



ST HILDA'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

Premises Management Policy

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CHRIST JESUS AS OUR CORNERSTONE

Ephesians 2:20

THE ST HILDA'S FAMILY

We are the St Hilda's family, with **Jesus Christ** as our **cornerstone**.
Building on foundations of **wisdom hope community dignity and equality**
we nurture and support one another to be our very best.
We rejoice in our **diversity** and celebrate our many achievements.

Statement of intent

St Hilda's C of E High School has a duty to ensure that buildings under its control comply with the statutory and regulatory standards.

The school will consider each building's:

- Condition: focussing on the physical state of the premises to ensure safe and continuous operations, as well as other issues involving building regulations and other non-education centric statutory requirements.
- Suitability: focussing on the quality of the premises to meet curriculum or management needs and other issues impacting on the role of the school in raising educational standards.

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER)
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999
- Equality Act 2010
- The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012
- DfE 'Advice on standards for school premises'
- DfE 'Site security guidance'
- DfE 'Managing asbestos in your school'
- DfE 'First aid in schools, early years and further education'
- DfE 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools'
- DfE 'Good estate management for school (GEMs)'
- DfE 'Keeping children safe in education 2024'
- DfE 'Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings'
- DfE 'Protective security and preparedness for education settings'
- DfE 'Estate management: competency framework and relevant training'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Accessibility Plan
- Accessibility Policy
- Adverse Weather Policy
- Asbestos Management Plan
- Asbestos Management Policy
- Bomb Threat Checklist
- Bomb Threat Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- COSHH Policy
- Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Fire Safety Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Invacuation, Lockdown and Evacuation Policy
- Legionella Control Scheme
- Legionella Health and Safety Policy
- Lettings Policy

- School Cleaning Policy
- School Security Policy
- Toilet, Washing and Changing Facilities Risk Assessment
- Whole-school Food Policy

Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Approving and reviewing the procedures outlined in this policy.
- Holding the school's leadership to account for its management of the school premises.
- Ensuring the school's policies and procedures help to manage the estate effectively and efficiently.
- Understanding the legal interests, limitations, and responsibilities for the school estate.
- Using the knowledge of the school estate to inform strategic planning and decision-making.
- Delivering effective governance across the estate.
- Ensuring that the condition of the school estate and supporting policies fully comply with relevant legislation and regulatory standards.
- Ensuring all estate-related projects are clearly defined, follow approved processes, and use resources to best effect.
- Ensuring all estate-related projects deliver the desired outcomes.
- Ensuring asbestos is managed in line with the Asbestos Management Policy and Asbestos Management Plan.
- Ensuring the school is accessible and suitable for pupils, staff and visitors with disabilities.

The headteacher will be responsible for:

The overall implementation of this policy.

- Reporting any issues with the premises to the site manager, SBM and governing board as appropriate.
- Reviewing this policy in liaison with the site manager.
- Ensuring any potential risks are identified, formally recorded, assessed and managed – this should include taking appropriate preventative and protective measures.
- Promoting the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff.
- Ensuring maintenance is effectively planned and prioritised, informed by accurate and up-to-date condition data and the needs of the school's users.
- Having the right plans and documents in place to help create an environment that supports good teaching and learning.

- Taking a strategic approach to the management of the school's land and buildings, in line with business planning objectives.
- Possessing a good understanding of the condition, suitability and sufficiency of the land and buildings on the school estate.
- Ensuring the school estate is safe for all users.
- Ensuring responsible individuals have the functions, skills and knowledge required to effectively manage the school estate in accordance with the DfE's 'Estate management competency framework'.

The SBM is responsible for:

- Supervising the delivery of activities identified in the estate strategy and asset management plan.
- Identifying and addressing training needs of operative staff.
- Ensuring operational working practices are actively and consistently applied across the estate that reflect the school's strategic approach.
- Monitoring, collecting and assisting in producing information for reporting to senior leadership and governing body.
- Escalating staff and wider stakeholder complaints to senior leadership.
- Ensuring operative staff carry out their activities in accordance with organisational estate-related policies and procedures.
- Acts promptly to deal with estate issues and condition risks.
- Making sure work is approved and signed off in line with set processes and procedures as necessary.
- Helping to keep track of spending across the estate in line with available budgets.
- Challenging others appropriately where they see wastage and raising with team or manager as appropriate.
- Ensuring recognised financial procedures and practices are being followed.
- Supervising and supporting external contractors on-site to ensure procurement requirements are met.
- Supporting the implementation of business continuity and emergency planning processes.
- Managing or overseeing any lettings in line with the Lettings Policy.
- Purchasing new equipment and resources for the school.
- Managing the relevant staff members who are responsible for the management of the premises, e.g. catering staff and the site manager.

The school's security lead is responsible for:

- Coordinating and overseeing the school's protective security measures.
- Developing, maintaining, and updating policies and procedures that promote an effective security culture.
- Determining how staff should respond to varying security incidents.

- Ensuring that all staff members are aware of their roles and responsibilities in relation to protective security.
- Liaising with external agencies.
- Managing and delegating responses to a security incident within the school.

[Security leads generally become incident leads once a security incident occurs.] Incident leads are responsible for:

- Leading the initial response to a security incident within the school.
- Making fast, clear, and safe decisions.
- Responding appropriately to any safety concerns.
- Leading the post-incident aftercare.

The site manager is responsible for:

- The day-to-day implementation and management of the stipulations outlined in this policy, in collaboration with the headteacher and/or SBM.
- Identifying and escalating concerns about areas for improvement on the school estate.
- Providing basic information about the school estate to senior leadership as appropriate.
- Working within set processes and procedures relating to the management and operation of the estate.
- Assisting and supporting external contractors on site to ensure procurement requirements are met.
- Carrying out, recording and reporting premises walk-arounds and physical inspections on a regular basis.
- Following and ensuring adherence with any statutory guidance and documentation, such as asbestos surveys and registers to ensure no breaches occur.
- Reporting condition and any health and safety issues to appropriate colleagues.
- Ensuring that any Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) that are in place in the school are understood and implemented when needed, including knowing how to identify and liaise with the responsible person for implementing the PEEP.
- Checking the school's compliance with the relevant health and safety and premises management legislation and reporting any issues to the governing board.
- Ensuring that hygiene is maintained at the school, including that the appropriate drainage is in place.
- The security of the school, including locking down the school after-hours and reopening the school.
- Conducting the relevant premises risk assessments, e.g. fire safety.
- Arranging for periodic inspections to take place to comply with the requirements of the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.
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Asbestos

The governing board, headteacher and site manager will ensure that the school meets its duty to locate and manage asbestos in school.

Background and Compliance Context

The school premises were constructed **after the year 2000**, when the use of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) in UK construction had already been prohibited. As a result, asbestos was **not used in any part of the building's construction**, and the site is considered **asbestos-free** in accordance with current legislation and recognised industry guidance.

Asbestos Status

Based on construction records, building specifications, and post-construction handover documentation, no ACMs are present or presumed to be present within the school. The premises therefore do not require an asbestos register.

Ongoing Management Arrangements

Although the premises are asbestos-free, the school will maintain appropriate oversight:

- **Record Retention:** Documentation confirming the building's post-2000 construction date and asbestos-free status will be retained as part of this management plan.
- **Future Works (Refurbishment or Demolition):** Should any significant intrusive works or structural modifications be planned, the school will ensure that contractors review available building records. If original construction documentation cannot be fully verified in affected areas, a **refurbishment and demolition (R&D) survey** may be commissioned as a precautionary measure.
- **Contractor Communication:** Contractors and maintenance personnel will be informed that the building is asbestos-free but must follow standard procedures for reporting any unexpected materials uncovered during works.

Responsibilities

- The Duty Holder (e.g., Headteacher, School Business Manager, or Premises Manager) is responsible for maintaining the documentation confirming asbestos-free status.
- All staff and contractors must report any unidentified materials encountered during works, although asbestos is not expected.

Review

This section of the Asbestos Management Plan will be **reviewed annually**, or sooner if new information arises that may affect the confirmed asbestos-free status (e.g., major building works or changes in regulatory requirements).

Water management

The site manager will ensure that the school's water supply meets the regulatory requirements by carrying out the necessary checks at appropriate intervals, so that:

- The school has a clean supply of water for domestic purposes, including a supply of drinking water.
- Toilet facilities have an adequate supply of cold water and washbasins, and sinks and showers have an adequate supply of hot and cold water.
- Hot water at the point of use does not pose a scalding risk.

Risks relating to legionella bacteria will be managed by the school in the following ways:

- A competent person will be appointed to take day-to-day responsibility for controlling any identified risks
- Sources of risk will be identified and assessed in line with the HSE's Approved Code of Practice L8
- The Legionella Health and Safety Policy will be adhered to at all times
- A Legionella Control Scheme (or course of action) for preventing or controlling risks will be implemented and this scheme will be monitored
- Records will be kept of checks conducted to ensure measures in place are effective.
- A legionella risk assessment and the preparation of the course of action will be undertaken by a company which offers these specialist services
- Where there is a cooling tower on site The LA will be notified that there is a cooling tower on the school site

The school will implement sustainable water management practices to help conserve water, minimise waste and potentially save money in accordance with the Environmental Sustainability Policy.

- The school will create a water management plan that:
- Defines roles and responsibilities.
- Establishes reasonable reduction targets for water consumption.

Includes a strategy for continuous monitoring.

Additionally, the school will complete an assessment to identify issues and potential efficiency measures, including aspects such as:

- Repairing leaks.
- Installing low flow taps.
- Upgrading toilets and urinals to have lower flush volumes.
- Utilising rainwater by installing water butts.

The school's water management plan will consider water drainage and the risk of flooding, including external grounds and any impermeable surfaces. In order to assess and manage flood risk, the government's 'Assess and manage flood risk in schools' checklist will be used.

The site manager will carry out regular checks to ensure that there is adequate drainage for hygiene purposes and for the disposal of wastewater and surface water – external drainage specialists will be called in should problems arise.

The site manager will ensure gutters are regularly cleaned. Ponding on roofs will be dealt with as a matter of urgency as it can cause deterioration of roof finishes and, in severe cases, can overload roofs, contributing to structural failure.

Temperature

Where there is a below-normal level of physical activity due to ill health or a physical disability, e.g. medical rooms, the heating systems will be able to maintain a temperature of 21°C. Where there is a normal level of physical activity associated with teaching, private study or examinations, the heating systems will be able to maintain a temperature of 18°C. Where there is a high level of physical activity, e.g. PE sports halls, the heating systems will be able to maintain a temperature of 15°C. The school's heating systems will be capable of maintaining this at a height of 0.5 metres above floor level when the external air temperature is -1°C.

[Special schools, nursery schools or teaching accommodation used as a nursery only] The surface temperature of any radiator, including exposed pipework, that could be touched by a pupil will not exceed 43°C.

Air extract systems will be employed to maintain a safe environment by removing hazardous fumes and dust. Local exhaust ventilation systems (LEVS) may be used in fume cupboards and in workshops. These systems will be examined and tested at least every 14 months. Closed water circuits which operate under pressure will be checked periodically for leaks. Fan heaters will be checked and inspected periodically to check the fan operation and condition of electrical connections. Air conditioning systems will be inspected by an energy assessor at regular intervals, not exceeding five years. Bi-annual checks and an annual maintenance schedule will also be undertaken.

Toilet, washing and changing facilities

The school will ensure that all members of the school community have equal access to suitable toilet, washing, and changing facilities.

Toilet and washing facilities for pupils

Suitable toilet and washing facilities will be provided for the sole use of pupils, as follows:

No more than two thirds of male toilets will be urinals.

For pupils aged 11 or older, there will be 1 toilet and washbasin per 20 pupils, which will be segregated into male and female.

Toilet and washing facilities will be planned to ensure that handwashing facilities are provided within the vicinity of every toilet and the facilities are properly lit and ventilated. These facilities will be located in areas that provide easy access for pupils and allow for supervision by members of staff, without compromising the privacy of pupils.

In line with the Toilet, Washing and Changing Facilities Risk Assessment, accessible toilets will have a toilet, washbasin and where possible, a shower or wash-down fitting. Accessible toilets will also have a door opening directly onto a circulation space that is not a staircase and can be secured from the inside. Where possible, a number of facilities will be available, to ensure a reasonable travel distance that does not involve changing floor levels. Where possible, shower areas will be separate from toilets, and they will provide adequate privacy.

Toilet facilities will be planned and designed so that:

- Hand washing facilities are provided within or in the immediate vicinity of every toilet.
- The rooms containing them are adequately ventilated and lit.
- They are located in areas around the school that provide easy access for pupils and allow for informal supervision by staff, without compromising pupils' privacy.

The SBM will ensure that there are appropriate facilities in place for pupils who are ill, including:

- A room for medical or dental examination.
- A washbasin.

Toilets and washing facilities or staff

Single sex toilets and washing facilities will be provided for staff that are separate from those provided for pupils, except where they are designed for use by those who are disabled. These facilities may also be used by visitors.

Where possible and appropriate, suitable mixed-sex toilet and washing facilities will be provided in addition to the single-sex facilities already provided.

Changing facilities

The school will ensure that suitable accommodation and showers are provided for pupils aged 11 or older at the start of the school year who receive physical education. Showers will be located in areas separated from toilets and provide adequate privacy.

Facilities will be designated as male and female only changing areas.

Where possible and appropriate, suitable mixed-sex changing facilities will be provided in addition to the single-sex facilities already provided.

Medical accommodation

The school will ensure that suitable accommodation is provided to meet the medical and therapy needs of all pupils, in line with the requirements of the Independent School Standards (ISS) and Statutory Policies for Residential Schools (SPRs).

This will include:

- Accommodation for medical examination and treatment, which will be appropriately equipped and maintained.
- Space for short-term care of sick or injured pupils, which will include a washing facility and be located near a toilet.
- Where the school will cater for pupils with complex needs, additional medical accommodation will be provided to meet those specific and enhanced requirements.

Accessibility

The headteacher and SENCO will keep the school's Accessibility Plan up to date to ensure the premises is accessible to staff, pupils and visitors with disabilities and other specific needs. The Accessibility Plan will include the health and safety needs of individuals with disabilities and other specific needs.

The school will take account of its Accessibility Policy when managing and maintaining the school site.

The school will ensure that Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) are in place for those who require additional assistance if an emergency situation occurs in the setting. The implementation of the PEEP is done so by the 'responsible person' identified in the PEEP (SENCO, school nurse, headteacher).

The school will ensure that the PEEP is flexible to suit a range of unpredictable emergency scenarios and are kept under review.

Lighting

Lighting will be appropriate for a learning environment; where possible, natural lighting will be used. Adequate views will be available to the outside, to ensure comfort and avoid eye strain, and lighting controls will be easy to use. Blinds or other window covers will be provided, to avoid glare or excessive sunlight.

External lighting will be provided to ensure safe pedestrian movement after dark. Car parks will be well lit. Emergency lighting will be provided for areas which are accessible after dark. Security lighting will be provided around the perimeter of school buildings with dusk-to-dawn lighting on all elevations where there is an entrance door. Lighting will be designed to eliminate potential hiding points.

Outdoor sports facilities will have floodlights if they are likely to be used out of school hours.

Some of the adaptations the school will make may include:

- Ensuring the school has colour and contrast, which helps in locating doors and handles, stairs and steps.
- Avoiding glare, including high gloss paint.
- Using light sources, such as high frequency fluorescent luminaires, to avoid subliminal flicker.
- Clearly marking large areas of glazing, e.g. with frosted glass, to avoid accidents.

The site manager will arrange for fixed electrical systems to be tested around the school site.

This will cover all of the electrical wiring within the buildings and grounds, including:

- External lighting and supplies.
- Main panels.
- Distribution boards.
- Lighting.
- Socket outlets.
- Air conditioning.
- Other fixed plants.

Security

The SBM, site manager, and security lead will make adequate security arrangements for the grounds and buildings, including, but not limited to, ensuring:

Each building is securely locked and alarmed each night.

Each building has a secure entrance.

The school's perimeters are sufficiently secure.

The school's security arrangements are based on a risk assessment, which is regularly reviewed by the SBM, site manager and SLT, that explicitly considers the:

- Location of the school.
- Physical layout of the school.
- [Residential settings only] Boarding accommodation.
- Movements needed around the site.
- Arrangements for receiving visitors.
- Staff and pupil training in security.

The School Security Policy addresses the school's approach to ensuring the safety and security of all staff members, pupils and visitors. The site manager and security lead will ensure the school's security arrangements are adequate for the effective safeguarding of

pupils and adhere to the expectations of the DfE, the LA and any local safeguarding partners, where possible.

The school will compile emergency grab bags for use during a response to a terrorist incident. Grab bags contain a selection of items which can prove useful in an emergency, such as communications equipment, bottled water, and plasters and/or cotton wool for treatment of injuries.

The school will ensure that emergency grab bags are placed in strategic positions within the setting, as well as consider adjusting the contents to suit the individual needs of specific learners.

Bomb threats

The school will ensure that all bomb threats, however received (phone call, social media message, face-to-face), are treated seriously and reported to the police, however implausible they may initially seem.

If a bomb threat is received, the school will remain calm and record as much information as possible from the person making the threat. The school will use its Bomb Threat Checklist to understand and document what details to record.

When considering the actions to take following a bomb threat, the incident lead should consider the following options:

- Which exit and evacuation routes are the safest to use?
- Are there any pre-existing details of suspicious behaviour in or around the school setting that could be linked to the bomb threat?
- Is there any available recent CCTV footage which may be of help in identifying the person making the threat?

Lettings

The SBM will be responsible for lettings and will ensure that the health, safety and welfare of pupils are safeguarded, and their education is not interrupted by others. The school's Lettings Policy will be adhered to at all times.

Hirers will make an application for hire to the governing board. When determining whether to approve an application; the governing board will consider the following factors:

- The type of activity
- Possible interference with school activities
- The availability of facilities
- The availability of staff
- Health and safety considerations
- The school's duties with regard to the prevention of terrorism and radicalisation
- Whether the letting is deemed compatible with the ethos of the school

An application will not be approved if the hirer's purpose:

- Is aimed at promoting extremist views.
- Involves the dissemination of inappropriate materials.
- Contravenes the statutory Prevent duty.
- Is likely to cause offence to public taste and decency (except where this is, in the opinion of the school, balanced or outweighed by freedom of expression or artistic merit).

The governing board will ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to keep pupils safe when hiring or renting out the school premises or facilities.

Where services or activities are provided by the governing board under the direct supervision or management of school staff, the school's arrangements for child protection will apply, in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. Where services or activities are provided separately by another body, these arrangements may not apply; therefore, the governing board will:

- Seek assurance that the body concerned has appropriate child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures in place.
- Inspect the body's policies and procedures as needed.
- Ensure that there are arrangements in place to liaise with the school on these matters where appropriate.
- Ensure safeguarding requirements are included in any transfer of control agreement (i.e. lease or hire agreement), as a condition of use and occupation of the premises.
- Inform the body that failure to comply with these requirements would lead to termination of the agreement.

Weather

The site manager will ensure that the school buildings provide reasonable resistance to penetration by rain, snow, wind and moisture from the ground by conducting regular visual checks. Any issues identified will be relayed to the SBM. The school's Adverse Weather Policy will be adhered to at all times.

Invacuations, lockdowns and evacuations

The site manager will ensure there is sufficient access so that emergency invacuations and/or evacuations can be completed safely for all pupils and staff, including those with SEND, by ensuring that all entries and exits are kept clear and unobstructed, and by carrying out regular checks.

To ensure the safety of pupils with SEND, the site manager will liaise with the SENCO to establish the needs of pupils. Any issues will be reported to the governing board and SENCO, where appropriate.

When assessing the safety of the school, the Invacuation, Lockdown and Evacuation Policy will be considered, and reviews will be made where necessary.

The site manager will also liaise with the school's security lead to determine the effectiveness of the school's emergency invacuation and/or evacuation procedures.

If a security incident occurs, the security lead adopts the role of the incident lead to direct the school's initial response to the incident within the setting. The incident lead must be aware of which pupils and staff in the school have additional needs and who therefore may require additional help when evacuating or invacuating.

Suitability

The SBM will maintain the school by referencing the Environmental Health Authority's appropriate documentation, to avoid being condemned. The SBM and site manager will further ensure that, in terms of the design and structure of school buildings, no areas of the school compromise health and safety, in line with the school's Health and Safety Policy.

Fire safety

School premises, accommodation and facilities will be maintained to a standard that ensures, so far as is reasonable, the health, safety and welfare of pupils and staff, including in relation to fire safety.

Fire risk assessments will be undertaken to identify the general fire precautions needed to ensure the safety of occupants in case of a fire. Procedures will be in place for reducing the likelihood of fire including fire detection and alarm systems. Those completing fire risk assessments, or providing advice in relation to them, will be appropriately qualified or experienced.

Staff and pupils will be familiarised with emergency evacuation procedures and risk assessments will be updated if there are any significant changes to the premises. All school procedures and provisions relating to fire safety are outlined in the school's Fire Safety Policy.

Fire detection and alarm systems will have a weekly alarm test. In systems with multiple manual call points, a different one will be tested each week, so that all are eventually included in the schedule of testing over a period of time. The site manager will ensure all fire doors remain in efficient working order and should be regularly checked and maintained.

Catering

The school's Whole-school Food Policy will be adhered to at all times. The SBM, in consultation with the catering manager, will ensure that where food is served, there are adequate facilities in place for its hygienic preparation, serving and consumption.

Cleaning

The school's School Cleaning Policy will be adhered to at all times. The SBM will be responsible for managing cleaning staff and will ensure that classrooms and other parts of the school are maintained in a tidy, clean and hygienic state by monitoring standards. Adequate measures should be taken to prevent condensation and noxious fumes in kitchens and other rooms.

Acoustics

Learning spaces will be designed in a way to enable people to hear clearly, understand and concentrate, and there will be minimal disturbance from unwanted noise. Some learning spaces, such as music rooms or open areas, will require higher acoustic standards.

Maintenance

The SBM will ensure that there is a satisfactory standard and adequate maintenance of decoration by implementing the school's planned maintenance programme, including statutory and good practice checks. Most of this work will take place during holiday periods, but smaller tasks may be completed during term time.

A number of documents will be held to assist in managing the estate and ensure it is safe for all users. These will include certificates and details of all statutory examinations, testing and remedial work.

Furnishings

The SBM, in consultation with the headteacher and relevant heads of department, will ensure that the furniture and fittings are appropriately designed for the age and needs, including any SEND or medical conditions, of all pupils registered at the school.

Consideration will be given to specific requests for furniture and fittings generated as a result of the annual departmental review of furniture and fittings conducted by the site manager.

Grounds

The SBM, in consultation with the headteacher, deputy headteacher and relevant heads of department, will ensure that there are appropriate arrangements for providing outside space

for pupils to play and exercise safely. Under section 77 of The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, playing fields are protected from development.

[For academies only, where the land is owned by the LA] Any playing fields which have been in use as playing fields for over 10 years are protected.

The condition of all playground areas will be monitored by the site manager and deficiencies will be addressed. The school will ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that the premises are safe and without risks to health. This includes external areas and means of access to and from the school.

The school will ensure risks associated with individuals entering or leaving the school estate are assessed and the school perimeter will be secured and controlled accordingly. There will be clear segregation and delineation of pedestrian and vehicular access routes, and separation of parking and playground areas.

Health and safety audit

The SBM will ensure that the school premises are subject to a regular health and safety audit. The site manager will monitor that health and safety risk assessments are completed annually for each department. Any risks identified will be formally recorded, assessed and managed. This will include taking appropriate preventative and protective measures. Risk assessments will be reviewed regularly and kept up to date. This could be as a result of changed circumstances such as bringing in new equipment, using an area for a different purpose or if someone reports a hazard.

As well as formal risk assessments undertaken by competent persons, staff and pupils will be encouraged to report risks, and there will be a system in place to formally record and act on issues raised.

Health and safety monitoring arrangements will be referred to when carrying out any repairs, maintenance and improvement projects.

Electrical testing and inspection

A PAT exercise will take place annually. The schematic of the supply route and primary distribution will be updated annually. Fixed wiring and all distribution boards and safety devices will be inspected annually. All fixed wiring and all distribution boards will be tested at least once every five years.

All electrical testing and inspection will be carried out by a competent person.

For portacabins, the time interval between periodic inspection and testing of is a matter of engineering judgement and will depend on a variety of factors, including the level of supervision of the unit previously, the frequency of use and the severity of the external influences to which it is exposed, e.g. the weather.

A visual inspection will be carried out on all connecting cables, plugs and socket outlets before every use of the unit. The results of the visual inspection will be written in a log book as a permanent record of the condition of the electrical equipment.

It is at the discretion of the designer of the installation to use their professional engineering judgement and indicate the recommended inspection timeline on the certification provided.

Testing of all distribution boards in mobile accommodation will be conducted on an annual basis.

Other equipment, systems and storage

In line with The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER), the school will ensure that lifts used by employees for work are safe to use. Plans will be implemented to ensure the safety of users in the event of the lift breakdown or stopping between floors.

The school will ensure equipment used for physical education is safe to use. To ensure that equipment is maintained in a safe condition, it will be regularly inspected.

Gas

Gas and electrical safety posters will be displayed around the school, including classrooms. Appropriate signage, e.g. clearly visible hazard warning posters, will also be placed on storage room doors which are used for electrical and gas equipment.

All staff members working in areas with gas equipment will be made aware of the location of isolation valves, which are kept accessible at all times. In the event that electrical and gas supplies are shut off in an emergency, these will only be turned on again by a competent person.

Gas equipment and appliances will be purchased from reputable suppliers, and equipment that is hired or borrowed will be suitable for use before using it and maintained as necessary. The site manager will maintain an accurate inventory of all gas equipment purchased by the school.

All gas equipment will be installed by a suitably trained engineer and placed in appropriate locations with regard to fire safety and fire escape routes. The engineer's suitability to install or repair gas equipment will be confirmed, e.g. by showing their Gas Safe identification card.

The physical environment where gas equipment is installed will be assessed by the site manager to ensure its suitability, e.g. that it is dry, clean and ventilated. All gas equipment will be kept clear of combustible materials, heat sources and naked flames and stored appropriately, in line with the school's COSHH Policy.

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanks will be inspected and maintained by a competent person on an annual basis.

All gas equipment will be inspected and maintained, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, by the site manager. Equipment will also have confirmation of the approved test authority mark, indicating compliance with the relevant standard.

Gas pipes and flues will be made a suitable rigid material, e.g. metal, and these will be checked for any damage on a daily basis by the site manager. All gas appliances will have the ability to be isolated from the gas supply.

Carbon monoxide detectors will be installed by the site manager and inspected on a monthly basis.

Gas cylinders will be stored in an upright position, with valve protection fitted, away from exit routes and combustible materials. No more than 15kg of flammable gases will be stored on the school premises at any time.

Any isolation valve defects will be reported immediately to the site manager so that appropriate repairs can be arranged, and the equipment is not used. Damaged or leaking gas equipment will not be used and will be immediately reported to the site manager for repair or safe disposal.

Repairs to gas appliances and fixtures will be carried out by a Gas Safe registered engineer. Engineers carrying out repairs on gas equipment will be given sufficient space, access, ventilation and illumination to allow them to carry out the work safely.

Estate management training and competency

All individuals who are responsible for any element of the school's estate management will be fully equipped with the competency, skills and knowledge to fulfil their role.

The school will use the DfE's 'Estate management competency framework to:

Ensure that those conducting estate management roles possess the skills and knowledge required.

Benchmark existing skills and experience against the framework and identify gaps to help estate management staff with their professional development.

The school will ensure that all staff members and contractors responsible for specific elements of estate management have undertaken relevant training in relation to the following:

- Asbestos Awareness
- Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM)
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
- Environmental Awareness
- Fire Safety and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Health and Safety Awareness
- Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) Working Safely

- Use of ladders
- Legionella Awareness
- Lone Working
- Managing contractors
- Manual handling
- Portable appliance testing (PAT)
- Working at Height

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the headteacher and the site manager. The next scheduled review date for this policy is June 2027.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all relevant staff members.