

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Incorporating the Local Health and Safety Arrangements for:

- **Tonacliffe Primary School**
- **Community School**
- **School Number 14042**
- **Tonacliffe Road, Whitworth, Lancashire OL12 8SS**

This policy is based on the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated Health and Safety and other Legislation. It should be read in conjunction with the Lancashire County Council's Health and Safety Management System which is held on the School's Portal.

*As a Community or Voluntary Controlled School the County Council is the employer. The Governing Body is responsible for the use of the premises. The Headteacher is responsible for the day-to-day implementation and management of health, safety and welfare within the school. The County Council, the Governing Body and the Headteacher should work in partnership to meet these responsibilities.

As the person(s) with responsibility for the implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school, I/we will, as far as is reasonably practicable:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work activities; • provide and maintain safe plant and equipment; • ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks and ensure the provision of adequate training; • maintain safe and health working conditions; • ensure safe handling and use of substances; • review and revise this policy and arrangements as necessary at regular intervals, and, as a minimum, following each 5-yearly review by the county council; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consult with employees on matters affecting their health and safety; • provide information, instruction and supervision for employees; • prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health; • comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements; • act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire and the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document”. |
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Signed:	Signed: On behalf of the Governing Body
Headteacher's name: Joanne Heap	Chair of Governors name: Steven Oxford
Date: 01.09.2024	Proposed Review date: 01.09.2025.

Responsibilities

The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school is that of:	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
The authorised member of staff with day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is (e.g. Health & Safety Co-ordinator):	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in their specific areas e.g. premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-hours arrangements, educational visits:	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
The Health & Safety objectives * for the school (as identified by accident/incident investigation, consultation, review of risk assessments, health & safety management support and audit visits; advice from the county council etc. or other sources e.g. DCSF, Teachernet, other schools, the HSE) will be developed and monitored by:	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
<p>All employees within the school have a responsibility to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-operate with the Headteacher and his/her nominated representatives on all matters relating to health and safety; 2. Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety; 3. Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and not knowingly place anyone who may be affected by their work activities at risk; and 4. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement). 5. The Conditions of Employment of Teachers provide that teachers' professional duties include maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere. 	

* Health & Safety objectives should be set for improvements in the management of health & safety within the school. These can be formal or informal objectives e.g. within the School Development Plan or in the minutes of Governors or Staff meetings respectively. Any actions arising from those objectives should be documented e.g. as an action plan, and monitored to ensure they are achieved.

Examples of objectives might be:

- a % reduction in accidents will be achieved by changes to playground supervision;
- a revised procedure for dealing with contractors on site will be devised and implemented;
- revised arrival and departure arrangements will be put in place to separate vehicles and pedestrians on school grounds;
- raising health & safety awareness by using the County Council's e-learning courses.

Health and Safety Risks Arising from Work Activities

I/we will ensure that so far as is reasonably practicable, all areas of risk are assessed and adequate control measures are put in place to ensure the health and safety of all employees, pupils, contractors, non-employees and anyone else affected by the school's activities.

Risk assessments will be undertaken by: Risk assessments will be undertaken prior to the introduction of any new work tasks / activities that pose a significant risk to health and safety.	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager
The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported to:	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
The responsibility for ensuring the action required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:	Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
Checking that implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:	Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager
Risk Assessments will be reviewed regularly (3 yearly is the minimum review period recommended for task risk assessments and 5 yearly for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes. Responsibility for this rests with:	Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager in conjunction with LCC

School's Commitment

To meet the requirements of this Policy Statement, the Headteacher/Governing Body and/or his/her/their nominated representative(s) will:

- a) draw up and implement appropriate health & safety procedures for the school;
- b) share appropriate elements of these procedures with all employees, pupils, visitors and anyone else who may be affected by them;
- c) arrange for risk assessments to be completed for all areas of work and review them on a regular basis;
- d) as part of the risk assessment process, produce safe systems of work where necessary and arrange for their implementation including any appropriate training, resourcing, auditing and monitoring;
- e) identify adequate resources for the implementation of the health and safety policy and arrangements with the school;
- f) comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements; and,
- g) act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire and the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

The school will, upon request, make available for general inspection specific, procedures and documentation and will regularly review its arrangements in respect of the applicable topics and activities listed in the table at the end of this Policy document.

(The list in the table at the end of this document is not comprehensive - some hazards may not apply to your premises and there may be additional hazards that are not listed in the table. Please add any additional hazards to the list or remove any that do not apply. You should delete this paragraph once you have done this.)

Consultation with employees

The school recognises and accepts its duty to consult with employees and will do so via a union-appointed safety representative and/or through elected employee representatives where union appointed representatives are not available.

Employee representative(s) for the school are:	Joanne Heap, Headteacher Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor
Consultation with employees is provided via:	Staff Meetings Staff Briefings Informal discussions

Safety Representatives

The school recognises and accepts that safety representatives must be given the paid time necessary to carry out their functions, and paid time as is necessary to undergo training in those functions, as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Safety Representatives functions are to:-

- Investigate potential hazards and dangerous occurrences at the workplace, and complaints by employees relating to health, safety and welfare at work, and examine the causes of workplace accidents.
- Make representations to the Headteacher/Governing Body on the above investigations, and on general matters affecting the health and safety of the employees they represent.
- Inspect the workplace.
- Represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors.
- Attend health and safety committee meetings.

Safe Plant and Equipment

The school will ensure that all plant and equipment that requires maintenance is identified, that maintenance is carried out and that new or second-hand plant and equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased.

Responsible person(s) for identifying all equipment/plant needing maintenance:	Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor
Responsible person(s) for ensuring effective maintenance procedures are drawn up:	Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor and Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager
Responsible person(s) for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out:	Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor or Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager
Any problems found with equipment should be reported to:	Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor or Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager or Joanne Heap, Head Teacher
Responsible person(s) to check that new equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased:	Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor

Information, Instruction and Supervision

The Health and Safety Law poster* is displayed at:	Staff room Kitchen Site Supervisor's room Nursery Kitchen
Health and safety advice is available from:	Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager Joanne Heap, Headteacher
Induction, supervision of trainees/work placements etc. will be arranged/ undertaken/monitored by:	Debbie Wroe School Business Manager or Joanne Heap, Headteacher

<p>Health & Safety in shared premises (where applicable) is managed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joanne Heap 	<p>Joanne Heap Headteacher will ensure that any employees working at locations under the control of other employers are provided with relevant information to ensure their health and safety.</p>
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* It is a legal requirement to display the Health & Safety Law Poster in a prominent position in each workplace e.g. in the school's Reception area, or to give employees a copy of the Health & Safety Law leaflet.

Competency for Tasks and Training

The school has arrangements in place to ensure that all new employees are provided with appropriate health and safety induction training when they start work. This will cover basics such as first aid and fire safety. Specific on the job and job specific health and safety training will also be provided if needed to achieve the required competency. Training provision will include regular refresher training where appropriate. Write down your arrangements for training here including arrangements for record keeping.

<p>Induction training will be provided for all employees by:</p>	<p>Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor</p>
<p>Job specific training will be provided by:</p>	<p>Relevant line manager</p>
<p>Jobs requiring specific health & safety training are:</p>	<p>Ladder safety Cleaning</p>
<p>Training records are kept at/by:</p>	<p>Office Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager</p>
<p>Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:</p>	<p>Joanne Heap Head Teacher:</p>

Accidents, First Aid and Work-related Ill Health

The school acknowledges the legal requirement to:

- Ensure that there is a recognised system in place to deal with the reporting, recording and investigation of incidents and accidents.
- Ensure that there is a recognised system in place for reporting work related injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences under the RIDDOR Regulations.

- Provide appropriate first aid arrangements for employees and anyone attending the premises that may be affected by the school's activities.
- Provide health surveillance for any employees who may be **at risk** of ill-health as a direct result of work activities, and has made appropriate arrangements to deal with this issue.

The first aid box(es) is/are available:	Infant resource area
The first aider(s) and appointed person(s) is/are:	Infant resource first aid area
All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported to:	Joanne Heap Headteacher
*Health surveillance is required for employees doing the following jobs within the school:	Any pregnant employee will require a specific Risk Assessment to be completed and their duties may need to be modified to take account of their changing capabilities:
Health surveillance will be arranged by:	Joanne Heap, Headteacher
Health surveillance/records will be kept by/at:	Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager in the Office.

Performance Monitoring

The school acknowledges its requirement to monitor the health and safety of employees and anyone who may be affected by its work activities and has appropriate arrangements in place to fulfil this requirement and to keep records.

To check our working conditions and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will: Conduct workplace inspections. These are carried out by: Helen Wild	Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager Paul McCormick, Site Supervisor School Governor
Review all risk assessments regularly (3 yearly is recommended for task risk assessments and 5-yearly for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes.	See Section: Health and Safety Risks Arising from Work Activities for responsibility details
Responsible person(s) for investigating accidents - e.g. road traffic accidents, slips, trips and/or falls accidents etc. before requesting assistance from the Health, Safety and Quality Team if necessary:	Joanne Heap, Headteacher
Responsible person(s) for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences:	Joanne Heap, Headteacher
Responsible person(s) for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences:	Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager

Responsible person(s) for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness absence:	Debbie Wroe, School Business Manager
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Emergency Procedures - Fire and Evacuation

The school acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that appropriate emergency procedures are in place and that these are communicated to all concerned, including other users of the premises, and monitored on a regular basis.

Responsibility for ensuring the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented rests with:	Joanne Heap Headteacher
Escape routes are checked by/every:	Paul McCormick Site Supervisor daily
Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:	JLA Ltd - annually
Alarms are tested by/every:	Paul McCormick Site supervisor tests fire alarm weekly JLA Ltd check the fire alarm annually. JLA Ltd check the alarms annually.
The emergency evacuation procedure is tested by/every:	Joanne Heap, Headteacher Termly
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place to deal with other emergency situations e.g. bomb threat, flood, etc. rests with:	Joanne Heap, Headteacher

Table of Occupational Health & Safety Topics/Activities that apply

Occupational Health & Safety Topic/Activity (This is not a comprehensive list. Please add any further topics/activities relevant to the school). Information and Guidance is available on the web site, link below: Health, Safety & Quality web site	Applicable (√)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Accident Reporting, Recording and Investigation	√	Office
Bodily Fluids (urine; blood; faeces; vomit) & Biological Agents	√	Teacher Drive
Catering	√	School Kitchen
Cleaning/caretaking	√	Office
Control of contractors	√	Teacher Drive
Disability access (health & safety implications)	√	Office
Display Screen Equipment and Eye Tests	√	Portal
Driving at Work	√	Portal
Emergency Procedures other than Fire e.g. flood, services failure	√	Office
Extended school and community use	√	Office
Fire Safety	√	Office
First Aid	√	Office
Gas safety e.g. installations, servicing, tests, visual checks, local policy on use of gas items in school etc.	√	Office
Home visits	√	Teacher drive
Hot surfaces, scalds and burns	√	Office
Health & Safety Induction (checklist available on web site)	√	Office
Lettings to non-school groups	√	Office
Lone working teaching and other staff	√	Teacher drive
Lone working site supervisor	√	Teacher drive
Manual Handling	√	Teacher drive
Mobile phones (the use of)	√	Office
Needles and needle stick injuries	√	Office
Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression	√	Office
Play Equipment installations inspections	√	Office

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Playgrounds and external areas	√	
Premises Management (see Premises Management Guidance & Records on Health & Safety web site)	√	Office
Pupil moving and handling (special needs)	√	Office
Pregnant employees and nursing mothers	√	Office
Premises	√	Teacher drive
Reporting of health & safety concerns/faults	√	Office
Shared use of buildings	√	Office
Sharps e.g. broken glass either in school building or external grounds	√	Office
Slips and trips	√	Portal
Stress	√	Portal
Substances – COSHH	√	Office
Vehicle and pedestrian traffic	√	Office
Waste storage and disposal	√	Office
Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc.) – a Legionella Risk Assessment should be in place as part of your premises management arrangements	√	Office
Working at height – ladders, access equipment etc.	√	Office

Table of Non-Occupational Health & Safety Topics/Activities that apply

Curriculum and other non-occupational activities (information and guidance is available in various parts of the Schools Portal)	Applicable (√)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Art – metal wire use	√	Teacher drive
Administration of medication	√	Office
Bringing animals into school	√	Teacher drive
CDT Equipment and hand tools	√	Teacher drive
*Educational Visits	√	Iain German EVC
Electricity lessons	√	Teacher drive
Food safety and hygiene	√	Office
Forces and motion	√	Teacher drive
Forest School	√	Teacher drive
Glue guns	√	Teacher drive
Glues and paints	√	Teacher drive
Guillotines (Electric and Manual)	√	Teacher drive
Heating and Burning	√	Teacher drive
ICT equipment	√	Teacher drive
Laminators	√	Teacher drive
Messy play	√	Teacher drive
Micro organisms	√	Teacher drive
Needles and pins	√	Teacher drive
Outdoor activities early years	√	Teacher drive
Outdoor activities general	√	Teacher drive
PE Equipment	√	Office
PE Indoors	√	Teacher drive
PE outdoors	√	Teacher drive
Plants	√	Teacher drive
Pupil handling and restraint	√	Office
Resistant materials area	√	Teacher drive
Sewing machines	√	Teacher drive

Soft play area	√	Teacher drive
Special needs of pupils health & safety issues	√	Teacher drive
Supervision of pupils	√	Teacher drive
Swimming sessions (safe practice)	√	Teacher drive
Wearing of jewellery	√	Teacher drive
Wearing of jewellery	√	Office

The school will also take into account the risks, and make health and safety arrangements for, non-routine, out of hours, 'one-off', seasonal or sporadic activities for example special school and community events such as school fetes, etc.

Note: Educational Visits have a separate intranet site on the Schools Portal at [Educational Visits](#).