



Boroughbridge High School

POLICY STATEMENT

Health and Safety Policy

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Next policy review due (date)	September 2026
Due for review by Governors (date)	September 2026
Staff Lead	Director of Business Services

MISSION STATEMENT:

This policy will support the school by being reflective of the Governors' direction and School's development plan. It will be used in an efficient and effective manner by adhering to all relevant H&S legislation, supporting promotion of a positive H&S culture and following NYC HANDS guidance.

Corporate Health and Safety Policy, the corporate Health and Policy Statement and the Health and Safety Policy for Boroughbridge High School adopted from North Yorkshire Council (NYC).

Significant revisions since the last review:

Full review of responsible persons, plus:

- Named H&S Risk Adviser amended to Stephen Madill
- Change of Premises Manager

Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974

THIS IS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY STATEMENT OF**Boroughbridge High School****Our statement of intent is to:**

- implement the requirements of North Yorkshire Council's (NYC) Health and Safety Policy;
- make adequate arrangements for the health, safety and welfare of staff and pupils;
- provide adequate control of health and safety risks arising from our work activities;
- consult with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety;
- co-operate with the LEA in matters related to health and safety;
- provide and maintain safe plant and equipment;
- ensure safe handling and use of substances;
- provide information, instruction, and supervision for employees;
- ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks, and to give them adequate training;
- prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health;
- maintain safe and healthy working conditions; and
- review and revise this policy at annual intervals, following incident and/or in-line with significant change to the process or staffing.

Signed:	Name: Kathryn Stephenson	Headteacher
Signed:	Name: Mr M Dawson	Chair of Governors

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

RESPONSIBILITIES

Overall responsibility for Health and Safety within the school is that of:

NOTES:

Kathryn Stephenson (Headteacher)
Malcolm Dawson (Chair of Governors)

Day to day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is delegated to:

Justin Waters (Director of Business Services)
Michael Catton (Premises Services Manager)

If the Headteacher is not always there, or does not have time to manage on a day-to-day basis, you can delegate this role to someone else, e.g. Deputy Headteacher, Head of Year, Premises Officer etc. Ensure that the person with overall responsibility is kept informed of Health and Safety matters – it will still be their overall responsibility

To ensure Health and Safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in the following areas:

Brian Horner & Pat Dunnill (Health & Safety Governors)
- General

Delegate functions to people within your organisation either by specific areas within the workplace or by topic. Include their specific responsibilities in their job descriptions (if they have one).

Justin Waters (Director of Business Services) – General

Tammy Godsall-Wright (DSL) – Safeguarding

Ensure that they are competent to undertake their Health and Safety responsibilities and have adequate resources to enable them to do their job properly.

Penny Town (SENCo) – Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Phil Hemstock (Senior Network Manager) – IT/Network

Michael Catton (Premises Services Manager) – Site & Premises

It is important that responsibilities are clearly set out – this will make sure that if there are any Health and Safety concerns they can be reported to the right person, so they can be dealt with.

Sarah Bloomfield (Assistant Head/EVC) – Educational Visits

Colin Anderson (Assistant Site/Compliance Manager) – Cleaning

Tina Chittock (Head Chef) – Catering

Curriculum Leaders: Specialist Subject Areas

- Andy Scott – Science
- Chris Groves – Design Technology (pending new Head of Faculty)
- Sarah Simmonds – Food Technology (pending new Head of Faculty)
- Stephen Field – Physical Education
- Louise Hunter – Art

Note: If a member of staff is absent from their place of duty for a prolonged period of time, they are to nominate a replacement and inform the Headteacher.

Specific responsibilities for headteachers, managers, heads of departments and staff can be found in the NYC Corporate Health and Safety Policy which can be found in:

PA to the Headteachers Office

All employees have to:

- **co-operate with supervisors and managers on Health and Safety matters;**
- **not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their Health and Safety;**
- **take reasonable care of their own Health and Safety and of others; and**
- **report all Health and Safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement).**

Employees have legal responsibilities to take care of the Health and Safety of themselves and others, and to co-operate with management to help comply with the law.

Equally, if employees have any concerns over Health and Safety issues, they should be clear about whom they should tell, so that concerns can be addressed.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS ARISING FROM OUR WORK ACTIVITIES

Risk assessments will be undertaken by:

Director of Business Services
Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC)
SENCo
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Senior Network Manager
Premises Services Manager
Assistant Site Manager
Heads of Departments
Head Chef
Educational Visit/Trip Leaders

Risk Assessments are to be written by any member of staff undertaking an activity including; subject leaders, educational visit leaders and outside of school curriculum activity leaders. Department Heads are to ensure that Risk Assessments are in place for their department and linked to Lesson Plans/Schemes of Work

Before the activity, the findings of the risk assessments will be reported to:

All Staff (associated with the activity)

Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Heads of Departments
EVC

The person responsible for ensuring the action required is implemented is:

Following approval, the overseeing/undertaking member undertaking the activity

Checks that the implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks will be carried out by:

Director of Business Services
Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC)
Premises Services Manager
Heads of Departments
Head Chef
Leadership Team

Assessments will be reviewed:

Annually, and/or
In the event of an accident, and/or
When the work activity or a responsible person changes

NOTES:

You must assess risks to the Health and Safety of anyone who may be affected by your work activities, so that you can weigh up whether you have done enough or need to do more to comply with the law.

You will find some examples of key areas that you should consider, at the end of this guidance.

You will need to involve a number of different people including your safety representatives and employees, to do the risk assessments.

You will need to record the significant findings of your risk assessments in a separate document. Your policy statement only records your arrangements for ensuring the assessments are done, and are kept up to date.

Once you have done your risk assessments, you must take the necessary action to remove or reduce the risk as far as is reasonably practicable.

You can find more guidance in HSE's free leaflets through:

www.hse.gov.uk

Your **Health and Safety Risk Adviser** will provide help and guidance on risk assessment:

Stephen Madill
01609 532545 / 07977802584
Stephen.Madill@northyorks.gov.uk

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CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

Employee Representative(s) are:

Clare Hutchinson (Senior Science Technician) – BHS

Matthew Taylor (Senior Science Technician) – KJS

Tammy Miles (School Nurse) – KJS

Ross Roberts (Pastoral Representative) – KJS

Edward McDonough (Union Representative) – KJS

NOTE

You must consult your employees.

If you recognise a trade union and that trade union has appointed a safety representative, you must consult them on matters affecting the employees they represent.

If you do not have trade unions, you must consult employees, either directly or through an elected representative.

You may to use your works committee or another meeting as a forum for consultation.

If you have a Health and Safety committee, you could list what it does, who is on it and how often it meets.

Consultation with employees is provided by:

Agenda item on staff weekly meetings

Staff briefing and noticeboard

Training/Personal Development days

Federation Health and Safety Committee meetings

In addition, it is a standing agenda item on Governors and senior management meetings

Staff surveys

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SAFE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Identifying equipment/plant, which will need maintenance is the responsibility of:

NYC / CYPS

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager/Premises Team
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Head Chef
Heads of Departments (DT/PE/Science/Art)
Technicians

Ensuring effective maintenance procedures are drawn up is the responsibility of:

NYC / CYPS

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Head Chef
Heads of Departments (DT/PE/Science/Art)

The person responsible for ensuring that all identified maintenance is implemented is:

NYC / CYPS

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Head Chef
Heads of Departments (DT/PE/Science/Art)

Problems with plant/equipment should be reported to:

NYC / CYPS

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Head Chef
Heads of Departments (DT/PE/Science/Art)
Technicians

Checking plant and equipment health and safety standards before purchase is the responsibility of:

NYC / CYPS

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Head Chef
Heads of Departments (DT/PE/Science/Art)
Technicians

NOTE

You will need to ensure that all plant and equipment (e.g. ladders, electrical equipment, machinery guarding) that requires maintenance (e.g. checks, servicing, thorough examinations) is identified and that the maintenance is done.

It may be worthwhile using a logbook to record the maintenance checks.

When buying new or second-hand plant and equipment, you must check it meets Health and Safety standards before buying it.

You can find more guidance in HSE's publication:

- Buying new machinery INDG271 (Rev3)

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SAFE HANDLING AND USE OF SUBSTANCES

Identifying substances which need a COSHH assessment is the responsibility of:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Heads of Departments & Technicians
Head Chef
Technicians
Premises Team (including Maintenance & Cleaners)
Any other staff member with access to a COSHH substance

The person(s) responsible for undertaking COSHH assessments is/are:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Heads of Departments & Technicians
Head Chef
Assistant Site Manager & Maintenance

NOTE

You must assess the risks from all substances hazardous to health. These are known as Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) assessments.

You should do assessments on all substances you use (e.g. adhesives, paints, cleaning agents, solvents) and substances generated from work activities (e.g. dust, fume, vapour)

Your assessment should identify any health risks. If there is a risk, you should take steps to remove or control the risk.

Ensuring that all actions identified in the assessments are implemented is the responsibility of:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Heads of Departments & Technicians
Head Chef
Premises Team (including Maintenance & Cleaners)
Any other staff member with access to a COSHH substance

The person responsible for ensuring that relevant employees are informed about COSHH assessments is:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Assistant Site Manager
Heads of Departments
Head Chef

Checking that substances can be used safely before they are purchased is the responsibility of:

Director of Business Services
Allocated budget holder (including):
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Heads of Departments
Head Chef
Technicians

Assessments will be reviewed:

Annually, and/or
In the event of an accident, and/or
When the work activity or a responsible person changes

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INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at:

Staff management corridor / kitchen area
Staffroom
School kitchen

NOTE

The Health and Safety Information for Employees Regulations 1989 require employers to display a poster (or to provide leaflets) telling employees what they need to know about health and safety.

Health and Safety advice is available from your Health and Safety Risk Adviser:

NYES H&S Risk Adviser – Stephen Madill

You are required to have access to competent advice, either in house or, if not available, external.

Supervision of young workers and trainees will be arranged/ undertaken/monitored by:

Careers Manager with support from the Director of Business Services and/or Premises Services Manager / Designated Safeguarding Lead / White Rose Alliance (WRA) Lead / Human Resources (HR)

If you have young workers and/or take on trainees or students on work experience, you will need to ensure that they are properly instructed and supervised.

You must also do specific risk assessments for young people – you need to take account of their inexperience, lack of awareness of risks and immaturity.

Ensuring that our employees working at locations under the control of other employers, are given relevant Health and Safety information is the responsibility of:

Headteacher
Director of Business Services
Assistant Heads (Responsible for WRA & Careers)
Careers Manager
WRA Lead
Human Resources (HR)
Head Chef
Heads of Departments
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Finance Manager

If your employees go to work for another employer on your behalf e.g. on secondment you will need to check that they are given relevant Health and Safety information for that location by that employer/company.

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COMPETENCY FOR TASKS AND TRAINING

Induction training will be provided for all employees by:

HR Advisor
Managers/Leaders
Heads of Departments
Director of Business Services
Educational Visits Coordinator
Headteacher
NYC training department

NOTE

All employees must be given health and safety induction training when they start work. This can be combined with other useful information (e.g. pay, leave and hours of work). It needs to cover basic health and safety such as first aid and fire safety.

Job specific training will be provided by:

NYC training department
Managers/Leaders
Heads of Departments
Headteacher
Contracted training agencies
Health and Safety Services
Accredited CPD training providers

Employees will need job-specific training, which includes the health and safety aspects of the job.

You also have to provide Health and Safety training for people when risks change, or periodically, e.g. if skills do not get used regularly.

Some jobs will require additional special training (e.g. manual handling, driving etc.)

Specific jobs requiring special training are:

Compliance auditing
Risk Assessment
Caretaking/Site maintenance
Cleaning
IT/Network maintenance
Medical / First Aid
Use of large/specialist machinery
Teaching of practical subjects (DT/PE/Science/Art)
Use of Kitchen/Cooking equipment
Leading of educational trips and visits

You may wish to refer to your school development plan. It is important to keep records of training (even training you have provided in-house) to show that employees have received training.

You should monitor the training records, so that refresher training is given when necessary

Training may include but is not limited to:

Asbestos/Legionella/Fire (including Fire Marshal)
Working at Height/Ladders
Manual Handling
COSHH
Educational Visit – trip leader
MiDAS minibus driver
PAT testing
First Aid training (plus Epipen, Diabetes and Epilepsy Awareness along with Defibrillator training)
Evacuation Chair
DT/workshop machinery
Powered hand tools
Large cleaning equipment

NYC CYPS has a commitment to provide Health and Safety training to Headteachers, Governors and Lead Officers etc. For further details of the courses available please contact:

- **NYC LEARNING ZONE**
- **HANDS SERVICE 01609 532545**

Training records are kept at/by:

Training records are kept by the Director of Business Services. Personal files are maintained by the PA to Headteacher/Office Manager that also contain copies of training qualifications and training attended.

Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:

Leadership Team

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ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS, FIRST AID AND WORK-RELATED ILL HEALTH

Health surveillance is required for employees doing the following jobs:

Display Screen Equipment (DSE) users (as defined by the HSE)
Premises Team (including Cleaners)
Employees with underlying illness
Expectant & new mothers
Employees recently returned to work following injury or ill health

Health surveillance will be arranged by:

NYC Occupational Health Team
HR Team
Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Line Managers

Health surveillance records will be kept:

HR Office – records
Personal Files

The first aid box(es) are kept at:

School Main Kitchen
Science Classrooms B2, B6, B9, B10 and B11
PE Office
DT Workshops A23, A25, A8
Art Rooms A20, A21
Medical Room

The appointed person(s)/first aider(s) is/are:

List of First Aiders and Appointed Persons available in the School Administration Office behind Reception and in the Medical Room

All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be recorded in the accident book. The book is kept:

Medical Room

NOTE

Employees must receive health surveillance for certain work (e.g. work with lead, chrome, asbestos, noise, isocyanates and some chemicals). This will identify any health problems early on so that action can be taken before an employee's condition worsens.

- **Refer to NYC Occupational Health Service**

Your COSHH assessments should identify all areas and the type of health surveillance needed.

Your records should contain details of the employees, the health surveillance procedures, dates and conclusions. *The health care professional doing the surveillance will hold the actual medical records, as these are confidential.*

Providing immediate first aid can prevent minor injuries becoming major ones.

As a minimum you must have a first aid box and an appointed person to take charge of first aid requirements. You can find more information in HSE's free leaflets:

- First aid at work – your questions answered INDG214
- Basic advice on first aid at work INDG215

Recording accidents (even minor ones) means you can see whether you have a problem in a particular area

You must report accidents to:

CYPS Health and Safety 01609 532589. Follow the procedures outlined in the CYPS Health and Safety Policy and Guidance Manual.

A near misses form is to be completed by the member of staff who witnessed the 'near miss'. Once the form is completed they are to speak to the Designated First Aider who may take further action as required. Blank and completed near miss forms are to be kept on file in the school's Medical room.

The person responsible for reporting accidents, diseases and dangerous occurrences to the NYC Education Health and Safety section is:

PA to Headteacher
School Administration Office

The defibrillator(s) is checked regularly to ensure that it is in working order and a report is sent to Yorkshire Ambulance Service by:

Assistant Site Manager

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MONITORING

To check our working conditions, and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will arrange or undertake inspection, servicing and regular monitoring for:

Air-Conditioning (incl. TM44)
 Ambi Rads
 Asbestos
 Autoclave (Steam Steriliser)
 Buildings & Boundaries
 Compliance Documentation
 Display Energy Equipment
 Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Assessments
 Electrical Catering Equipment (Commercial)
 Electrical Fixed Wire Testing (General)
 Electrical Fixed Wire Testing (Drama & Stage)
 Electrical PAT Testing
 Emergency Lighting
 Evacuation Chairs
 Fire Safety
 Fire Alarm Systems - Monitored
 Fire Escape Stairs (External)
 Fire Fighting Equipment (incl. Fire Hose Reels)
 Fire/Evacuation Refuse Alarms
 Fire Suppression System (Ansul)
 Floodlights (incl. LUX)
 Gas Boiler Servicing
 Gas Booster
 Gas Catering Equipment (Commercial)
 Gas Cylinders (Compressed)
 Gas Installation Tightness Tests
 Gas Pressurisation Units
 Gas Taps
 Gates (Vehicular and Pedestrian)
 Grounds (General)
 Grounds (Sports)
 Grounds (Trees)
 Gutters & Gulleys
 Health & Safety (General)
 Heating Systems
 Hot & Cold Water Systems
 Hygiene (Food Safety)
 Hygiene (Sanitary)
 Kiln
 Legionella
 Local Exhaust Ventilation & Extraction
 Lifts & Hoists
 Lightning Conductors
 Mechanical/Retractable Seating
 Mechanical Medical Couch
 Minibus(es)
 Oil Separation Tanks
 RAAC
 Radon
 Roller Shutters
 Roofs
 Pest Control
 Sports/Fitness Suite Equipment
 Security (External Doors & Windows)
 Security (Posts/Bollards)
 Security (Intruder Alarm Systems - Monitored)
 Shower(s) Clean & Disinfect
 Specialist Classrooms (DT/Science/Art/PE)
 Thermostatic Mixing Valves (TMVs)
 Waste Disposal (Chemical)
 Waste Disposal (Confidential)
 Waste Disposal (Electrical/WEEE)
 Waste Disposal (Kitchen Oil)
 Waste Disposal (Trade & Recycling)
 Water Coolers & Fountains
 Water Softener
 Workshop/DT Machinery

NOTE

You must be able to show that you are checking working conditions and systems of work, i.e. that you are monitoring health and safety.

You can do this both actively and reactively, i.e. before and after something goes wrong.

Actively - you or other appointed person can carry out inspections, have reports submitted to you by managers, do spot check visits, safety representative inspections, etc.

Trade union safety reps have the right to carry out inspections and investigate accidents.

Reactively - you can investigate any accidents or sickness absences that occur.

Investigating accidents is a useful way of reviewing your safety systems – ask yourself why the accident really happened and what you can do to stop it happening again.

Similarly, if you have a number of employees absent because of similar ailments, this might mean there is a problem with their jobs causing ill health.

When you find out what went wrong – put it right.

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The person responsible for investigating accidents is:

Appointed person
Director of Business Services or
Premises Services Manager/Premises Team (to monitor)

The person responsible for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences is:

Deputy Head – Mr R Grierson
NYC Occupational Health
PA to Headteacher

The person responsible for acting on investigation findings to prevent a reoccurrence is:

Director of Business Services
NYC Occupational Health

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ASBESTOS RISK MANAGEMENT

The Responsible Officer for asbestos management is:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Premises Team

The Asbestos Risk Management file is kept in:

Site Office

Site plans showing the location of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) are kept in:

Site Office

Ensuring that contractors are made aware of the location of ACMs and that they sign the relevant permit to work is the responsibility of:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Premises Team

Asbestos risk assessments will be undertaken by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Premises Team

Visual inspections of the condition of ACMs will be undertaken by:

Premises Services Manager
Assistant Site Manager
Maintenance

Records of the above inspections will be kept in:

Site Office

NOTE

Responsible Officer - All schools must have a Responsible Officer to oversee the management of asbestos risk. This will usually be the Headteacher.

Policy and Procedure - The yellow 'Asbestos Risk Management' file outlines NYC policies and procedures for managing of risk arising from asbestos containing materials (ACMs)

Surveys – An Asbestos Management Survey of the premises should be available, with the location of ACMs identified on a site plan.

A Refurbishment and Demolition (R&D) Survey must be undertaken before any invasive construction/demolition work commences, unless it is absolutely certain that no ACMs are present in the work area.

Contractors - The location of ACMs indicated on the plan must be brought to the attention of all contractors coming on site. The permit to work confirming this fact must be completed by the contractor before work commences.

Risk Assessment and Inspection - A risk assessment must be undertaken for all known ACMs. The level of risk will depend on the type of material, its location and its condition.

Emergency Action - The 'Asbestos Emergency Action Plan' should be readily available and brought to the attention of all staff.

If in doubt always seek immediate advice from the schools NYES H&S Risk Advisor.

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SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

The Responsible Officer for slips, trips and falls is:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager / Premises Team
Appointed person

The Slips, Trips, and Falls Risk Management file is kept in:

Site Office

Slips, Trips, and Falls risk assessments will be undertaken by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Deputy Site & Leisure Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Premises Team
Head Chef

Visual inspections for risk of slips, trips and falls will be undertaken by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager
Senior Cleaning Supervisor
Designated Caretaker
Head Chef

Records of the above inspections will be kept in:

Site Office

NOTE

Responsible Officer - All schools must have a Responsible Officer to oversee the management of slips, trips, and fall risk. This will usually be the Headteacher.

Policy and Procedure – This policy is to ensure so far as reasonably practical, the health, safety and welfare of employees, students and visitors in relation to risk associated with slips, trips and falls at work.

Compliance – All employees have a role to play in enforcing the policy and are required to deal with any observed or reported breaches. Should employees feel apprehensive about their own safety in regard to addressing any breach, they should seek senior management support.

Risk Assessment and Inspection - All risk assessments on preventing slips, trips and falls should be carried out using the schools generic risk assessment form. The suitable and sufficient risk assessment should identify hazards and the existing control measures in place (if any) to protect employees, students and visitors from those hazards. The level of risk should be reduced to the lowest level practicable. Therefore, it may be necessary to introduce further control measures to manage and control the risks effectively. The significant hazards, risks and control measures should be recorded on the risk assessment form

Reactively - you can investigate any accidents or 'near misses' that occur.

If in doubt always seek immediate advice from the schools NYES H&S Risk Adviser.

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MANUAL HANDLING

The Responsible Officer for Manual Handling is:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager

Manual Handling risk assessment file is kept in:

Site Office

Manual Handling risk assessments will be undertaken by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Deputy Site & Leisure Manager
Senior Network Manager
Premises Team
Head Chef

Review of Manual Handling procedures will be undertaken by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Deputy Site & Leisure Manager
Senior Network Manager
Premises Team
Head Chef

Records of the above reviews will be kept in:

Site Office

NOTE

Responsible Officer - All schools must have a Responsible Officer to oversee the management of Manual Handling. This will usually be the Headteacher.

Policy and Procedure – This policy is to ensure so far as reasonably practical, the health, safety and welfare of employees, students and visitors in relation to risk associated with manual handling.

Compliance – All employees have a role to play in enforcing the policy and are required to deal with any observed or reported breaches. Should employees feel apprehensive about their own safety in regard to addressing any breach, they should seek senior management support.

Risk Assessment and Inspection - All risk assessments on preventing injury from manual handling tasks should be carried out using the schools generic risk assessment form. The suitable and sufficient risk assessment should identify hazards and the existing control measures in place (if any) to protect employees, students and visitors from those hazards. Wherever possible manual handling should be avoided through use of manual handling lifting aids designed/suitable for the required task, with appropriate training provided. The level of risk should be reduced to the lowest level practicable. Therefore, it may be necessary to introduce further control measures to manage and control the risks effectively. The significant hazards, risks and control measures should be recorded on the risk assessment form.

Reactively - you can investigate any accidents or 'near misses' that occur.

If in doubt always seek immediate advice from the schools NYES H&S Risk Adviser.

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LEGIONELLOSIS MINIMISATION

The nominated Site Manager under the NYC Legionnaires Disease Risk Management Policy is:

Director of Business Services

Risk assessments detailing on-site tasks for the minimisation of *Legionellosis* risk are kept in:

Site Office

The person responsible for carrying out the on-site tasks set out in the above assessments is:

Premises Services Manager
Assistant Site Manager
Site Maintenance

Records showing that the above on-site tasks have been undertaken are kept in:

Site Office

NOTE

Responsible Officer - All schools must have a Responsible Officer to oversee the management of Legionella Risk Management. This will usually be the Headteacher.

Risk Assessment – the original Risk Assessment was undertaken by Hertel (UK) Ltd. Annual reviews are commissioned by NYC through a designated specialist contractor. Documentation will then be provided to schools detailing any requirements for on-site monitoring/control tasks (typically temperature recording and flushing).

Designated Premises Team Member – The Premises Services Manager may nominate a member of staff (i.e. Assistant Site Manager), to carry out the on-site tasks set out in the risk assessment.

Records - Records of the on-site tasks must be maintained for monitoring purposes.

Changes - to water systems which may effect the level of risk, must be notified to the school's NYES H&S Risk Adviser.

Advice – Further advice is available from the above and in the NYC Environmental Services publication 'Water Services Hygiene'.

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WORK AT HEIGHT

All work at height in the school must be authorised by:

Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager

Risk assessments for working at height are to be completed by:

Director of Business Services
Premises Services Manager
Senior Network Manager

Equipment used for work at height is to be checked by and records kept in:

Premises Services Manager Premises Team	Site Office
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Training records for persons carrying out work at height are kept:

Health & Safety Document Management File
Director of Business Services' Office
Site Office

NOTE

Authorisation - A designated duty holder should be responsible for authorising work at height in the school.

Risk Assessments - must be in place for all tasks involving work at height where there is risk of injury. These risk assessments will be reviewed annually, in the event of change to the process, and/or due to a change in staff.

Equipment - a competent person must periodically check all equipment used for work at height. Documentary evidence of checks should be maintained.

Training - should be undertaken by all persons carrying out work at height. As a minimum, relevant staff should be briefed using the HSE 'A Toolbox Talk on Ladder and Stepladder Safety'.

Further advice on work at height can be obtained from your NYES Health and Safety Risk Adviser

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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Off-site educational visits must be authorised by:

NYC
Headteacher
Governors

The Educational Visits Co-ordinator(s) is/are:

Assistant Head

Risk assessments for off-site visits are to be completed by:

Group Leader

The Guidelines for Educational off-site Visits for Schools are kept in:

School Admin Office

Details of off-site activities are to be logged onto the NYC database by:

School Office Administrator / Receptionist

Visit/Trip Leader

NOTE

Authorisation - A system must be in place to ensure no parties leave the school without the appropriate authority.

EVC - All schools must appoint an Educational Visits Co-ordinator to support visit organisers and ensure that the NYC Guidelines are followed

Risk Assessment - must be in place for all off-site visits. These assessments may be generic for certain activities such as coach transport but must be site specific with regard to the hazards present at a given venue.

NYC Guidelines – A copy of the off-site visits code of practice and guidelines must be available in the school.

Database – All off-site visits must be logged onto the NYC notification database, either as part of a rolling programme, or as an individual visit.

Further advice can be obtained from
Simon Willis, Educational Visits Manager
Tel: 01609 535951 / 07970679517

ARRANGEMENTS

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – FIRE AND EVACUATION

The person responsible for ensuring that the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented is:

Director of Business Services Premises Services Manager Premises Team

NOTE

You must carry out fire risk assessments, in the same way as you do general Health and Safety risk assessments.

For escape routes, extinguishers and alarms, you should state who checks, how often and where they are based.

You need a routine in case of fire or emergency evacuation. You should test your alarms and emergency evacuation procedures regularly.

Escape routes are checked by/every:

Premises Team All Staff	Daily
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An emergency evacuation drill should be carried out each term and records maintained indicating that this has been done

Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:

Chubb	Annually
Visually Inspected	Termly

Alarms are tested by/every:

Assistant Site Manager	Weekly
Monks Security	Quarterly

Emergency evacuation will be tested:

Termly

The Security Co-ordinator is:

Director of Business Services Premises Services Manager
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APPENDICES

List here any other policies relevant to Health and Safety and state where they are located. *E.g. Medicines Policy, Educational Visits Policy etc.*

All policies and procedures can be found on the staff intranet (or in specific departments as appropriate). Primary policies with Health and Safety guidance are:

Health & Safety (overarching)

COSHH (and other Cleaning)

Manual Handling

Traffic Management

Asbestos Management

Legionella/Water Management

Ladders/Working at Height

Lone Working (risk assessment)

Human Resources (various)

Food Safety (i.e. Allergens)

Educational Visits

Safeguarding/DBS/Child Protection/Children in Care/Missing Child

Medicine/First Aid

Radioactivity

Radon

Specialist Subjects (Science, DT, Food, Art, PE)

Behaviour

Self-Harm/Substance Misuse/Suicide ideation/Mental Health

Business Continuity (including, Operational Business, IT Disaster Recovery and Financial)

Emergency Evacuation & Lockdown

eSafety/Internet Use

Eye Care

GDPR

Located in:

The School Document Management File kept in ('G' Drive)

APPENDICES

SOME KEY AREAS OF RISK

- Asbestos
- Chemicals
- Confined Spaces
- Construction work
- Contractors on site
- Display Screen Equipment (VDUs)
- Educational visits
- Electricity
- Excavations
- Falling objects /collapsing structures
- Fire and Explosion
- Legionella
- Machinery (including guarding)
- Manual Handling
- Noise
- Science in general
- Pressure Systems
- Radiation
- Slips, trips and falls
- Stress
- Substances hazardous to health
- High and low temperatures
- Transport
- Vehicles on site
- Vibration
- Violence to staff
- Work equipment
- Work-related upper limb disorders
- Working alone
- Work at heights
- Working environment

These are just some examples of key areas; this is not an exhaustive list. Look around your school to identify other risk areas. If any risks apply to your work activities, you will need to do risk assessments to check that you have removed or reduced the risk.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

There are many free Health and Safety leaflets and guidance booklets and priced publications available from:

HSE Books Tel: 01787 881165
HSE Book Website: www.hsebooks.co.uk

Health and Safety
Information Services
Infoline Tel: 08701545500
HSE Website: www.hse.gov.uk

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further advice on completing this Health and Safety Policy document is available from your Safety Risk Adviser or contact:

Dale Barton – Head of Service
SCHOOL HANDS SERVICE
North Yorkshire County Council Safety Risk Management Unit *Northallerton, DL7 8AE*

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