

St. Joseph's In The Park



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Owner Head Bursar	
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This policy is for whole school including EYFS.

1. Introduction

The School attaches the utmost importance to the safety, health and welfare of its employees. The School will comply with the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and all subsequent regulations, including those implementing EC Directives. The School's Governors bear ultimate responsibility and day to day responsibilities are delegated to the Head.

The management team will take steps so far as is reasonably practicable to ensure that the workplace is a safe and healthy environment in which its employees, pupils, contractors and other persons affected by the School operations can work.

The management team will make the necessary assessments, identify safety training and provide information and supervision for employees at all levels. It will consult on a regular basis with all employees/staff representatives with regard to health and safety issues. It will provide the necessary safety devices and protective clothing, provided that a safer working environment cannot be achieved by any other means.

2. Focus

The School's work programmes will, so far as is reasonably practicable, adopt good safety practices. These will include:

- The provision of a safe and healthy place of work, including access and egress to and from the premises, and adequate facilities and arrangements for the welfare of employees at work.
- Ensuring the safety of pupils, parents, staff, contractors and any others visiting the premises including those who hire or undertake leisure activities.
- The provision of adequate information, instruction, training and supervision for employees, including temporary employees and contractors.
- The provision of safe machinery and equipment regularly maintained, including the operation and maintenance of plant and systems of work.
- The safe use, storage, handling and transport of articles and substances.

3. Health & Safety Management

The School's Governors have overall responsibility for the implementation of the policy and will ensure that sufficient financial provision is made available to support the policy. The School has a Health and Safety Committee comprising the Head and Bursar, a Governor representative, the Health and Safety Coordinator and the School's Health and Welfare Officer. The Health and Safety Committee is a sub-committee of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

In order to achieve the aims and objectives of the health and safety policy these issues will be brought regularly to the attention of the school's management team.

A copy of the policy is available on the Common Area. When changes have been made to the policy, copies will be placed on the school's website.

4. Co-operation

All aspects of health and safety remain a management responsibility. However a safe and healthy workplace can only be achieved with the full co-operation of every employee.

Employees are duty bound to act responsibly and to do everything possible to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others. They must also safeguard all persons to whom the School owes a duty of care, namely people who may come into contact with their work; pupils, parents and visitors.

To achieve this employees must:

- Exercise their awareness, alertness, self control and common sense at work.
- Obey all the safety rules and procedures, including the wearing of protective clothing and the use of protective devices if they are specified by the school risk assessments.
- Report promptly to their department head or the Health and Safety Co-ordinator all hazards, potential hazards, or defects in equipment and any shortcomings in the School's work systems or procedures.

Employees should not be in any doubt that the School will apply disciplinary procedures to any employee who is in breach of the School's health and safety policy. This includes any specific safe systems of work, instructions, training and procedures laid down for the protection of those involved in the School's operations, and for those who may become involved in them.

If appropriate, the School will consider the risk to health or safety involved in:

- Dealing with hazards, such as asbestos in the school buildings, machinery safety and the use of radioactive materials;
- Contractors in schools;
- Vehicle movements within the school grounds;
- Workplace arrangements, including housekeeping;
- School trips;
- Centres licensed by the Adventure Activity Licensing Authority;
- Work experience arrangements;
- Violence to staff;
- School security;
- Stress management;
- Letting of school premises to outside bodies

- Pupils with special needs, ie manual handling.

5. Policy Review

This policy will be regularly reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee as necessary, but at a minimum of one year intervals.

In conducting the policy reviews, due regard will be given to the following:

- **Planning** – The elimination of risks in the workplace by careful selection and design of facilities, equipment and processes, together with effective control measures and training for employees.
- **Organisation** – A review of the School's organisation including changes to ensure that responsibilities for health and safety are clearly defined at all times to all employees at every level.
- **Control** – Ensuring that the safety requirements are implemented throughout the School by all employees and that training is regularly conducted in support of those standards.
- **Monitoring and Review** – All relevant job specifications will contain safety requirements and instructions highlighting health and safety responsibilities. Regular health and safety audits will be carried out and the Health & Safety Committee meet each half term to review matters. This method of monitoring and reviewing, ensures that a credible standard of health and safety is achieved.