#### Caverstede Nursery School

# Health and Safety policy

Statutory policy - to be reviewed annually

Last Reviewed: 2017 Review Due: 2018

#### Statement of Intent

The Governing Board regards the promotion of health and safety at work to be of the utmost importance for all staff team members, children and their families and visitors at Caverstede Nursery School.

It is the school policy to ensure that every reasonable step be taken to prevent injury and ill health to staff team members by protecting individuals from hazards at work. This also includes children and their families and visitors to the school whether it is as part of their job or involvement in other activities.

This is approached by:

- assessing and controlling the risk as part of the day-to-day management of the school activity
- providing and maintaining safe, healthy and secure working conditions, training and instruction so that staff team members are able to perform their duties safely and efficiently
- ensuring that a constant awareness with regard to health and safety at work is maintained in respect of all activities within the school and out-of-school activities
- periodic review of the safety policy as School activities and the associated risks change

All staff team members employed within the school have a legal obligation to co-operate in the operation of this policy by not interfering with or misusing equipment that has been provided in the interests of health and safety.

All staff team members within the school have a corresponding obligation to co-operate and comply with this policy so far as is reasonably practicable by:

- complying with the safety procedures, whether written or brought to their attention by other means for their own protection, protection of those under their supervision and others who may be affected by their actions
- reporting to the health and safety representative (or member of the Health & Safety Team, or Core Team) any incident which has lead, or could have lead to damage or injury
- complete all necessary health and safety documents as advised
- assist in any investigations with regards to accidents, dangerous occurrences or near misses

In line with the Safety Organisation, it is the responsibility of all line managers to ensure
compliance with safety arrangements within their areas of responsibility. From time to time, safety
arrangements are adopted for the control of risk and reflect the procedures, which are to be
followed within the school.

Headteacher	Chair of Governors

# **Health and Safety Organisation**

# **Objectives**

The objectives of Caverstede Nursery School health and safety policy are:

- to promote high standards of safety, health and welfare in compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, other statutory instruments and approved codes of practice
- to ensure that places and methods of work are safe and healthy through the health and safety arrangements, which are adopted from time to time as appropriate to changing circumstances
- to protect staff team members, children and their families, visitors and contractors and their employees from any foreseeable hazards
- to ensure adequate training, instruction, supervision and information is given to all staff team members in order that they may work in safety so far as is reasonable and practicable
- to ensure a safe and healthy working environment for all staff team members and that there are sufficient facilities and arrangements for their welfare
- to ensure that awareness with regard to all aspects of safety is fostered by all staff team members
- to ensure all staff team members are aware of their responsibility to take any steps necessary
  in order that the health and safety of both themselves and others may be safeguarded and to
  co-operate in all aspects with regard to health and safety
- to ensure that full and effective consultation on all matters is encouraged

In carrying out their normal functions, it is the duty of the Headteacher and all line managers to do everything possible to prevent injury to individuals. This will be achieved so far as is reasonably practicable by adoption of arrangements and procedures developed out of risk assessment for control of the risk. These can be summarised as:

- Providing and maintaining safe equipment and systems at work
- Making arrangements to ensure the safe use, handling, storage and transport of materials, medicines, substances and other articles
- Providing the necessary information, instruction, training and supervision to ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities for health and safety
- Providing safe places of work with safe access to and egress from them
- Providing a safe and healthy working environment
- Providing a system for rapidly identifying and remedying hazards
- Where hazardous conditions cannot be eliminated, providing suitable protective clothing and equipment

# Responsibilities

The responsibilities of individuals within Caverstede Nursery School are as follows:

# The Duties of the Governing Board

The Governing Board has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Safety Policy document. In consultation with the Headteacher the governors will ensure that there are effective and enforceable arrangements for the provision of Health and Safety throughout the school, periodically assessing the effectiveness of this document ensuring that any necessary revisions are made to determine the policy and monitor its implementation

#### The Duties of the Headteacher

The Headteacher has day to day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Safety Policy document. In consultation with the Governors the Head will ensure that there are effective and enforceable arrangements for the provision of Health and safety throughout the school periodically assessing the effectiveness of this document ensuring that any necessary revisions are made to determine the policy and monitor its implementation. The Headteacher will maintain the profile of Health and Safety within the school by the development of safe working practices and conditions and will ensure that Health and Safety standards are maintained at all times

#### The Duties of Staff Team Members

All staff team members have individual legal responsibilities to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and for others who may be affected by their acts or omissions, and must comply with the school's Health and Safety Policy Document and procedures at all times, cooperate with school management in complying with relevant health and safety law, use all work equipment and substances in accordance with instruction, training and information received, report to their immediate line manager any hazardous situations and defects in equipment found in their work places, report all incidents in line with current incident reporting procedure, act in accordance with any specific health and safety training received, inform their Line Manager of what they consider to be shortcomings in the school's health and safety arrangements and exercise good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness.

# Health and Safety Representative

The Governing Board and the Headteacher recognise the role of Health & Safety Representatives who may be appointed by a recognised Trade Union. Health & Safety Representatives will be allowed to investigate accidents and potential hazards, pursue employee complaints and carry out school inspections within the directed time but, wherever practicable, outside teaching time. Trade Union Representatives are entitled to certain information, e.g. information relating to accidents, and to paid time away from the workplace to train for and carry out their health and safety functions. However representatives are not part of the management structure and do not carry out duties on behalf of the Headteacher or Governing Board.

#### Teachers/Line Managers

Teachers/Line Managers have a day to day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Health & Safety Policy Document and ensuring all persons under their control are aware of the general health & safety requirements of the school and the detailed requirements for activities relevant to them. Teachers are responsible for the immediate safety of the children in their classroom. Teachers/Line Managers are responsible for their own areas of work and associated equipment and as such it is their responsibility to ensure that it is maintained to a high standard with respect to health and safety issues.

#### External Visits Coordinator (EVC)

The EVC ensures that all off-site activities and Educational Visits follow the regulations and standards for off-site visits. The EVC works with the group leaders to ensure the aim of the educational visit is achievable and in line with those of the school.

#### The Duties of the Site Supervisor

The Site Supervisor, as the school health and safety representative, has day to day responsibility for ensuring compliance with the School Health & Safety Policy Document and taking effective action and/or immediately referring to the Headteacher any health and safety issues brought to their attention; this includes the stopping of any practices or the use of any tools, equipment etc. which are considered unsafe.

# Volunteers, Parent Helpers and Students

Volunteer, parent helpers and students are provided with information and guidance which includes health and safety, fire and emergency procedures etc. Volunteer, parent helpers and students are directly accountable to the teacher/line manager in charge whilst on the school site.

# Health and Safety Committee

The Health and Safety Committee is to comprise of:

- Headteacher
- Governors x 3
- School Health and Safety Representative (Site Supervisor)

The Committee will meet once per half term

# Terms of Reference of the Health and Safety Committee

Under Section 2 (7) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the health and safety committee have the function, in consultation with the staff and children they represent, of keeping under review the measures taken to ensure the health and safety at work of the employees and children. This is also under the Consultation with Employee Regulations 1996. Specific functions will include:

- The study of accidental and notifiable disease statistics and trends, so that reports can be made to the Governing Board on unsafe and unhealthy conditions and practices, together with recommendations for corrective action
- Consideration of reports and factual information provided by inspectors of the enforcing authority
- Consideration of reports which the health and safety team may wish to submit
- Examination of risk assessment reports
- Monitoring the effectiveness of safety procedures and safe systems of work
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the safety content of staff training
- Monitoring the adequacy of safety and health communication and publicity in the school

# **Health and Safety Arrangements**

Arrangements The following procedures and arrangements have been established within the school to minimise health and	Action/Arrangements
safety risks to an acceptable level  Communication	
The school recognises the importance of communication to such as staff, visitors, children, parents/carers, volunteers, contractors etc.	Health and safety part of induction for all staff Health and safety committee meetings Health & safety team meetings - anyone can attend the meeting if they wish to raise an issue in respect of Health and Safety Health & safety leaflet – being developed
Consultation with employees The school recognises the importance of consulting with employees on health and safety matters.	Health and Safety Team The health and safety team comprises of Headteacher, School Health and Safety Representative - Chair, 4 team members from all areas of the Centre. The team will meet as deemed necessary but not less than 4 times annually Standing agenda item at staff team meetings

Section 1 RISK ASSESSMENT	
Risk Assessment (RA) The school uses a risk assessment process and template as a standard for risk assessment and those of relevant professional bodies. Risk assessment is the responsibility of the Schools Management Team at various levels. Those responsible for premises or curriculum areas ensure that risks assessments are undertaken and recorded for significant activities. Risk assessments are reviewed periodically or where there is a change of circumstances.	Assessing and controlling risk rests with all staff team members within the school Risk assessments (RAs) will be carried out, liaising with relevant staff, and documented by the school Health and Safety representative, Helen Hobbs All RAs are reviewed and discussed at Health & Safety team meetings Management of RAs - generic risk assessments with individual risk assessments for specific activities/areas
School Trips/Offsite Visits The school complies with DfE guidance on offsite visits and school journeys.	All staff team members that arrange or actively participate in an educational visit must follow the procedures outlined in the 'Educational Visits Policy' Risk assessments are completed for all school trips/offsite visits by the Educational Visits Coordinator [EVC], Katy Coles. Details of school trips and visits are agenda items at the Curriculum Committee meetings

Working at Height The risks associated with working at height are identified through risk assessment. Frequent documented checks take place to ensure the safe working condition of access equipment. Procedures are in place to ensure any damaged access equipment is clearly labelled and removed as soon as is practicable. The school discuss and agree arrangements with staff. Where members of staff have pre-existing medical conditions or other factors which may affect their ability to use access equipment, a separate risk assessment is in place. Staff also have a responsibility to ensure their own health and safety and assist in the operation of any systems designed to provide for their safety.	When using access equipment such as ladders, stepladders, kick stools, the correct equipment is to be used for the job to be undertaken.  Stepladders will always be supported by an assistant.  Working at Height training is undertaken.  Generic RA refers – a visual inspection for risk should be carried out before use
Noise The school is aware of their responsibility for assessing risks of noise and where noise is identified as significant risk the school ensures appropriate control measures are in place.	Located in a residential area Significant noise associated with building works – carried out during daytime hours Significant buildings works are carried out where possible during holiday periods
Violence to Staff The school are aware of their responsibility for assessing the risks of violence to staff and where violence is identified as a significant risk the school ensures appropriate control measures are put in place. Staff report any incident of aggression or violence (or near miss) directed to themselves through the reporting process.	Make reference to the Security Policy; Lone Working & Home Visiting Policy Generic RA refers
Security Arrangements Including Dealing with Intruders Risks to the security of the premises and property are assessed through the risk assessment process.	Make reference to the Security Policy Generic RA refers
Personal Security/Lone Working/Home Visiting The school ensures that lone working is risk assessed and that appropriate control measures are in place to mitigate those risks. Staff assist in the operation of any systems designed to provide for their safety.	Make reference to the Lone Working & Home Visiting Policy, including risk assessments

#### Hazardous Substances (Control of Substances **Hazardous to Health CoSHH)** When using harmful substances all staff must ensure that they take adequate precautions to Where hazardous substances are used a designated prevent injury to health employee carries out risk assessments and adopts a No new chemical substances or materials are to be brought into use without a Safety Data Sheet, hierarch of control measures seeking to eliminate or which will be held in the storage area – Site Room. substitute the risk first and foremost. Where necessary All chemicals will undergo a CoSHH assessment (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health this Safety Policy Document is supplemented by a local Regulations 2002). A safety data sheet is examined and a CoSHH Risk Assessment is completed department policy relating to the specific activities of that which shows our assessment of the risk with using the product. department/area. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** Employees/Managers assess on the basis of risk Any PPE issued to staff is used and replaced within the expiry date, where applicable assessment and CoSHH assessments where the need PPE covers duties carried out with regard to cleaning & protection of infection control for PPE is identified as a control measure. Where it is Rubber gloves and aprons are provided, along with safety goggles if required. assessed that PPE is required, PPE is appropriately selected and provided. A record is held which includes details of any expiry dates, if applicable, to ensure equipment is replaced as and when necessary. Staff are responsible for ensuring that they use PPE where it is provided. School Transport Risks associated with driving are evaluated within Make reference to the Educational Visits Policy, including risk assessments assessments for activities. Manual Handling (typical loads and handling Assistant SENCO/School Health & Safety representative responsible for coordinating training and children) Risks of manual handling are communicated within the risk assessments. Staff are not to lift, drag, push or carry heavy or awkward loads unless training has been general risk assessment. undertaken and risk assessments carried out. Any activities that involve significant manual handling Staff are not to lift or carry people unless training has been undertaken and risk assessments carried out. tasks are risk assessed and where appropriate training provided for staff. The headteacher is responsible for Our manual handling training is completed for all staff by Serco on an annual basis. Individual assessments for children - carried out by Serco as required assessing the appropriate approach to handling tasks. Lifting aids are provided – 3 electric changing beds

bed trollies

designated child

Trollies are provided to move resources/furniture – kitchen trolley, chair trolley, barrel trolley, flat

In an emergency, slip sheets are used to assist with moving children and are kept nearby the

Curriculum Safety (including extended provision	
activities)	
The school ensures that risks related to curriculum areas	Generic and specific risk assessments refer
are identified and controlled following available specific	Contact staff are vigilant and ensure equipment and tools used are fit for purpose
National Guidelines, where applicable. For any activity	Termly checks are completed on tools/woodworking equipment – documented by the class
falling outside of applicable National Guidance a risk	passing on the equipment
assessment is carried out. An inventory of all equipment	
is kept and all tools/equipment/machinery are checked,	
maintained and stored correctly	
Work Experience Placements	
The school liaises with the 'Work experience	Senior teacher coordinates student placements
coordinators' of the school/college the student attends.	Student handbook issued
Display Screen Equipment (DSE)	
The majority of staff within the school are not considered	All identified users have a Workstation Assessment completed
to be DSE users. The School Health & Safety	If support/equipment is required, this is appropriately selected and provided
representative ensures workplace assessments are	
conducted for all users. DSE assessments are reviewed	
annually and where equipment or office layouts change	
or when there are staff changes. Where it is assessed	
that support/equipment is required, this is appropriately	
selected and provided.	
Friends of Caverstede (PTA)	
The school offers support for the Friends of Caverstede	Refer to RA
fundraising events. Risk assessments are carried out	Annual insurance via PCC
and adequate insurance is in place.	
Playground Supervision/Play Equipment and	
Maintenance	Daily visual check completed
A risk assessment of potential hazards in the outdoor	PE equipment annual check
area and their likelihood to cause harm and the following	Any remedial work is actioned
have been considered within the risk assessment	Annual tree inspection
process	

#### **Section 2 PREMISES**

# **Mechanical and Electrical (fixed and portable)**

The school takes appropriate measures to make sure that all electrical equipment is safe and suitable for the purpose intended. All relevant persons are made aware of the associated hazards and the requirement to adopt working procedures designed to keep the risks to their health, and to the health of any other person, as low as reasonably achievable.

Persons carrying out the testing and/or repair of electrical equipment, or carrying out experimental work on electrical equipment or its associated connections have the appropriate technical knowledge, training and information to enable them to work safely.

Only authorised and fully qualified personnel install, repair or attempt to repair electrical equipment

Where 13 amp sockets are in use, only one plug per socket is permitted

The protective outer sleeve of electric cables is firmly secured within the plug. Where connecting live wires are visible, a qualified person re-wires the plug correctly

Electrical equipment that is known to be, or suspected of being faulty, must not be used If electrical equipment becomes faulty whilst in use it is isolated from the source of supply and secured so that it cannot be used until it has been repaired. The item is removed by the class teacher/responsible person in the area, the site supervisor is informed and the item is then retrieved and stored in the site room awaiting repair/disposal.

Details of our 5 yearly inspection are stored in the 'historic site log book' red file in main office, bookshelf near the garden access.

Annual pat testing is completed. Reports are filed in the 'site log book' – red file in main office, bookshelf near the garden access.

Annual visual inspection

Managed via a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with our Property Services Company

# **Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment**

The school inspects and maintains its equipment on a regular basis; however the frequency of these inspections is much dependant on the use and type of equipment

equipment Microwave le

Asbestos

To minimise the risk from asbestos containing materials

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on the school site, the school maintains a safe and healthy environment by

- Complying with all regulations concerning the control of asbestos
- Removing asbestos containing materials where the risk to building users is unacceptable
- Having a named officer, our property surveyor, who has responsibility for implementing the Asbestos Management Plan.
- Where necessary communicating to all staff and visitors where asbestos containing materials are located within the school site.

Changing Beds – Lifts Alliance Annual Service; Zurich Insurance Annual Inspection Boilers – serviced via SLA with property services company, Zurich Insurance Annual Inspection Kitchen Canopy Extract Ducts - serviced via SLA with property services company Microwave leakage tests are carried out annually

The asbestos survey report is kept in reception and shown to all contractors when signing the asbestos register.

The Asbestos Survey Report is stored in the 'historic site log book' red file in main office, bookshelf near the garden access.

Condition check - annual visual inspection of the asbestos Asbestos Risk Assessment carried out every 2 years

Service Contractors	
Service contractors  Service contractors have regular access to the site as specified by a contract. The service contract specifies what work is expected of them and what they can expect from the school. Contractors follow their own safe systems of work and their working methods take into account how they will impact on staff, children and other visitors on site. The school provide details of its safe systems of work to the contractors where relevant and all contractors are consulted over emergency arrangements.	Our process re. contractor on site Contractors expected on site, with job details, are listed on whiteboard in main office Instructed that no phones are allowed to be used whilst on-site. If pictures of any areas/equipment are required, contractor must be accompanied by staff team member and children kept away Specific register for contractors to sign – includes asbestos survey report Current H&S leaflet given to contractors  Major project work – managed by SLA property service company/property surveyor
Building Contractors This involves work where part of the site is handed over to the contractor. Hazards associated with this activity are controlled by effective supervision of children and contractors whilst on the school site.	Contractors Contractors working within the school are required to comply with the working rules as issued by the school. Any breach of these rules is to be reported to the site supervisor. (Reference Managing Contractors Policy).  Major building works are managed by our property surveyor/team Major contracts are carried out during holiday periods, where possible
Small Scale Building Works This includes day-to-day maintenance work and all work undertaken on site where a pre site meeting has not taken place.	Handyman services – monitored and supervised by Site Supervisor Maintenance request forms completed by staff team members
Lettings The school ensures that the hirer has public liability insurance in place in order to indemnify the school from all such hirer's claims arising from negligence. If any part of the school is let, the Headteacher is satisfied via the agreement that the hiring organisation will use the premises in a safe manner. A signed, written letting agreement is completed and copies are kept and a risk assessment has been undertaken.	Lettings Policy refers

# Slips/Trips/Falls

The school recognises the main cause of accidents is slips, trips and falls. It is the responsibility of line managers, with support from their team, to ensure that their areas have clear traffic routes and that exits routes are kept clear. All hazards, obstructions spillages, defects or maintenance requirements are reported to the site supervisor by the reporting process. All staff are expected to be vigilant and be aware of possible hazards.

Accidents can be prevented by following the guidelines listed below:

- Keep corridors and passageways unobstructed
- Ensure shelves in storerooms are stacked neatly and not overloaded
- Keep floors clean
- Do not obstruct emergency exits

#### Means of access

- Always use correct routes of access do not use short cuts as these can result in an accident.
- Do not block an access route to or egress route from the Centre

# Accident Reporting process – see section 3 reporting of Accidents, Hazards and Near Misses

#### Cleaning

A cleaning schedule is in place which is monitored by the Headteacher/person responsible. All waste is disposed of according to appropriate health and safety guidelines. Deep cleaning is undertaken on a regular basis where necessary. The school ensure general cleanliness, appropriate waste disposal, safe stacking and storage and the checking of all general equipment such as ladders etc. all members of staff adopt good housekeeping practices to assist in the maintenance of a safe and healthy workplace.

Skin infections and hand care

- To reduce the risk of skin diseases, always avoid unnecessary contact skin with oils and chemicals. Always wear gloves and protective clothing where necessary.
- Always change clothing if it has become contaminated with chemicals, flammable liquids or oils

# Safe working procedures

All line managers, in conjunction with the a member of the Health & Safety Team, must ensure that safe working procedures are developed through:

- Assessing the tasks
- Identifying the hazards
- · Defining a safe method
- Implementing the system
- Monitoring the system

Once developed, safe-working procedures must be used to protect all staff from dangers to their health and safety

Staff are to familiarise themselves with and be fully conversant with procedures Good housekeeping

 Tidiness, cleanliness and efficiency are essential factors in the promotion of health and safety.

# Caretaking and Grounds Maintenance/Grounds Safety

The school identifies risks associated with caretaking and grounds maintenance and identifies the risks through the risk assessment process.

Grounds maintenance carried out when children are not around, if possible Mowing of all grass is completed when children are not around Work requests are completed by staff team members

#### **Gas and Electrical Appliances**

Any necessary work and testing of gas and electrical appliances are carried out by qualified contractors. Gas and electrical appliances are also checked visually on a regular basis. Gas and electrical appliances are subject to appropriate formal inspections

Records are stored in the 'site log book' – red file in main office, bookshelf near the garden access.

### Gas appliances (boilers)

Checked visually on a regular basis. Completed and documented by Site Supervisor Formal inspections carried out on an annual basis. Our property management team schedule and request the inspections. Reports are stored in the 'site log book' – red file in main office, bookshelf near the garden access.

Maintenance, servicing and commissioning is scheduled by Amey. Insurance inspection carried out by Zurich Insurance.

# Electrical appliances

Annual pat tests scheduled by Amey

Staff carry out a visual inspection to check if suitable for use

Annual visual check scheduled by Amey

# **Glass and Glazing**

A risk assessment has been carried out for all glazing on site to ensure it complies with current safety standards. All low level glazing (below 800mm) such as glazing in doors is toughened, laminated glass and complies with safety regulations. There is a system in place to ensure all broken glazing is reported through a known procedure and that the area is made safe immediately, with repairs carried out as soon as possible. Glazing is also assessed during regular site inspections.

Repairs requested via maintenance reporting process

Part of site inspection

RA to be completed

# Water Supply/Legionella

An effective water hygiene management plan is in place to control the risk of legionellosis to staff and members of the public. The named responsible person has a clear understanding of their duty, has undertaken training in water system management and has the competence and knowledge to ensure that all operational procedures are carried out in a timely and effective manner. Regular documented water checks are undertaken and a system is in place to ensure an annual check is carried out. A legionella risk assessment has been documented and the site log book is used. A process is also in place to deal with any actions should they arise.

Legionella Risk Assessment - arranged every 2 years or as required through the Local Authority The risk assessment is kept in the 'historic site log book' red file in main office, bookshelf near the garden access

Water checks: monthly and annual carried out via Property Services – Amey

Responsible person – contractor employed by Amey

All showers are run on a weekly basis by cleaners as part of their PPM (pre-planned monitoring)

All showers are cleaned and disinfected on a quarterly basis – external contractors

Some checks carried out by staff – H&S checklists by area

Bubbletube is emptied and refilled annually

Classroom Water play area – water changed daily

Water feature checks and dosing regime is carried out by an external qualified contractor when in use

# **Snow and Ice Gritting**

Adequate arrangements are in place to minimise the risks from snow and ice on the site e.g. access/egress routes. A risk assessment has been carried out and an emergency plan has been developed to determine what type of action needs to be undertaken during adverse weather conditions. There is suitable storage for salt/grit and tools (such as a wheeled grit spreader) on site and a sufficient supply of salt/grit is available.

Critical Incident Procedure - Gritting/Salting Guidance refers

Handling aids/tools – buckets, scoops, salt spreader, snow shovel, gloves Location of salt/grit – carpark by boiler house, nursery garden by site room

# Section 3 MEDICAL/FIRE AND EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

#### **Infectious Diseases**

The school follows the National Guidance produced by the Health Protection Agency (HPA), which is summarised on the poster 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Child Care Settings'. Local arrangements – Sick Child Policy Posters are located around the nursery HPA helpline number called for assistance if required

# **Dealing with Medical Conditions**

The school accommodates children with medical needs wherever practicable and makes reference to the DfE *Supporting children with medical conditions in school* which sets out the legal framework for the health and safety of pupils and staff. Responsibility for pupils' safety is clearly defined within individual care plans where necessary and each person involved with pupils with medical needs is aware of what is expected of them. Close cooperation between schools, parents, health professionals and other agencies help provide a suitably supportive environment for those pupils with special needs.

Policies refer - Supporting children with medical conditions in school policy refers, Medicines

Admissions pack – medical conditions form School nurse School nurse training – inset day and as requested Paediatric First Aid Individual Health Care Plans

#### **Drug Administration**

The school accommodates children with medical needs wherever practicable and makes reference to DfE *Guidance on Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings*. Parents have prime responsibility for their child's health and provide the school with information about their child's medical condition. Parents obtain information form their child's General Practitioner (GP) or Paediatrician, if needed. The school nurse and specialist bodies provide additional information for staff.

Medicines policy refers School nurse training – inset day and as requested Individual Health Care Plans

#### **First Aid**

The school follows the statutory requirements for first aid and provides suitably trained first aid staff.

Paediatric First Aid training - compliant with requirements
All training carried out by qualified trainers – Swimbag Limited
List of all First Aider is placed near the First Aid Box in all areas
List of all First Aiders and certificates – spreadsheet stored in orange folders located on the shelf in main office near reception

# Reporting of Accidents, Hazards, Near Misses

All staff are encouraged to report accidents, incidents and near misses to their line manager. Line managers inform the health and safety representative in order for an investigation of such incidents to be completed and implement means to prevent a recurrence. Investigations are essential in order that accidents, damage to equipment and property, and losses are kept to a minimum

All accidents are recorded on the accident logs, child or adult, which are held in their place of work; this includes significant 'near miss' situations.

All accident details are consolidated on a termly basis, reported to and discussed by Health and Safety team. Actions taken as appropriate.

Any accident or injury is reported to the school Health and Safety representative by the person involved in the accident, or by their line manager, or by class teacher in the case of a child. All near misses are reported to a line manager/safety representative and reported to the Health and Safety team. Investigations are carried out, appropriate actions taken and recorded in the Health and Safety minutes.

All work related accidents i.e. caused by site defects, and accidents resulting in a visit to hospital are recorded on the PCC online reporting system

The Health and Safety team ensures that the Health and Safety Committee, and the Governing Board, are informed of all accidents of a serious nature and any dangerous occurrences and where applicable follow the requirements of current legislation (RIDDOR, 2013)

The Health and Safety representative carries out an immediate investigation into a reported accident/incident/near miss to identify the cause and measures to be taken to prevent a recurrence.PCC conduct their own investigation if a member of staff or child is injured and reports to RIDDOR.

# Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation

A risk assessment has been carried out and a fire safety management plan is in place Fire evacuation notices are posted in all areas of the Centre.

Staff team members are responsible for knowing the location of fire points, fire exits and the location of the assembly point in the event of a fire.

Fire, police or ambulance can be contacted by dialling 9 for an outside line then 999 and asking for the service required.

The most important part of fire control is prevention – all staff should be conversant with the fire potential of materials and substances that they use and should exercise correct use.

Fire evacuation procedures, fire prevention training and fire alarm testing is to be carried out in accordance with "Compliance monitoring in Council Building" duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

A Fire risk assessment is completed every 2 years. The reports are stored in the orange files in the main office, bookshelf near the access to reception.

Manual call point – weekly test carried out by Site Supervisor

Fire alarm services - checks are carried out by Britannia Fire and Security. Dependant on the level of the check required – monthly, quarterly and a 3 hour test is conducted annually.

Emergency lighting services – checks are carried out by Britannia Fire and Security. These are completed on a monthly and quarterly basis

PEEP completed for individuals as required

# **Crisis and Emergency Management**

As part of our Critical Incident Policy, a Crisis Management Team is in place to assist in the reduction of the consequences of major hazards and risks and to action a recovery plan in the event of a serious accident. The team acts as the decision making influence for the management of an incident. Procedures and practices are in place for handling emergency situations and communication these to all staff. All necessary equipment is available for rapid activation during an emergency. The emergency plan is reviewed following an incident to incorporate any required changes.

Make reference to Critical Incident Policy and procedures

Carpark snow equipment – box in carpark, near boiler house

Equipment available includes – communications equipment, emergency plans and procedures, a log to record all actions taken during the crisis, necessary office equipment and supplies, and appropriate building plans. (Grab bag) Where? Work in progress

Section 4 MONITORING AND REVIEW	
Monitoring Arrangements are monitored and reviewed annually and revised as new topics arise that may affect the management of Health and Safety for staff, children, contractors and other visitors.	Health and Safety Committee Health and Safety Team Staff team meeting - standing agenda item
Inspections Regular safety inspections are carried out and all hazards and risks associated with the premises/departments/grounds are monitored and controlled.	Site Inspections - Headteacher and Site Supervisor. Carried out every term - issues are recorded in a site inspection record book with appropriate actions taken in a timely manner Health and Safety Inspection Visits - Governor and Site Supervisor. Carried out twice yearly - issues are recorded in a site inspection record book with appropriate actions taken in a timely manner Health and Safety daily checklists
Review The school has mechanisms for undertaking active monitoring and review of health and safety which includes an arrangement of periodic planned health and safety checks of each area of the school, supplemented by various ad-hoc and unplanned checks and inspections.	Annual Health and Safety report to governors which includes a statistical breakdown of accidents and a review of risk assessments Health and Safety Policy reviewed annually Other Health and Safety related policies reviewed either every 2 or 3 years  PCC Health and Safety Officer – audits/reviews policies, procedures, risk assessments
Auditing As a means of confirming that the necessary systems comply with legislation are in place and are being followed the school ensures a complete health and safety audit by competent persons. Action points identified through the audit would form part of the school development plan.	Audits conducted by PCC Health and Safety team every 5 years or as required (June 2013)

#### Section 5 TRAINING

# Staff Health and Safety Training/Competence

The school is committed to ensuring that staff are competent to undertake the roles expected of them. The Headteacher ensures that appropriate training is delivered to fulfil competency requirements of specific job roles in terms of health and safety. Training records are held centrally and reviewed on an annual basis, as a minimum, or on the introduction of new legislation. Line managers conducting performance management reviews consider health and safety performance and address areas of concern with staff.

Details of training undertaken and certificates awarded are stored in the orange files in the main office, bookshelf near the access to reception.

IOSH

Risk Assessment Training

Fire Safety

CoSHH

Paediatric First Aid

Manual Handling

Basic Health & Safety Awareness

Asbestos

Legionella

Working at Height

Basic Food Hygiene

# **Supply and Student Teachers**

The school's expectations are made clear to the supply and student teachers through the provision of and/or access to specific documents i.e. staff handbook, Health and Safety Policy and other relevant policies and procedures. Safeguarding leaflet on reception

Code of conduct

Safeguarding procedures

Fire and evacuation procedures

#### **Visitors**

Visitors are subject to the schools safeguarding arrangements. Visitors are given information on safeguarding, general health and safety and are expected to wear a visitors badge at all time and follow the school procedures. Conversations and any documentation to which the volunteer/parent helpers may have access to are strictly confidential and are treated as such.

All visitors must sign in at reception and are issued with a visitor badge

Safeguarding leaflet on reception

It is the duty of all staff team members to ensure the health and safety of all visitors to the school. Visitors should not be allowed to enter work areas unaccompanied, unless authorised to do so i.e. health professionals

Visitors have a duty to ensure that they take care and look after themselves whilst in the school Fire/health & safety information Leaflet being developed

<b>Volunteers, Parent Helpers and Students</b>
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Volunteers, parent helpers and students are subject to the schools safeguarding arrangements. Volunteers receive an induction from a designated person for child protection on safeguarding, general health and safety and are expected to wear a visitors badge at all time and follow the school procedures. Conversations and any documentation to which the volunteer/parent helpers/students may have access to are strictly confidential and are treated as such.

The class teacher is the main point of contact in the classroom Other areas - responsible person is the main point of contact Safeguarding leaflet on reception Student handbook includes relevant safety information

Section 6 HEALTH AND WELLBEING	
Pregnant Members of Staff Members of staff who are pregnant are required to inform the school in writing so that an appropriate risk assessment of their work routines can be carried.	Staff room available as a rest facility Health and Safety representative completes RA
Health and Wellbeing including Absence Management The school has carried out a risk assessment based on the Health and Safety Executive's Management Standards for Work-Related Stress. The school endeavours to promote a culture of cooperation, trust and mutual respect and ensure good management practices are in place and staff have access to competent advice.	Policies refer - Sickness and absence policy Family friendly policy Returning from long term sick - risk assessment/phased return  Provision of Health Assured Scheme Operational team – manage wellbeing events Wellbeing inset days  Risk assessment based on HSE template – being developed
Smoking on Site Smoking is not permitted anywhere on site.	Make reference to the Smokefree policy

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is held with PHS Ltd to collect and remove all low risk waste from the site. y of care certificate held

Section 8 CATERING AND FOOD HYGIENE	
Catering and Food Hygiene The school ensures all food hygiene management systems and training requirements are in place.	In house catering Food hygiene training Temperature checks Environmental health inspections

Section 9 HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE	
Information The school seeks advice on Health and Safety from recognised reputable sources.	PCC Health and Safety team Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website Health and Safety external trainers

Additional arrangements will be added as they are developed out of risk assessments carried out in accordance with this policy.