



## **The Federation of Bedenham and Holbrook**

### **Primary Schools** **Health and Safety Policy**



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It is our policy to carry out 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 Bedenham and Holbrook Primary Schools is held by HCC and the Governing Body who will:

- 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 Mrs C Wood (Bedenham) and Mrs Z Dudley (Holbrook) who will act to:

- Develop a safety culture throughout the school

- Consult staff and provide information, training and instruction so that staff are able to perform their various tasks safely and effectively
- 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 carried out
- Ensure significant hazards are assessed and risks are managed to prevent harm
- Ensure staff are aware of their health and safety responsibilities
- Periodically update Governing Body as appropriate
- Produce, monitor and periodically review all local safety policies and procedures

### **All Staff (including volunteers)**

All staff 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 schools health and safety arrangements
- Ensuring their own work area remains safe at all times
- 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

### **Caretaker/on-site Health and Safety Manager (Mr Mark Vernon (Bed) and Mr Matt Ward (Hol))**

The caretaker 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. He is to work within the parameters of any provided training and in accordance with risk assessments and the on-site safe working practices. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Heads of School as required

The on-site health & safety officer to the school will manage, advise and co-ordinate local safety matters on behalf of, and under the direction of the Heads of School. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Heads of School as required.

### **All Teachers**

The responsibility of applying local safety procedures on a day-to-day basis rests with the teachers. 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.

### **Fire Safety Co-ordinator**

The Caretaker is the fire safety co-ordinator who is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and acts on behalf of the responsible manager. He is to attend the fire safety co-ordinator training course and refresh this training every three years. The fire safety co-ordinator is

responsible for the local management and completion of day-to-day fire safety related duties and upkeep of the fire safety manual.

The fire safety co-ordinator is to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Heads of School as required.

### **Legionella Competent Person**

The Caretaker is the nominated competent person for Legionella on the premises and acts on behalf of the Heads of School to provide the necessary competence to enable Legionella to be managed safely.

The Legionella competent person 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. He will advise the Heads of School of any condition or situation relating to Legionella which may affect the safety of any premises users. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Heads of School as required.

### **Asbestos Competent Person**

The Caretaker is the nominated competent person for asbestos on the premises and acts on behalf of the Heads of School to provide the necessary competence to enable asbestos to be managed safely.

The asbestos competent person will ensure that all staff have a reasonable awareness of asbestos management and dangers. He is to ensure that the appropriate staff are competent in the use of the asbestos register and that asbestos is managed in accordance with departmental and corporate requirements. He will advise the Heads of School of any condition or situation relating to asbestos which may affect the safety of any premises users. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Heads of School 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 Bedenham and Holbrook Primary Schools 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 local authority, departmental and corporate policy requirements.

Any accident, incident or injury involving staff, visitors or contractors is to be reported to the LA using the online accident and incident form on the Intranet. A copy of the completed form is to be kept by the administration team.

Minor accidents to pupils are to be recorded in the Accident Book located in the First Aid Room.

Accidents involving children locally considered to be of a more serious nature than the minor incidents are to be recorded electronically on the accident and incident form on the intranet. A hard copy to be kept by the administration team.

The more serious accidents that are notifiable to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) are to be reported using the F2508 Report Form and a copy is to be forwarded to the Children's Services Health & Safety Team.

All significant accidents, incidents and near-misses are to be immediately reported to the Heads of School and recorded appropriately. Any changes needed to improve the health and safety of the school is to be actioned immediately.

The HCC online accident investigation report tool is to be used for the reporting of investigations. The Heads of School 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 Heads of School for trend analysis in order that repetitive causal factors may be identified to prevent reoccurrences. In unusual or severe cases, the school will inform the local authority by telephone.

Premises hirers must report all incidents related to unsafe premises or equipment to the school, 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.

### **Administration Of Medicines**

Arrangements regarding medicines are set out in the Supporting Children With Medical Needs Policy.

### **Asbestos Management**

Asbestos management on site is controlled by the asbestos competent person. The asbestos register as issued by PBRS is located at the Admin Office and is to be shown to all contractors who may need to carry out work on site. Contractors must sign the register as evidence of sighting prior to being permitted to commence any work on site.

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

Under no circumstances must staff drill or affix anything to walls that may disturb materials without first checking the register and/or obtaining approval from the competent person.

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

### **Child Protection**

Arrangements regarding child protection are set out in the Safeguarding Children Policy 2018.

### **Lettings**

The Heads of School will ensure that:

- Third parties and other extended service users operate under hire agreements
- A risk assessment for the activity is completed using RATF-047A or RATF-047B
- 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**

HCC approved contractors are always to be used for contractual work on the premises. Where non-HCC approved contractors may be required or selected for use then appropriate safe selection procedures are to be used to ascertain competence prior to engaging their services. The departmental CSAF-013 Safe Selection of Contractors Checklist is to be used to determine competence of non-HCC contractors who will require adequate risk assessments to demonstrate their safe working practices for specific work being undertaken.

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

Under no circumstances is “Hot Work” to be carried out without a Hot Work Permit issued by the Caretaker.

Host staff are responsible for monitoring work areas and providing appropriate supervision, more so where the contractor’s work may directly affect staff and pupils on the premises.

## **Curriculum Activities**

All safety management and risk assessments for curriculum based activities will be carried out under the control of the relevant Subject Managers and subject 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 Managers 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.

## **Electrical Equipment**

The Heads of School will ensure that:

- Only authorised and competent persons are permitted to install or repair equipment
- Where 13-amp sockets are in use, only one plug per socket is permitted
- The use of extension leads are to be kept to a minimum and not overloaded
- Equipment is not to be used if found to be defective in any way
- Defective equipment is to be reported & immediately taken out of use until repaired
- All portable electrical equipment will be inspected/tested annually
- Any item that has an out of date label is not to be used and reported to the caretaker
- Equipment testing/inspection can only be carried out by a competent person
- The competent person to be used is a registered and approved PAT testing company
- Private electrical equipment is not to be brought onto the premises or used unless its use is approved by management and it has been tested

- New equipment must be advised to the caretaker in order that it can be added to future PAT testing schedules

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

## **Emergency Procedures**

General emergency evacuation for non-fire related emergencies is to be carried out in accordance with the schools emergency evacuation plan. The school has a fire emergency plan for fire related emergencies and an emergency evacuation plan for all non-fire emergencies.

All staff will receive a briefing of the emergency evacuation plan at induction, and they will be periodically provided with updated information as the emergency evacuation plan is routinely reviewed and amendments are introduced.

## **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 Heads of School will ensure through the fire safety co-ordinator that:

- All staff will complete the schools e-learning fire safety course annually
- 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 risk assessment is reviewed annually by the fire safety co-ordinator and amended as new hazards or required amendments are identified

## **First Aid**

Arrangements regarding first aid provision are set out in the Supporting Children with Medical Needs Policy. The names and locations of the first aid trained staff on site are listed in this policy and also clearly signposted around the school.

First aid is never to be administered by anyone except first aid trained staff with in-date training certification, operating within the parameters of their training.

## **General Equipment**

All general equipment requiring statutory inspection and/or testing on site (*eg. boilers, hoists, lifting equipment, local exhaust ventilation, PE equipment, climbing apparatus*) will be inspected by appropriate competent contractors as provided by the term contractor under PBRS 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.

## **Good Housekeeping**

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

- 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
- All staff to complete the slips and trips e-learning course annually

## **Hazardous Substances**

Hazardous substances, materials, chemicals and cleaning liquids are not permitted to be used or brought into use on site unless 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 responsible manager/Heads of School. The premises COSHH assessor acting on behalf of the Heads of School is Mr Mark Vernon at Bedenham and Mr Matt Ward at Holbrook.

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 at the cleaning cupboard for these premises. This is to remain locked at all times.

## **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 caretaker.

Monitoring and inspections of the whole school site takes place half termly by the Heads of school alongside the caretaker and on occasion, the Health and Safety Governor. All staff are responsible for ensuring health and safety issues are dealt with swiftly.

Defects identified during these routine documented inspections are to be immediately reported to the caretaker and recorded in the defect book. Any identified high level risks or safety management concerns are to be actioned immediately.

## **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 with Hampshire County Council. 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.

### **Legionella Management**

Legionella management on site is controlled by the Legionella competent person who will manage and undertake all procedures regarding Legionella in accordance with Children's Services Safety Guidance Procedure SGP 13-07. Records of all related training, flushing, temperature monitoring, cleaning and defects are to be retained for auditing purposes.

### **Lone Working**

All lone working is to be approved by the Heads of School and is to be carried out in accordance with the premises lone working risk assessment.

### **Moving and Handling**

Staff are all trained in safe moving and handling annually using the Hants elearning modules. 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.

Any significant moving and handling tasks are to be specifically risk assessed. The caretaker is expected to undertake regular physical work which would typically include significant moving and handling, so therefore he 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.

### **Physical Intervention**

Arrangements regarding physical intervention are set out in the Federated Physical Intervention Policy.

### **Provision of Information**

The Heads of School will ensure that information systems are established so that staff are periodically provided with information regarding safety arrangements on the premises.

The *Health and Safety Law* poster is displayed in the staff room at each school.

### **Risk Assessment**

General risk assessment management will be co-ordinated by the caretaker in accordance with guidance contained in the Children's Services Safety Guidance Procedure SGP 01-07.

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 Mr R.Charman 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 by the Heads of School or their delegated member of staff prior to implementation.

## **Security**

Arrangements regarding security are based on the premises security risk assessment and are set out in the on-site security policy & procedures which include emergency unlock routines.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted on site. Smokers must walk to a designated space off site and ensure that they are not inconveniencing the school in any way.

## **Stress & Wellbeing**

Bedenham and Holbrook Primary School are 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 Children's Services' and Health & Safety Executive's Management Standards, guidance and requirements.

## **Traffic Management**

Arrangements regarding on-site traffic safety are based on the premises traffic risk assessment and follows local authority guidance.

## **Training**

The Heads of School are responsible for ensuring that all staff are provided with adequate information, instruction and training regarding their safety at work. A health and safety training plan will be developed and maintained to ensure health and safety training is effectively managed for all staff who require it.

All staff will be provided with following as a minimum training provision:

- Induction training regarding all the requirements of this health and safety policy
- Appropriate local training regarding risk assessments and safe working practices
- Updated training and information following any significant health and safety change
- Specific training commensurate to their own role and activities
- Periodic refresher training that will not exceed three yearly intervals

Training records are held by the Heads of School 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 staff.

## **Violent Incidents**

Violent, aggressive, threatening or intimidating behaviour towards staff, whether verbal, written, electronic or physical, will not be tolerated at Bedenham and Holbrook Primary School.

Staff must report all such violent and aggressive incidents to ensure that there is an awareness of potential issues and/or injuries so as to enable incidents to be appropriately investigated; reasonable actions may be taken to support those involved and reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the future.

Violent incident reporting is completely confidential. Violent incidents are reportable on the accident incident electronic form through Children's Services and a hard copy is uploaded to the CPOMS program. Violent incidents are reported to Governors as part of the Head of School report.

## **Visitors**

All visitors must initially report to the main reception where they will be informed of any key health, safety, child protection and fire safety information to enable them to act appropriately and safely in the event of an incident or disclosure. They are also handed a code of conduct information/safeguarding leaflet and accessibility leaflet if necessary.

Visitors to the premises will be provided with an identification badge and it is to be worn visibly. Staff should challenge adults and visitors around school who are not wearing visitor badges or lanyards. .

## **Work at Height**

Work at height is always to be undertaken in accordance with the Children's Services Safety Guidance Procedure SGP 23-08. At Bedenham and Holbrook Primary School general work at height will be undertaken in accordance with the on-site generic risk assessment for work at height which identifies general requirements and safe working practices. Specific or higher risk tasks will be carried out in accordance with a specific risk assessment for that task.

The competent persons for work at height on the premises who have attended the Caretaker Support Service Ladder & Stepladder Safety half-day course are the Caretaker and site assistants they are authorised to:

- Use steps, stepladders and leaning ladders in accordance with their training
- Provide step stool instructional training briefs to staff in accordance with SGP 23-08
- Provide stepladder and steps training to staff using the Children's Services *Stepladder & Steps Safety* user training presentation
- Carry out periodic inspections of all on-site ladders, stepladders and podium steps
- Remove access equipment from use if defective or considered inappropriate for use

The competent person for work at height and all other staff 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.

Work at height on the premises is only permitted to take place under the following conditions:

- Any work to be carried out at height must be underpinned by a risk assessment
- Access equipment selected for work at height must be as per the risk assessment
- Any staff working at height must be appropriately trained to use the access equipment
- No staff are permitted on the roof under any circumstances
- Staff are not to improvise or use alternative access methods of their own choice
- Use of any furniture, including tables and chairs, is forbidden for any work at height
- Staff may only use step stools if they have received a local instructional training brief

- Staff may only use stepladders if they have received training from the ladder and stepladder competent person
- Staff may only use leaning ladders if they have personally attended the Caretaker Support Service Ladder & Stepladder Safety half-day course within every three years
- Any safety concerns about a work at height task must be raised prior to work starting
- Access equipment used on site such as ladders and stepladders must only be that provided and are never to be lent to, or borrowed from third parties or contractors
- Contractors working at height are to be appropriately supervised and must only use their own access equipment

## APPENDICES

- Supporting Children with Medical needs
- Safeguarding children Policy 2018
- Child Protection policy 2018
- Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2018
- Emergency Evacuation Plan
- Visitor Evacuation Procedures
- Fire Safety Manual
- Fire Emergency Plan
- Federated physical intervention Policy
- Lone Working Procedures
- Major alert plan where relevant

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