictions.

The Facilities Manager is responsible for monitoring areas where the contractor's work may directly affect staff and pupils and for keeping records of all contractor work.

School managed projects

Where the school undertakes projects direct the governing body would be considered the 'client' and therefore have additional statutory obligations.

These are managed by the Finance Manager/Health and Safety Manager/ appointed Project Manager who will ensure that landlords consent has been obtained and, where applicable, all statutory approvals, such as planning permission and building regulations have been sought. This would include whether CDM² regulations will apply.

Contractors will be asked to provide risk assessments and method statements specific to the site and works to be undertaken. The school, contractor(s) and any subcontractor(s) involved will agree the risk assessment and safe systems of work to be used prior to works commencing on site.

² CDM refers to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 and apply to any building, demolition, maintenance or refurbishment work.

Such projects are notifiable to the HSE where the work exceeds 30 days or involves more than 500 person days of work. In addition two specific and specialist roles of CDM Co-ordinator and principal contractor must be appointed.

In such instances it is recommended that an agent be used to work on the schools behalf.

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| WORK AT HEIGHT |
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Working at height can present a significant risk, where such activities cannot be avoided a risk assessment will be conducted to ensure such risks are adequately controlled. A copy of this assessment will be provided to employees authorised to work at height.

When working at height (including accessing storage or putting up displays) appropriate stepladders or kick stools are to be used. Staff must not climb onto chairs etc.

The establishments nominated person(s) responsible for work at height is (are)
Facilities Manager / Health & Safety Officer

The nominated person(s) shall ensure:

- all work at height is properly planned and organised;
- the use of access equipment is restricted to authorised users;
- all those involved in work at height are trained and competent to do so;
- the risks from working at height are assessed and appropriate equipment selected;
- a register of access equipment is maintained and all equipment is regularly inspected and maintained;
- any risks from fragile surfaces is properly controlled.

APPENDIX 15

DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT (DSE)

All staff who use habitually use computers as a significant part of their normal work (significant is taken to be continuous / near continuous spells of an hour at a time) e.g. admin staff, finance staff etc. shall have a DSE assessment carried out by their line manager.

Those staff identified as DSE users shall be entitled to an eyesight test for DSE use every 2 years by a qualified optician (and corrective glasses if required specifically for DSE use). Advice on the use of DSE is available in the [Health and Safety Handbook](#)

APPENDIX 16

VEHICLES ON SITE

Vehicular access to the school is restricted to school staff and visitors only and not for general use by parents / guardians when bringing children to school or collecting them.

The access from the road shall be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

The vehicle access gate must not normally be used for pedestrian access. If an event is being held outside of normal school activities for which this is the sole access, then all due care must be taken to ensure the safety of those passing through this entrance.

APPENDIX 18

MINIBUSES

Facilities Manager/HR will maintain a list of nominated drivers who have received training in order to drive a minibus and conducts an annual check of their driving licence.³

All minibus drivers should receive training from an accredited trainer

The Facilities Manager is responsible for the undertaking regular checks on the vehicles and the schools operation of minibuses follows [Council Advice](#)

³ All drivers must hold a full Category B (car) licence, non-employees must have held this for at least two years. For minibuses over 15 seats, employees who first obtained a Category B (car) licence after 1 January 1997 must additionally obtain Category D or D1 by passing a medical and the Passenger Carrying Vehicle (PCV) theory and practical driving tests. This also applies to all drivers with pre-1997 licences if they intend to drive a minibus abroad.

APPENDIX 17

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| LETTINGS / SHARED USE OF PREMISES |
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Lettings are managed by Business Manager/ Building Manager following City council and Governor Guidance. Hirers must abide by the Hire Agreement completed before the booking. All individual lettings are required to complete a risk assessment before the hire. Public Liability Insurance is essential and a site induction is carried out by the Site Manager before the booking takes place. A disclaimer for hire is also obtained when a booking is agreed.

Emergency arrangements are covered in the Fire and Emergency policies.

APPENDIX 19

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| STRESS / WELLBEING |
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The school and governing body are committed to promoting high levels of health and well being and recognise the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors through risk assessment, in line with the HSE and Council's management standards.

A detailed system is in place within the school for responding to individual concerns and monitoring staff workloads.

Staff also have access to an employee assistance programme to provide support when needed details are displayed on the staff notice board and can be accessed via line managers.

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| LEGIONELLA |
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The school complies with HSE and Council advice on the potential risks from legionella

A water risk assessment of the school has been completed and the Facilities Manager is responsible for ensuring that operational controls are being conducted and recorded in the water log book.

This will include:

- identifying and flushing rarely used outlets on a weekly basis and after school holiday periods.
- conducting necessary water temperature checks (monthly)
- disinfecting / descaling showers, or other areas where water droplets are formed (quarterly)

Annual testing/assessment will be carried out by: Knowsley Building & Environmental Services Ltd

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| WORK EXPERIENCE |
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The school has a separate work experience policy which is regularly reviewed and updated the College staff are responsible for managing and co-ordinating work related learning within the school following guidance contained in the [Health and Safety Handbook](#)* and in accordance with the Quality Standard for Work Experience⁴.

The school retains a duty of care for all students undertaking work experience and must ensure the placement is appropriate, therefore:

- All students are briefed before taking part in work experience on supervision arrangements and health and safety responsibilities.
- All placements (including private placements) are subject to pre-placement checks. No work experience placement will go ahead if deemed unsuitable. (If schools do not use the LA's preferred suppliers, pre-placement health and safety assessments **must** be carried out by competent people⁵ and supporting documentation completed)
- Where work placements form part of the vocational qualification offered by a FE college then the college is responsible for ensuring equivalent placement checks are conducted.
- Every student will receive a placement job description highlighting tasks to be undertaken and any necessary health and safety information which is passed onto the parent / carer.
- Arrangements will be in place to visit/monitor students during the placement.
- Emergency contact arrangements are in place (including out of school hours provision) in order that a member of school staff can be contacted should an incident occur.
- All incidents involving students on work placement activities will be reported to the placement organiser / Head of House at the earliest possible opportunity.

⁴ <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?go=site.home&sid=49&pid=404&ctype=None&ptype=Contents>

⁵ In order to be deemed competent an individual should hold a suitable nationally accredited/recognised qualification(s). E.g. IOSH (The Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) Managing Safely qualification, Health and Safety for Work-placement Personnel course or HSS8 (Formerly ENTO Unit D) Review Health and Safety Procedures in Workplaces. In addition to having occupational competence, knowledge and understanding in relation to sector specific placements. Particularly in high risk placements such as construction, agriculture, equestrian etc.