

Park Gate Primary School Health and Safety Policy



Statement of Intent

It is our policy to conduct our activities in such a way as to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of our employees and all persons likely to be affected by our activities including the general public where appropriate. We will co-operate and co-ordinate with partnerships, contractors, sub-contractors, employers, Hampshire County Council departments and the occupiers and owners of premises and land where we are commissioned to work in order to pursue our Health and Safety Policy aims.

Our aims are to:

- Provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment ensuring the welfare of all persons
- Maintain control of health and safety risks arising from our activities
- Comply with statutory requirements as a minimum standard of safety
- Consult with all staff on matters affecting their health, safety, and welfare
- Provide and maintain safe systems, equipment, and machinery
- Ensure safe handling, storage, and use of substances
- Provide appropriate information, instruction, and supervision for everyone
- Ensure staff are suitably trained and competent to do their work safely
- Continually develop a safety culture to remove or reduce the possibility of accidents, injuries, and ill-health
- Assess risks, record significant findings, and monitor safety arrangements
- Review and revise safety policies and procedures periodically and when circumstances may introduce a requirement to amend or improve arrangements
- Develop and maintain a positive health and safety culture through regular communication and consultation with employees and their representatives on health and safety matters

Our health and safety management system has been developed to ensure that the above commitments can be met. All staff and governors will be instrumental in its implementation.

Organisation

Employer Responsibility

The overall responsibility for health and safety at Park Gate Primary School is held by Hampshire County Council who, as the employer, is responsible for making sure that risks are managed so far as is reasonably practicable.

The employer will:

- Set clear Health and Safety policies and procedures
- Ensure that health and safety has a high profile
- Ensure adequate resources for health and safety are made available

- Consult and advise staff regarding health and safety requirements & arrangements
- Periodically monitor and review local health and safety arrangements

Responsible Manager

The responsible manager for the premises is the headteacher.

The Responsible Manager will act to:

- Ensure the school adopts the employer's policies and procedures
- Develop a safety culture throughout the school
- Consult employee and provide information, training, and instruction so that employees are able to perform their various tasks safely and effectively
- Consult and work with recognised Trade Union Safety Representatives/employee representatives and safety committees
- Assess and control risk on the premises as part of everyday management
- Ensure a safe and healthy environment and provide suitable welfare facilities
- Make operational decisions regarding health and safety
- Ensure periodic safety tours and inspections are conducted
- Ensure significant hazards are assessed and risks are managed to prevent harm
- Ensure employees are aware of their health and safety responsibilities
- Periodically update governing bodies/partnerships as appropriate
- Produce, monitor, and periodically review all local safety policies and procedures

All Employees (including Teachers, Support Staff, Site Staff, and Volunteers)

All employees have a statutory obligation to co-operate with the requirements of this policy and to take care of their own health and safety and that of others affected by their activities by:

- Supporting the school's health and safety arrangements
- Ensuring their own work area always remains safe
- Not interfering with health and safety arrangements or misusing equipment
- Complying with all safety procedures, whether written or verbally advised, for their own protection and the protection of those who may be affected by their actions
- Reporting safety concerns to their staff representative or other appropriate person
- Reporting any incident that has led, or could have led to damage or injury
- Assisting in investigations due to accidents, dangerous occurrences, or near-misses
- Not acting or omitting to act in any way that may cause harm or ill-health to others

Specific Health and Safety Responsibilities

Site Manager

The site manager is responsible for undertaking a wide range of typical health and safety related duties on behalf of, and under the direction of the responsible manager. They are to work within the parameters of any provided training and in accordance with

risk assessments and the on-site safe working practices. They are to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

On-Site Health & Safety Officer

The H&S Officer is the Site Manager.

The on-site H&S Officer for the school will manage, advise and co-ordinate local safety matters on behalf of, and under the direction of the Responsible Manager. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

All Staff

The responsibility of applying local safety procedures on a day-to-day basis rests with the teachers and supervisors. Where any new process or operation is introduced in the area of their responsibility, they are to liaise appropriately so that the associated risks are assessed and any precautions deemed necessary are implemented. They are to ensure that all new members of staff under their control are instructed in their own individual responsibilities with regards to health and safety, and they will appropriately monitor those new staff. They are to make periodic inspections of their areas of responsibility, taking prompt remedial action where necessary to control risk.

Safety Committee

The purpose of the safety committee is to assist in the assessment of safety related matters and provide appropriate support to the headteacher. The safety committee is to periodically meet to monitor and discuss on-site health and safety performance, and recommend any actions necessary should this performance appear or prove to be unsatisfactory. Safety committee staff will be kept informed of all changes in practices and procedures, new guidance, accidents, incidents and risk related matters.

The safety committee responsibilities are delegated to the Health and Safety Governor who visits at least termly and reports back to the Governing Body.

Fire Safety Co-ordinator

The Site Manager is the fire safety co-ordinator.

The Fire Safety Co-ordinator will attend the Fire Risk Assessment Principles and Practice training course every 3 years.

The (FSC) is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and acts on behalf of the Headteacher. The FSC is responsible for the local management and completion of day-to-day fire safety related duties and upkeep of the fire safety manual. The FSC will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team and the Property Services Fire Team as required.

Facilities Management Trained Staff

The Facilities Manager for the premises is the Site Manager.

The Facilities Manager will attend the Safety Awareness for Facilities Managers training course every 3 years.

The facilities management trained employee is the competent person for the overall management of school premises and facilities, and acts on behalf of the Responsible Manager. They are responsible for the local management and completion of day-to-day premises tasks.

Health & Safety Representative

The premises health and safety representative (whether a member of staff who is union appointed, or non-union and locally nominated) will represent the staff with regard to their health and safety at work. They are expected to promote a positive safety culture throughout the premises and carry out the health and safety duties appropriate to their role in accordance with current guidance and legislative requirements.

Legionella Competent Person

The Site Manager is the nominated competent person for Legionella on the premises. The NRP will complete the Legionella e-learning course annually.

The Nominated Responsible Person for Legionella on the premises acts on behalf of the Headteacher to provide the necessary competence to enable Legionella to be managed safely. The NRP will ensure that all periodic and exceptional recording, flushing, cleaning, and general legionella management tasks, are correctly completed and recorded in accordance with departmental and corporate requirements. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or Property Services as required.

Asbestos Nominated Responsible Person

The Site Manager is the nominated responsible person for asbestos on the premises. The NRP will attend the Hampshire Scientific Services Asbestos awareness taught course on appointment. They will also complete the Asbestos e-learning course annually.

The NRP will act on behalf of the Headteacher to provide the necessary competence to enable asbestos to be managed safely in accordance with the Corporate Procedure.

The NRP will ensure that all employees have a reasonable awareness of asbestos management and dangers, that appropriate staff are competent in the use of the asbestos register, and that asbestos is managed in accordance with departmental and corporate requirements. They will advise the Headteacher of any condition or situation relating to asbestos which may affect the safety of any premises users.

They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required

Accident Investigator

The on-site trained accident investigator is the headteacher. The Accident Investigator will attend accident investigator training every 3 years. The on-site trained accident investigator will lead on all on site accident investigations in accordance with departmental and corporate procedures.

COSHH Assessor

The COSHH Assessor is the Site Manager.

The COSHH Assessor will attend the COSHH assessor training course every 3 years.

The COSHH Assessor is the competent person for the assessment of all the hazardous

substances on the premises. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

DSE Assessor

The Display Screen Equipment Assessor, who is the Site Manager, will attend the DSE assessor training course every 3 years. The on-site trained DSE Assessor's role is to support the school with assessing the needs of the DSE Users in accordance with departmental and corporate procedures.

Risk Assessor

The Risk Assessor is the Site Manager. The Risk Assessor will attend Risk Assessor training every 3 years.

The Risk Assessor acts of behalf of the Headteacher to ensure risk assessments are completed and hazards are identified and managed. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Work at Heights

The competent person for work at height on the premises is the Site Manager. They will attend the Caretaking Support Service Ladder & Stepladder Safety course every 3 years.

The competent person for working at height acts on behalf of the Headteacher and will ensure work at height is carried out safely. They will work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Arrangements

The following arrangements for health and safety have been developed in accordance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. These arrangements set out all the health and safety provisions for Park Gate Primary School and are to be used alongside other current school procedures & policies.

In carrying out their normal functions, it is the duty of all managers and staff to act and do everything possible to prevent injury and ill-health to others. This will be achieved in so far as is reasonably practicable, by the implementation of these arrangements and procedures.

Accident/Incident Reporting & Investigation

The on-site management, reporting and investigation of accidents, incidents and near misses is carried out in accordance with the corporate procedure requirements.

Any accident, incident or injury involving staff, visitors, contractors, and the more serious accidents/incidents to children are to be reported and recorded on the HCC Accident/incident reporting system (on line).

A copy of the completed form is then automatically sent to Children's Services Health & Safety Team the person reporting the incident and the manager will receive a request to carry out an investigation via a link to record this on. The purpose and intended

outcome of the investigation is to identify the immediate and underlying causes of the accident so as to be able to implement appropriate measures to prevent reoccurrence.

Minor accidents to pupils are to be recorded in the Accident File located in the Medical Room.

The more serious accidents that are notifiable to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) will be reported by the Children's Services Health & Safety Team. An F2508 will then be completed and sent to the HSE. A copy of this form will be emailed to the school.

The headteacher will ensure that the governing body is appropriately informed of all incidents of a serious nature. All accident/incident reports will be monitored by the leadership team for trend analysis in order that repetitive causal factors may be identified to prevent reoccurrences.

Premises hirers and community/extended service/third party users must report all incidents related to unsafe premises or equipment to the school/premises staff, who will appropriately report and investigate each incident. Incidents related to the user's own organised activities are to be reported by them in line with their own reporting procedures.

Asbestos Management

Asbestos management on-site is controlled by the Nominated Responsible Person (NRP) for Asbestos. The asbestos register, as issued by the Asbestos Team is located in the front office and is to be shown to all contractors who may need to conduct work on site. Contractors and anyone undertaking intrusive work must read and sign the register prior to being permitted to commence any work on site.

The Responsible Manager and the NRP will complete the asbestos checklist relevant to their role (one for each role) when they are appointed. Copies of these will be retained with the asbestos register.

The Responsible Manager, NRP and any other employees who may disturb the fabric of the building will complete the Asbestos Awareness e-learning annually. The NRP (and other employees who may carry out invasive works) will also attend the Hampshire Scientific Services half day attendance course once.

Any changes to the premises' structure that may affect the asbestos register information will be notified to the Asbestos Team in order that the asbestos register may be updated accordingly.

Under no circumstances must contractors or employees drill or affix anything to walls that may disturb materials without first checking the register to ensure it is safe to do so and/or obtaining approval from the NRP.

Any damage to any structure that possibly contains asbestos, which is known or identified during inspection, should be immediately reported to the Headteacher and/or the NRP who will immediately act to cordon off the affected area and contact the Asbestos Team for guidance. Any contractor suspected to be carrying out any unauthorised work on the fabric of the building will be immediately stopped from working and immediately reported to the Headteacher and/or NRP.

Community Users/Lettings/Extended Services

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- Third parties and other extended service users operate under hire agreements
- A risk assessment for the activity is completed and shared with all relevant parties
- The risk assessment for the premises is shared with the users/hirer
- The premises is safe for use and is always inspected prior to, and after each use
- Means of general access and egress are safe for use by all users
- All provided equipment is safe for use
- Fire escape routes and transit areas are safe and clear of hazards
- Hirers/users are formally made aware of fire safety procedures and equipment

Contractors on Site

For HCC schools contractors will be selected from HCC minor works framework where possible. If the minor works framework cannot be used, the Selection of Safe Contractors Assessment Checklist will be used to ascertain competence and suitability prior to engaging their services. The school's Management Surveyor will be contacted for further guidance.

All contractors must report to the school office where they will be asked to sign the visitors book and asbestos register. All contractors will be issued with the local written contractors induction brief that includes all relevant details of fire safety procedures & local safety arrangements.

All employees are responsible for monitoring work areas and providing appropriate levels of supervision.

Curriculum Activities

All safety management and risk assessments for curriculum based activities will be carried out under the control of the teachers using the appropriate codes of practice and safe working procedural guidance for Design & Technology, Science, Music, Physical Education & Sport, Art, Swimming and Drama as issued by CLEAPSS, HIAS and Hampshire County Council. Subject Leaders will be responsible for local risk management and ensuring that maintenance of equipment and premises in their areas of the curriculum are managed safely following the appropriate guidance.

Display Screen Equipment

All Display Screen Equipment (DSE) users will complete the display screen equipment e-learning course annually. All DSE users will carry out periodic workstation assessments using the Corporate Workstation Assessment Form. Findings from the workstation assessments will be actioned as necessary by line managers and routinely reviewed at intervals not exceeding three years. DSE users have the right to request regular free eyesight tests and be reimbursed towards spectacles if required for DSE use. Staff can take advice from the DSE assessor.

Electrical Equipment

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- Only authorised and competent persons are permitted to install or repair electrical equipment
- Equipment is not used if found to be defective in any way
- Defective equipment is reported & immediately taken out of use until repaired or disposed of
- All portable electrical equipment is inspected annually
- Equipment testing/inspection is conducted by a competent person. The competent person is the Site Manager
- Personal electrical equipment is not brought onto the premises or used unless it is approved by management and has been tested
- New equipment is added to the work equipment inventory and PAT testing/inspection schedules.

Any defective or suspected defective equipment, systems of work, fittings etc must be reported to the Site Manager and attended to as soon as possible.

Emergency Procedures

The Headteacher will ensure that emergency procedures for non-fire related emergencies (gas leak, bomb threat, flooding etc.) are in place.

All employees will receive information, training and instruction on the non-fire emergency procedures and evacuation plans on induction. Employees will be periodically provided with updated information as the emergency procedures are routinely reviewed and amendments are introduced.

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans will be completed and reviewed for any vulnerable persons to ensure provision of safe, assisted evacuation in the event of an emergency incident.

Fire Safety

Arrangements regarding fire safety are set out in the Fire Safety Manual. The fire safety co-ordinator is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and is the immediate point of contact for all fire safety related enquiries on site.

The responsible manager/headteacher will ensure through the fire safety co-ordinator that:

- All staff complete the mandatory fire safety induction e-learning course every year
- Fire safety procedures are readily available for all staff to read
- Fire safety information is provided to all staff at induction and periodically thereafter
- Fire safety notices are posted in the key areas of the building close to the fire points
- Evacuation routes and assembly points are clearly identified
- Staff are aware of their own responsibilities for knowing the location of fire points and fire exits. They should also know the location of the assembly point in the event of fire
- All staff are familiar with the flammable potential of materials and substances that they use and exercise maximum care in their use, especially with those marked *flammable*

- Fire evacuation procedures, fire safety training and fire alarm testing are carried out in accordance with corporate guidance and the premises fire safety manual
- The fire manual is reviewed annually by the fire safety co-ordinator and amended as required amendments are identified

First Aid

Arrangements regarding first aid provision are set out in the First Aid Policy. The names and locations of the first aid trained staff on site are listed in the first aid policy and also clearly signposted around the school. See First Aid Policy for further details.

General Equipment

All general equipment requiring statutory inspection and/or testing on site (*eg. boilers, hoists, PE equipment, climbing apparatus*) will be inspected by appropriate competent contractors as provided by the term contractor under Property Services arrangements, or as locally arranged.

Equipment is not to be used if found to be defective in any way. Defective equipment is to be reported and immediately taken out of use until repairs can be carried out.

Glazing

Glass and glazing on site have been surveyed by Property Services and risk assessed by the school to ensure that there is suitable safety glass in the area which the glazing is located, this includes taking into account the activities undertaken and types of children at the school. The survey and assessment are kept electronically by the Site Manager and is reviewed and updated when there are changes to the premises. Any damaged glazing will be reported to the Site Manager and made safe and replaced as soon as possible.

Good Housekeeping

Tidiness, cleanliness and efficiency are essential factors in the promotion of good health and safety. The following conditions are always to be adhered to:

- All corridors and passageways are kept free from obstruction
- Shelves in storerooms and cupboards are stacked neatly and not overloaded
- Floors are kept clean and dry, and free from slip and trip hazards
- Emergency exits, and fire doors are not obstructed in any way
- Supplies are stored safely in their correct locations
- Rubbish and litter are cleaned and removed at the end of each working day
- Poor housekeeping or hygiene conditions are immediately reported

Hazardous Substances

Hazardous substances, materials, chemicals and cleaning liquids are not permitted to be used or brought into use on site unless material safety data sheets have been obtained and a documented COSHH assessment has been undertaken by the trained COSHH assessor, and the product has been approved for safe use on site by the headteacher. The premises COSHH assessor acting on behalf of the headteacher is the Site Manager.

When using a harmful substance, whether it is a material, cleaning fluid or chemical substance, staff must ensure that adequate precautions are taken to prevent ill-health in

accordance with the COSHH assessment completed for that hazardous substance. Staff must never attempt to use a harmful substance unless adequately trained to do so, and then only when using the safe working practices and protective equipment identified in the COSHH assessment.

All hazardous substances are to be stored in the secure and signed storage when not in use which is the outside store cupboard. This is to remain locked at all times and the key is kept in the Site Manager's Cupboard.

Inspections and Monitoring

Daily monitoring of the premises, through working routines and staff awareness, is expected to identify general safety concerns and issues which should be immediately recorded in the premises defect book and reported to the Site Manager.

Routine documented inspections of the premises will be carried out every month in accordance with the premises inspection schedule. Inspection findings are to be recorded on the locally adapted CSAF-005/CSAF-010(A/B/C) Premises Safety Inspection Checklist.

Defects identified during these routine documented inspections are to be immediately reported to the headteacher and recorded in the defect book. Any identified high level risks or safety management concerns are to be actioned by the Site Manager/Headteacher with support from the Hampshire Health and Safety Team (where required).

It is the schools responsibility that the termly H&S web monitoring form is completed by the Site Manager. This monitoring form will focus on different areas each term and is an integral part of the School and CSHST monitoring programmes.

Kitchens

The main kitchen area is only to be used by authorised staff in accordance with the identified safe working procedures. Authority and procedures for local management of the main kitchen is HC3S. Any persons not normally authorised but wishing to enter the kitchen area must gain approval prior to entry and must strictly adhere to the kitchen safe working practices.

Safe working procedures and authorised access for other kitchen areas and food preparation areas are monitored by the Site Manager.

Legionella Management

The Legionella Nominated Responsible Person (NRP) will manage and undertake all processes regarding Legionella in accordance with Hampshire County Council corporate procedure. They will:

- Record sentinel point temperatures on the online reporting system
- Regularly flush unused outlets
- Report any alterations to the water system
- Undertake descaling and disinfection

Lone Working

Lone working increases the risks to the individual and as such needs to be kept to a minimum (both in terms of the frequency of lone working and the time spent undertaking the activity). To further reduce the risks lone workers should not undertake hazardous tasks whilst working alone, e.g.:

- Working at Height
- Using hazardous equipment/tools (i.e. hedge trimmers)

Lone working will only take place:

- With the Headteacher's approval
- Following risk assessment
- Where it cannot be avoided

A risk assessment will be carried out to categorise each lone workers role and the risk presented, in accordance with the Corporate Lone Working Procedure.

All lone working is to be approved by the headteacher and is to be carried out in accordance with the premises lone working risk assessment and the local written procedures. Please refer to the school's lone working policy.

Moving and Handling

All staff must complete the moving and handling e-learning course every year without exception. Staff are not permitted to regularly handle or move unreasonably heavy or awkward items, equipment or children unless they have attended specific moving and handling training and/or have been provided with mechanical aids in order to work safely.

Any significant moving and handling tasks are to be specifically risk assessed in order that training requirements and mechanical aids can be accurately determined to ensure that the task is carried out safely. The caretaker/site manager is expected to undertake regular physical work which would typically include significant moving and handling, so therefore they must attend a formal moving and handling course specific to the work requirements.

Off-site Activities

Arrangements regarding off-site activities are managed in accordance with the Outdoor Education Service's procedures and guidance.

Provision of Information

The responsible manager/headteacher will ensure that information systems are established so that staff are periodically provided with information regarding safety arrangements on the premises. These systems include staff meetings, staff emails/messages, the health and safety noticeboard and training. The Children's Services Health & Safety Team provide both general and specialist advice. Visitors and Contractors are provided with Health and Safety Information on arrival by the office staff.

The *Health and Safety Law* poster is displayed on the Staff Room work area notice board.

Risk Assessment

General risk assessment management will be co-ordinated by the Site Manager in accordance with guidance contained in the Children's Services Risk Assessment Guidance Document.

Risk assessments must be undertaken for all areas where a significant risk is identified or a possibility of such risk exists.

The trained risk assessor on site who is the Site Manager will oversee the correct completion of risk assessments as appropriate. Risk assessments will be carried out by those staff with the appropriate knowledge and understanding in each area of work.

All risk assessments and associated control measures are to be approved and signed by the headteacher or their delegated member of staff prior to implementation.

Completed risk assessments are listed in the assessment register and will be reviewed periodically in accordance with each risk assessment's review date as listed for review in the premises bring-up diary system.

Smoking

For the purposes of this policy smoking includes e-cigarettes/vaporizers. Smoking is not permitted on the premises.

Stress & Wellbeing

Park Gate Primary School is committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing and recognises the importance of identifying & reducing workplace stressors.

Stress management through risk assessment and appropriate consultation with staff will be periodically reviewed and acted upon in accordance with the Health & Safety Executive's Stress Management Standards.

School arrangements to monitor, consult and reduce stress situations include an annual Staff Wellbeing Survey and a focus on wellbeing as part of the performance management process.

Traffic Management

Arrangements regarding on-site traffic safety are based on the findings from the traffic on site checklist and are set out in the Traffic Management Plan.

These measures have then been shared with staff and the relevant provisions communicated to parents/visitors.

Training

Health and safety induction training will be provided and recorded for all new employees, including temporary workers and volunteers in accordance with the New Staff Induction Checklist.

The Headteacher will ensure that all employees are provided with adequate information, instruction, and training regarding their safety at work. Training needs analysis will be conducted, from which a comprehensive health and safety training plan will be developed and maintained.

All employees will be provided with the following training as a minimum:

- Induction training including the requirements of the school health and safety policy

- Local training including risk assessments and safe working practices
- Information following health and safety policy or procedural changes
- Relevant annual e-learning courses to meet mandatory corporate training requirements
- Role specific training
- Refresher training as required

Training records are held by the headteacher who is responsible for co-ordinating all health and safety training requirements, maintaining the health and safety training plan, and managing the planning of refresher training for all employees.

Violent Incidents

Violent, aggressive, threatening, or intimidating behaviour towards employees, whether verbal, written, electronic or physical, will not be tolerated.

In accordance with the Corporate Procedure on violence and aggression, employees should be categorised using the control menu. Control measures will be documented on the Violence & Aggression Risk Assessment. The risk assessment will be shared with relevant employees and reviewed on a regular basis.

Employees must report all violent and aggressive incidents using the confidential online reporting system. Incidents will be appropriately investigated, and control measures reviewed to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the future. Incidents will be reported as close to the incident date as possible.

Violent incidents between children will be reported locally using CPOMS.

If a child is injured following violence between children, it will be reported as an accident on the online reporting system.

Visitors

All visitors must initially report to the main reception where they will be provided with the key health, safety, safeguarding and fire safety information to enable them to act appropriately and safely in the event of an incident.

Visitors to the premises sign the visitors' book, are issued with a visitor's lanyard (red or green in accordance with direct supervision required) and asked to read the H&S notification.

Work Equipment

All work equipment requiring statutory inspection and/or testing on site (for example, boilers, hoists, lifting equipment, PE equipment, climbing apparatus) will be inspected by appropriate competent contractors.

All employees will check work equipment prior to use. Any defective or suspected defective equipment must be removed from use, reported to the Site Manager and repaired or disposed of as soon as possible.

Vulnerable Persons

Where there are vulnerable persons (young, pregnant, those with a disability, those with temporary or permanent medical conditions etc) working or visiting the premises, a risk assessment will be completed and appropriate procedures implemented to ensure their health, safety and welfare whilst on site.

Work at Height

Work at height will be undertaken in accordance with the Corporate Procedure for Work at Height, and the Children's Services Health and Safety Team guidance. All general work at height will be carried out in accordance with the on-site general risk assessment. A separate risk assessment will be carried out for higher risk tasks.

The trained competent person for work at height on the premises will:

- Use steps, stepladders, and leaning ladders in accordance with their training
- Provide step stool instructional training briefs to employees
- Provide stepladder and steps training to employees using the Children's Services *Stepladder & Steps Safety* user PowerPoint presentation
- Carry out and record periodic inspections of all ladders, stepladders, and podium steps used on-site
- Remove access equipment from use if defective or considered unsuitable for use

The competent person for work at height, and all other employees, are not permitted to use any other access equipment for work at height without specific training. This includes the use of scaffolding, mobile towers, and mobile elevated work platforms.

School employees are not permitted to work on roofs unless suitable edge protection and safe access arrangements are in place.

Further Reading (all available from the school office on request)

- A. Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions
- B. Child Protection Policy
- C. Safeguarding Policy
- D. Emergency Evacuation Plan
- E. Fire Safety Manual
- F. First Aid Policy
- G. Physical Intervention Policy
- H. Lone Working Procedure
- I. Asbestos Register
- J. COSHH Sheets (accessible from Medical Room)
- K. Risk Assessments (accessible from Medical Room)

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