



George Dixon Primary School Health and Safety Policy

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Chair of Board of Governors

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Regulations for health & safety are continuously being refined to make much more clearly what must be done to ensure the safety of the whole school community. For Aided schools the Governing Body is the employer so they have an absolute responsibility for safety, which in turn will be delegated down to the Head Teacher and other school based staff. Birmingham City Council are not the employer, but under SLA's can offer guidance and standards for safety to your school through official circulars/briefs or from Education Safety Services

This General Statement expresses the current relationship between the parties concerned.

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1. STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY

The Governing Body for George Dixon Primary School acknowledge and accept their statutory duty and corporate responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of all staff and pupils, whether on the schools premises or carrying out the schools business elsewhere.

This duty also extends to ensuring that other agencies or contractors on the school premises have adequate safety policies and procedures in place.

- 1.1** On behalf of the Governing Body, I accept the duties and obligations imposed upon us under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, The Occupiers Liability Acts 1957 and will through this Policy ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the Health and Safety of:
 - a. All persons employed at George Dixon Primary School whilst they are at work;
 - b. Persons other than George Dixon Primary School employees who may be exposed to risks arising out of, or in connection with, the activities of employees of Somewhere School whilst they are at work.
- 1.2** To effectively achieve this, George Dixon Primary School will provide, so far as is reasonably practicable:
 - a) Safe premises, plant and systems of work;
 - b) Safe methods of using, handling, storing and transporting of articles and substances;
 - c) Information, instruction, training and supervision;
 - d) A safe working environment;
 - e) Safe access to, and egress from, a place of work and procedures for evacuation in an emergency.
- 1.3** The Governing Body for George Dixon Primary School will adopt best practice safety policies, guidance and advice issued by BCC, and advice from Safety Services. George Dixon Primary School will further provide, so far as is reasonably practicable, any additional codes of practice and safe systems to effectively cover all aspects of health, safety and welfare.
- 1.4** While this policy is written to comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, we consider the matters of pupil and staff safety and welfare to be of equal importance. Where necessary this will be expressed in specific arrangements, otherwise it is implicit in all actions and arrangements within this policy.
- 1.5** It is an offence under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 to intentionally or recklessly interfere with, or misuse, anything provided in the interests of health and safety

All members of staff must co-operate fully with measures the school will be taking to comply with the relevant statutory provisions and in implementing this Health & Safety Policy, in order to ensure that their working environment,

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together with those of their colleagues and pupils, are as safe and healthy as possible.

2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Governing Body

Governors are responsible for the strategic overview of health and safety including that of ensuring full implementation of the Schools Health and Safety at Work Policy. **This will be achieved by ensuring there is an effective plan for safety that sets clear areas of responsibility and achievable standards for all school staff.**

2.1 The Governors consider the best means of developing and progressing this policy, thus providing effective management of health & safety, is to establish a **Safety Improvement Group**. The role of the Group will be to act as a communication link between the Governing Body, Head Teacher, Trade Union Appointed Safety Representatives and members of staff generally. Its terms of reference are to:

- Identify and develop practicable arrangements for health & safety
- Develop strategies/arrangements to actively monitor their enforcement
- Consider/assess any safety issues for new equipment or in anticipation of organisational change
- Ensure effective remedial action has been considered and implemented following any accident investigation (see most current accident forms on Birmingham Education Support Services Portal).
- Identify opportunities for further improvement to safety arrangements
- Carry out a review of the policy and its arrangements annually and recommend necessary improvements on general strategic matters of health & safety
- Draft a brief status report to the full Governing body each year
- Bring any matter of concern relating to health and safety, that cannot be resolved through the schools management structures or by the Head Teacher, to the immediate attention of the Chair of Governors

A clear intention is to seek continual improvement through the development of a safety culture built on a common understanding of safety and a commitment by all staff to meet their challenging goals.

2.2 Members of the Group shall include the following:

Nigel Roberts	Governor Representative
Shaela Good	Headteacher/Safety Co-ordinator
Chris Dean	Building Services Supervisor
Amanda Brennan & Lance Morrison	Teaching Representative
Shahin Aktar	Non Teacher Representative

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Additional members will be co-opted where appropriate to discuss safety matters relating to specific areas of work. Each Group member will be confirmed annually by their respective bodies as appropriate and confirmed by a full governing body at its AGM. The Group will meet at least each term and more often at the request of one Group member, the Head Teacher or the Governing body.

2.3 Supervisory School Staff

Members of staff who manage, or supervise other staff/trainees, or are responsible for pupils/members of the public, who may be affected by work activities, have a particular responsibility for the health and safety of those under their charge.

They will carry out and/or assist in the process of undertaking a suitable assessment of the risks to health and safety arising out of or, in connection with their undertakings. These assessments shall be reviewed periodically, following accidents and in light of improved knowledge or technical change. This is the principal cornerstone of George Dixon Primary School health and safety management.

Supervisory staff will instruct those under their charge/control precisely and clearly on their duties with regard to the health and safety of themselves and others, and will inspect their designated area of responsibility at periodic intervals.

2.4 Head Teacher

The Governors charge Headteacher Shaela Good with the day-to-day responsibility of managing and enforcing George Dixon Primary School Health and Safety at Work Policy. Where necessary the Head Teacher will initiate, support and assist all staff in the risk assessment process and, take appropriate steps and make the final decision on any safety question where matters are unable to be resolved satisfactorily through delegated responsibility arrangements within this safety policy.

The Deputy Headteacher will assume these responsibilities in the absence of the Headteacher.

2.5 Health and Safety Co-ordinator

Shaela Good the Headteacher to assist in the day-to-day implementation of the School safety plan. As Safety Co-ordinator her role is to ensure that other members of staff are familiar and clear as to their duties and responsibilities stated in this Health and Safety Policy. She will also be responsible for convening meetings of the Safety Improvement Group, ensuring that minutes are taken and stored in a place accessible to all interested parties. The Safety Co-ordinator will also provide/arrange assistance and support to relevant staff to ensure that risk assessments are actually carried out. She will endeavour to keep up-to-date with safety regulations and through the Safety Improvement Group initiate steps that ensure arrangements for health and safety at George Dixon Primary School conform to both current regulations and best-known practice.

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2.6 Phase/SEN Leaders (Leaders)

The nature of the schools activities can be diverse from an operational point of view and essential activities and priorities may vary between key stages and subjects. Leaders will be responsible for initiating/undertaking/assisting in the risk assessment process in areas and for tasks relating to pupils, members of staff and others in their sphere of operation.

They will ensure their designated Zones are inspected regularly to identify hazards and bring any concerns to the attention of the Headteacher. Where significant hazards are identified a formal risk assessment process will be undertaken to determine the risk factor and what measures, if any, are needed to either eliminate or adequately control the risk. Relevant staff will be informed of any findings that will also be recorded and filed in the School Office for audit inspection.

In the event of a hazard presenting a significant risk to anyone in school, steps will be taken immediately to ensure health & safety is not compromised. This may require immediate intervention actions - such as restricting exposure to the hazard before reporting the matter to the Head Teacher or Safety Coordinator. Leaders will also assist in the implementation of other safety arrangements considered necessary to comply with health & safety regulations and codes of practice as may be determined from time to time and approved by the Governing body/Head Teacher.

2.7 Classroom Teachers/Office Manager

Will be responsible for initiating/undertaking/assisting in the risk assessment process in areas and for tasks relating to pupils, members of staff and others in their sphere of operation. They will inspect their designated areas regularly to identify hazards and raise any concerns with their line manager or a member of the Safety Improvement Group. Where significant hazards are identified a formal risk assessment process will be undertaken to determine the risk factor and what measures, if any, are needed to either eliminate or adequately control the risk. Staff members under their charge will be informed of any findings that will also be recorded and filed in the school office for audit inspection.

In the event of a hazard presenting a significant risk to anyone in school, steps will be taken immediately to ensure health & safety is not compromised. This may require immediate intervention actions - such as restricting exposure to the hazard before reporting the matter to their designated SMT member/Head Teacher. Classroom Teachers/Office Manager will also assist in the implementation of other safety arrangements considered necessary to comply with health & safety regulations and codes of practice as may be determined from time to time and approved by the Governing body/Head Teacher.

2.8 Building Services Supervisor/Site Manager (BSS/SM)

Engie has a key role to ensure that the school premises are kept clean, secure and maintained in a safe condition. This is achieved by undertaking tasks as defined in the job description or additional tasks as determined by arrangement with the Head Teacher. The BSS is also responsible for the supervision of cleaning staff, materials and any equipment they use. They will be responsible for undertaking/assisting in the risk assessment process in matters relating to their work and that of other members of staff within the sphere of his work. This will include responsibility as first point of call and active liaison with contractors

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who are at the school premises, ensuring they comply with and are aware of Health and Safety Policy and arrangements.

It is expected that particular work undertaken by the BSS will identify quickly areas that threaten the safety of themselves, pupils or other members of staff.

The BSS will inspect specified designated areas regularly to identify hazards and will raise any concerns with the Head Teacher/Line Manager. Where necessary a formal risk assessment process will be undertaken to determine the risk factor and what measures, if any, are needed to either eliminate or adequately control the hazard. Relevant staff will be informed of any findings that will also be recorded and filed in the School Office for audit inspection.

In the event of a hazard presenting a significant risk to anyone in school, steps will be taken immediately to ensure health & safety is not compromised. This may require immediate intervention actions - such as restricting exposure to the hazard before reporting the matter to the Head Teacher or Safety Co-ordinator. The BSS will also assist in the implementation of other safety arrangements as considered necessary to comply with health & safety regulations and codes of practice, as may be determined from time to time and approved by the Governing Body/Head Teacher.

2.9 All Other Staff (Non-Supervisory)

A vital role and responsibility for implementing George Dixon Primary School safety plan is that of the individual member of staff who has a statutory duty to co-operate with the schools managers and comply with all arrangements considered necessary for the health, safety and welfare of pupils, themselves and their work colleagues.

They will assist in the process of undertaking a suitable assessment of the risks to health and safety arising out of or, in connection with their work.

In the event of a hazard presenting a significant risk to anyone in school, steps will be taken immediately to ensure health & safety is not compromised. This may require immediate intervention actions - such as restricting exposure to the hazard before reporting the matter to their line manager.

3. ARRANGEMENTS

The Governing Body will ensure that those appointed and charged with responsibility for implementing George Dixon Primary School Health and Safety at Work Policy and its arrangements will be adequately trained to fulfil their delegated responsibilities.

Where specialist knowledge is required under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) advice and support can be sought from Safety Services to advise/assist directly or where appropriate identify other competent persons to provide support.

Staff will be made aware and encouraged to consult the safety policy and/or Safety Services Safety web site for guidance on specific safety topics.

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The arrangements for managing health and safety within George Dixon Primary School are designed to eliminate hazards or adequately control risks to staff and pupils are as follows:

3.1 Safety Services – Schools - Policies for Safety

Useful information, guidance and policies can be viewed on the Schools internal site. Information and guidance can also be found at birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk
Safety Services provide support and advice on 0121 303 2420, or email schoolsafety@birmingham.gov.uk

3.2 Staff Induction

All Teachers, new Teaching Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors and students are assigned a mentor who guides them through the induction process. A record of the induction process will be kept.

3.3 Fire Safety

The Head Teacher will ensure a fire risk assessment is carried out to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The risk assessment will be reviewed annually or in the event of change and significant findings will be processed onto a priority action plan of remedial steps needed to be taken. In addition it will be ensured that arrangements for staff training are undertaken and recorded, and procedures to be followed in the event of a fire emergency are set out.

All documentation including records of fire drills and equipment test will be retained in a Fire Safety Log in main office.

3.4 Safeguarding/Security

The safeguarding lead is Shaela Good Headteacher. The school will undertake a review of security annually. Findings will be recorded and progressed onto action plan of remedial measures. Staff and pupils will be urged to bring any concerns they may have to the immediate attention of the Head Teacher.

Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Needs

The Governing Body will ensure that a policy is drafted that complies fully with the Statutory Guidance that is required to be implemented from September 2014. This policy will incorporate arrangements requiring that steps are taken to identify any consequential health & safety risk to staff or pupils in the support provided for pupils with medical needs. Where necessary, in consultation with relevant staff a specific risk assessment will be undertaken that will also identify relevant staff training needs.

3.5 Safety Training

Training needs for staff will be identified through the induction process. Future training needs will be identified through the staff development review process or in light of changed responsibilities.

3.6 Premises Safety Sweeps

Will be carried out on a continuous basis so that physical type hazards are identified as soon as possible. This will be achieved by staff teams sweeping a designated safety zone within the school and findings will be recorded on a Safety Sweep checklist every term.

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Completed, checklists will be handed onto a member of the Safety Improvement Group to sign off and where necessary ensure appropriate action is taken or seek advice on what steps could be taken to manage any safety concerns.

Any issues raised on the Safety Sweep forms will be collated into a 'job list' and distributed to those people who are required to action them. Completed checklists along 'job list' documentation of any remedial action taken will be retained in a Safety Sweep folder held in the school office for future audit inspection.

These arrangements will be closely monitored and checklists inspected annually by the Safety Improvement Group. Any failure to comply with these arrangements must be brought to immediate attention of the Head Teacher and Governing Body.

3.7 Play Area and Grounds Safety Sweeps

Will be carried out on a continuous basis so that physical type hazards are identified as soon as possible. This will be achieved by the BSS and Lunch Time Supervisors sweeping designated safety zones within the playground or grounds and record findings on a checklist every term. Staff are reminded to report any issues immediately to the Safety Improvement Group. Evidence will be recorded and filed the same as 3.7 above.

3.8 Working at Height

Headteachers/Leaders/Managers and Teachers must not instruct staff under their charge to undertake any work at height task unless a suitable and sufficient risk assessment has been carried out and approved/recorded.

Closer supervision must be exercised at all times when asking vulnerable persons to undertake work at height tasks. These will include young persons, student placements and new or expectant mothers.

All staff are instructed not to undertake any work at height task unless they have been authorised to do so and have been informed of the risk assessment findings, trained and instructed as appropriate.

While not an exhaustive list such work at height tasks may include the following:

- Storing and/or retrieving materials
- Placing and/or removing displays at height
- Cleaning windows and light fittings
- Maintenance tasks

All relevant staff will be informed formally of the risk assessment findings.

Arrangements must be made to ensure new or temporary employees are informed of risk assessment findings before being asked to undertake any work at height task.

3.9 External Educational Visits

The EVC will ensure all external visits are planned and detailed arrangements are recorded. This will include ensuring additional risk assessments are undertaken where necessary. As part of the planning process for external educational visits the EVC will consider whether there are any opportunities to involve the pupils in understanding how they could be harmed during the visit in order to underpin their understanding and cooperation in control measures.

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3.10 Stress/Well-being

The Employee Assistance Programme provides confidential information, advice and support and can be contacted on 0800 111 6387. The school will endeavour to support any member of staff experiencing anxiety or stress even though this may not be work related and a **strict need to know confidence will be observed at all times.**

Any member of staff who considers their well-being is being compromised due to work related pressures are to be encouraged to raise concerns with their line manager who will if necessary seek external advice from Schools Employee Relations, BCC Occupational Health or other Service or external provider.

3.11 First Aid

Tim Hanson, Tom Simpson, Shahin Akthar, John Clarke, Sham Khan, Barbara Hornsby, Reheena Heyeer, Jyoti Chauhan, Supia Begum, Michelle Moore, Nathan Price, and Miriam Chaudhry have been appointed and trained as first-aiders. Shaela Good, Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate number of appointed persons and facilities provided for first aid are maintained. The school reinforces the 1st Aid plan by providing periodic awareness training for all staff.

3.12 Accident Reporting and Investigation

Accidents involving pupils will be recorded and copies kept in the main office, foundation stage and kitchen and will include an entry into a 1st Aid treatment book. Serious accidents involving pupils will also be recorded on the Accident A1 Form then sent to Education Safety Services.

All accidents involving staff must be reported and recorded on the Accident form and sent to Education Safety Services.

All accidents will be investigated by a member of the SLT in order to establish facts. Where necessary the risk assessment and procedures will be reviewed and where appropriate recommendations made to prevent any reoccurrence.

3.13 Key Building Duty Holders

The main building duty holder for George Dixon Primary School is Shaela Good Headteacher.

3.14 Statutory Testing

As a result of delegated responsibilities, schools and other establishments are responsible for managing significant elements of building maintenance to include statutory testing on a various items of plant and equipment at appropriate frequencies.

This is not an option as failure to comply will contravene Health & Safety legislation and may result in fine or even imprisonment of the offender.

Further information on statutory testing can be obtained from Infrastructure and Development, Asset Management, Education & Skills Infrastructure Tel: 0121 303 3767

This arrangement will be closely monitored by Engie Building Services Supervisor to ensure tests results are entered into the Property Log Book.

3.15 Asbestos Management

There is no asbestos in the new school building. However this section is retained for information only.

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Recognising the absolute duty to **manage** asbestos containing materials (ACMs) effectively in the premises there will be strict compliance of the policy issued by Education Safety Services Health & Safety:

The Asbestos Management Survey has been consulted and a management plan has been developed to determine the likelihood of exposure during normal day-to-day activities or maintenance.

To reinforce this policy members of staff are instructed not to undertake any work that may disturb the fabric/surface finish of the building unless specifically authorised to do so by the Duty Holder who will take regard of the Asbestos Survey, Management Plan and Guidance.

Contractors will be made aware of the Asbestos Management Survey and this policy and instructed that any work they undertake has considered the possibility of disturbing asbestos. Where necessary an Intrusive Survey will be undertaken in areas to be disturbed before any work begins.

In order to prevent an unplanned disturbance of asbestos and before the fabric/surface finish of the building is disturbed a 'Permit to Work' system will be employed.

The asbestos management arrangement will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher.

The Duty Holder responsible for strict enforcement of this arrangement is the Head Teacher and in her absence the Deputy Head Teacher.

3.16 Substances Hazardous to Health

Any chemical used in school is accompanied by an assessment sheet showing safe use and storage. These will be used in accordance with the manufacturer's safety advice. All chemicals and substances are securely locked away to prevent pupil access.

We do not purchase any substance for use in class that is harmful. However, we recognise that even harmless substances can pose a risk to safety and health. We consider the level of supervision in class is adequate to prevent misuse.

Engie will ensure all cleaning chemicals will be used and stored to comply with suppliers Safety Data Sheets and subjected to a detailed assessment to meet the requirements of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH 2002).

3.17 Electrical Equipment

All electrical equipment used in school must be authorised for use. In addition to the Statutory Portable Appliance Testing (3.16 above), staff are reminded to regularly carry out a visual inspections of electrical equipment and should any defects be identified they **must** stop using the equipment and bring concerns to the immediate attention of a member of Engie/ Senior Office Manager/ Headteacher.

3.18 Tools and equipment

All equipment will be properly stored to ensure no unauthorised or unsupervised use where there is a risk of harm. Only rounded blunt scissors will be used by pupils.

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As part of the planning process for curriculum activities that involve tools and equipment, Teachers will consider whether there are any opportunities to actively involve the pupils in order that they understand better how they could be harmed using such tools or equipment. This will underpin their understanding, cooperation and ownership in control measures.

3.19 Visitors and Contractors

All visitors to the school must sign in and be supervised by a member of the school staff at all times. Contractors must report to the school office who will contact Engie who will ensure appropriate Contractor School Rules and/or for the Contractor RA to be completed for larger jobs.

3.20 Cooperation Liaison with other site/tenants users

The cleaning staff are employed by Engie.

Engie provide a duty of care to the cleaning staff. Engie have provided their health and safety policy and will issue updates as and when there are significant changes.

3.21 Vehicle/Pedestrian Traffic

The school provides a safe route into and out of the school for parents, children and visitors. Pedestrians have no access to the school via the car park they have a designated route and gate. We consider these arrangements sufficient to prevent harm.

3.22 Holiday Shut Down

Contractor works are usually carried out during school closure periods to ensure pupil and staff safety. This is monitored by Engie.

During half term holidays more detailed work is carried out.

Engie arrange training for caretakers who work at our school, they are trained in matters of health and safety in the workplace and will work with the school to identify any risks in the work they are expected to complete.

3.23 Safety Audit Arrangements

The school considers an annual audit of these safety arrangements to be sufficient.

3.24 Policy Review Date

Will be undertaken annually. Should any changes be made to conditions, arrangements or designated staff with responsibilities, this policy will be amended immediately. Such changes will be brought to attention of staff at the earliest possible opportunity.

See matrix below

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Matrix of delegated H&S responsibilities

Area of responsibility	Line Manager/s responsible to ensure compliance.	Staff responsible for implementing arrangement/task.
3.1 Safety Guidance	Shaela Good	All staff
3.2 Staff Safety Induction	Shaela Good	Charmaine Cole
3.3 Fire Safety	Shaela Good	All staff
3.4 Security Assessment	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.5 Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Needs	Samina Hussain	All staff
3.6 Safety Training	Shaela Good	Charmaine Cole
3.7 Dynamic Risk Ass	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.8 Good House Keeping Safety Sweeps	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.9 Grounds Safety Sweeps	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.10 Working at Height	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.11 External Education Visits	Paul Bridges	All staff
3.12 Stress/wellbeing	Shaela Good	All staff
3.13 First Aid	Tim Hanson	All staff
3.14 Accident Reporting	Shaela Good	All staff
3.15 Accident Investigation	Shaela Good	All staff
3.16 Key Building Duty Holders	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.15 Statutory Testing	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.17 Asbestos Management	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.18 Substances Hazardous to Health	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.19 Electrical Equipment	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.20 Tools & Equipment	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.21 Visitors & Contractors	Charmaine Cole	Office Staff
3.22 Liaison with Other Site Users	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.23 Vehicle Pedestrian Traffic	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.24 Holiday Shut Down Arrangements	Chris Dean	Caretakers
3.25 Safety Auditing	Governing Body	Safety Improvement Group
3.26 Safety Policy Review	Governing Body	Safety Improvement Group

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SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY FOR George Dixon Primary School

APPROVED BY GOVERNORS 24.11.2020
(This may be done as a Chair action)

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1. Introduction

The school recognises the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 (and associated Regulations) and has an existing Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy which sets out how we do this. However, in recognition of the current circumstances due to COVID-19, this supplementary document sets out the arrangements in relation to the health and safety of our children, staff and the wider school community during this time. **This document has been**

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written in accordance with guidance from the DfE and the Local Authority (or other employer) in relation to managing risk associated with COVID-19.

In order to ensure the school continues to operate in a safe way, thorough risk assessments are undertaken and any necessary adjustments to ensure the safety of children, staff and the wider community are implemented.

2. Risk assessment

The school has continued to undertake risk assessments during the period of partial closure due to COVID-19. As part of the preparation for wider opening of our school (from September 2020) a detailed risk assessment has been undertaken and an action plan to make any necessary adjustments to mitigate risk has been produced. The risk assessment and accompanying action plan cover the following Health and Safety elements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buildings & Facilities• Emergency Evacuation• Cleaning & Waste Disposal• Classrooms• Staffing• Group Sizes• Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catering• PPE• Response to suspected/confirmed Covid-19 cases• Curriculum/learning environment• Communication• Governance• School events (including trips)
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The risk assessment and action plan are dynamic and are regularly reviewed to ensure they meet current need. All appropriate documentation is shared with staff and any necessary training to support implementation of the plan is provided.

3. Roles and responsibilities

a. The Governing Body will:

- Regularly assess the effectiveness of the policy, risk assessment and action plan
- Ensure all documentation is regularly reviewed to meet current need and any updated guidance from the Government or Local Authority
- Ensure staff have access to any training or instruction required to implement the action plan
- Prioritise the wellbeing of all pupils and staff and ensure there is appropriate support in place

b. The Headteacher will:

- Have overall responsibility for the development and implementation of the policy, risk assessment and action plan
- Ensure all documentation is regularly reviewed to meet current need and any updated guidance from the Government or Local Authority
- Prioritise the wellbeing of all pupils and staff and ensure there is appropriate support in place

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c. **All staff will:**

- Carry out all work in accordance with the policy, risk assessment and action plan, including additional tasks as part of the response to COVID-19
- Take the opportunity to contribute to the risk assessment and action planning process
- Be responsible for reporting any (potential or actual) Health and Safety risks related to COVID-19 to the Headteacher
- Undertake any training to support implementation of the action plan and to identify any individual needs which may impact on the delivery of the plan
- Prioritise the wellbeing of all pupils and other staff

d. **Parents will:**

- Adhere to any recommendations from the school to help reduce the risk of transmission
- Keep their child at home if they or anyone within the household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or if otherwise advised to by the school or another appropriate Body (GP or NHS Track and Trace, for example)
- Adhere to drop-off and collection arrangements set by the school
- Ensure their child is aware of any protective measures put in place by the school and to encourage them to comply
- Adhere to government guidance at all times to reduce the risk of transmission
- Ensure their child does not mix socially outside of school, other than as permitted by current Government guidance

e. **Pupils will:**

- Observe the Health and Safety rules of the school, including new arrangements in response to COVID-19 set out in the current school Behaviour Policy
- Make staff aware if feeling unwell
- Report any Health and Safety concerns to a member of staff

Relevant Health and Safety information has been communicated to all staff and the wider school community via regular meetings and information sharing, emails and newsletters.