

CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY March 2020

The Governors and Headteacher of the School are committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment and for providing safe equipment and procedures for all staff, pupils and visitors involved in school activities. They recognise also their responsibility to consider the health and safety of contractors and any other person whose health and safety may be affected by school activities.

The effective management of health and safety ranks equally with any other managerial or supervisory responsibility. There is also a legal and moral responsibility on all employees to safeguard their own health and safety and to co-operate with their employer by following established procedures and bringing to the attention of school management any health and safety problems of which they are aware.

It is the intention of the Governors and the Headteacher that the established policies and procedures issued by the LA shall be followed and developed locally to meet the needs of the school, as set down in this policy statement. The aim is to ensure that health and safety becomes an integral part of school activities.

The Governors wish to encourage the recognised Trade Unions to exercise their legal rights to appoint safety representatives at the school, as provided for in the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The Governors wish to work in a constructive and co-operative way with such safety representatives in order to promote high standards of health and safety.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the School Improvement Committee. The reviewed policy will then be ratified at the next full Governing Body Meeting.

Signed
On behalf of the Governors
Mr Jon Chapman

Date 29.01.20

Signed
Headteacher

Date 29.01.21

Review February 2021

ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

General

Overall responsibility for health and safety rests with the School Governors, assisted by the School Improvement Committee. Day to day executive responsibility rests with the Headteacher or in their absence with the Office Manager.

Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

- every month undertake a health and safety check around the school and draw together an action plan detailing items that need to be addressed.
- ensure that this policy and the County Council's health and safety policy are complied with at all times.
- ensure that a Health and Safety Liaison Officer is appointed, is provided with appropriate training and undertakes their duties as required.
- ensure that all accidents, dangerous occurrences, diseases, near misses and property damage are reported and that their cause is investigated and that all reasonably practicable steps have been taken to prevent its re-occurrence.
- ensure the maintenance and repair of machinery, plant and equipment is carried out as appropriate, by a competent person, in accordance with County Council's procedures.
- ensure that adequate first aid provisions are made in accordance with the first aid arrangements management guidelines
- ensure that all employees, including new employees, receive adequate health and safety information, instruction and training to enable them to work without undue risk.
- be available to any member of staff to discuss and attempt to resolve the health and safety issues not resolved through established arrangements.

- ensure that staff are provided with and use protective clothing and safety equipment, which must be properly maintained and reviewed when required.
- ensure effective arrangements are in force to facilitate the evacuation of buildings in case of fire or other emergencies and that fire fighting equipment is readily available and properly maintained.
- liaise with and consult local trade unions on health and safety procedures and ensure their effective implementation

Health and Safety Liaison Officer [the Headteacher]

The Health and Safety Liaison Officer (HSLO) shall :-

- ensure that the health and safety policy is complied with and shall report deficiencies to the Headteacher.
- undertake an annual health and safety inspection of the workplace and shall submit a written report to the Headteacher.
- on receipt of complaints from a member of staff investigate the issue and take the appropriate action.
- following training, to undertake risk assessments in accordance with the management guidelines.

Teachers

All teachers are responsible for ensuring that their areas of responsibility are checked frequently to ensure that no health and safety hazards are present. Should a teacher identify hazards then they are required to ensure that the risk of injury is eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level.

If the teacher cannot resolve the issue because it is beyond their remit, affects other areas of the school, or requires financial support, then the Headteacher or the HSLO should be advised of the hazard/issue.

All Staff

All staff have a health and safety responsibility to ensure that they are safe in what they are doing and their actions/activities do not cause harm/injury to others. Accordingly, all staff shall ensure that they comply with the schools health and safety policy, training or instructions.

Non teaching staff shall report hazards to the office or HSLO, who shall address the issue in accordance with the policy. Teaching staff shall follow the guidance outlined in the teacher's responsibilities.

Specific Responsibilities

The following staff have been nominated to be responsible for the following areas of health and safety:-

Fire Safety	-	Liz Noble
First Aid	-	Liz Noble as nominated first aider
Administration of Medicine	-	only administered on advice of doctors or relevant professionals
COSHH	-	Imperial Cleaning
Electrical Safety	-	Liz Noble
Asbestos	-	Liz Noble
Playground Equipment	-	Liz Noble
Display Screen Equipment	-	Liz Noble

The above named people shall ensure that the County Councils Management Guidance, contained within the Health and Safety Manual, and the requirements outlined in this policy, are complied with at all times.

ARRANGEMENTS

Training

All new employees, teaching and non-teaching, shall be provided with induction training appropriate to their health and safety needs.

In the case of volunteer helpers it will be the responsibility of the relevant teacher or supervisor to ensure that appropriate information is passed on to them.

All employees and volunteers shall on their first day of employment be informed of what to do in the event of a fire and what first aid arrangements are in place.

Refresher training and training in new areas of responsibility will be arranged for members of staff, either at their own request or at the direction of the Head Teacher.

Time off for training of safety representatives will be provided in accordance with negotiated agreements. Representatives will be given full access to the information on health and safety, which they have a right to have under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. They will also be given appropriate time and facilities to undertake the range of activities of a Safety Representative in order that they can play an effective role, any problems that need further action or a review of procedures.

Emergency Procedures (Fire and Bomb)

All staff are required to ensure that they are familiar with the emergency procedures and the evacuation drill.

The fire alarms shall be tested weekly and those staff not hearing the alarm shall report the fact to the nominated fire safety officer. The fire alarm shall be tested once a week as follows:-

The fire alarms are tested weekly and recorded in the log.

The fire evacuation drill shall be carried out once a term as instructed by the Headteacher.

Staff are required to report defects or missing fire fighting equipment to the fire safety officer immediately.

Fire exits, routes and fire fighting equipment shall not be obstructed at any time.

First Aid

A list of trained first aiders and the location of first aid boxes will be posted up in the main office.

The staff member responsible for first aid shall ensure that the contents of the first aid boxes are replenished as necessary and comply with the contents laid down within the Regulations.

All first aiders and staff shall ensure that accidents are reported as outlined below and that the staff member responsible for first aid is informed if items from the first aid box are used.

Administration of Medicines

Guidance on the administration of medicines to pupils is set out in Part 5 Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014 which places a duty on Governing Bodies to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions. The Governing Body has agreed that prescription medicines may be administered to children, at the specific request of the parent or guardian and in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Guidance. Medicines will be administered by a named member of staff who will undergo training in order to carry out the task. Medicines will be stored in the School Office not accessible to children and in accordance with the guidance.

Accident and Ill Health Reporting

All staff are required to ensure that all accidents, incidents and near misses are reported to the Schools Office, who will then ensure that serious incidents are reported to the Headteacher and that the appropriate management guidelines, contained within the Health and Safety Manual, are followed.

Equipment and Electrical Testing

The Headteacher will ensure that testing, inspection and maintenance of equipment as outlined in the property log book and the management guidelines within the Health and Safety Manual are undertaken as required.

Day to day inspection of all equipment to detect visible signs of damage, obvious faults or deterioration rests with the user, or in the case of equipment used by pupils, with the class teacher. Equipment found to be unserviceable, or of doubtful serviceability shall be taken out of service, adequately labeled, locked away and the defect reported to the Headteacher or HSLO who will arrange for repair or replacement.

The Headteacher will ensure that all electrical equipment brought into the school from other sources, e.g. on loan, or during a letting, has the appropriate test certificate and is formally visually inspected in accordance with the Electrical Safety Management Guidelines.

Asbestos

A copy of the Asbestos Log Book is kept in the Front Lobby.

The nominated member of staff responsible for asbestos shall ensure that all staff are aware of the dangers of asbestos and that they are familiar with the procedures within the Log Book.

All contractors shall be referred to the asbestos log book before commencing work. Any member of staff who may disturb the fabric of the building shall refer to the log book before commencing work.

Contractors

The Headteacher shall ensure that the management guidelines regarding contractors are adhered to at all times.

Educational Visits and Journeys

All educational visits and journeys are required to be approved by the Headteacher, who shall ensure compliance with the Educational Visits and Journeys Policy. They are all recorded on Evolve. {Education Visits and Journeys Policy Document, Legislation and guidance September 2017}

Risk Assessment

Risks assessments will be undertaken for activities both in and out of school. These will be reviewed regularly, updated as appropriate and following any breach of procedures.

A copy of this document is included in the School Handbook.