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HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY - Issue 11

SIGN AND RETURN

Incorporating the Local Health and Safety Arrangements for:

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| ○ Name of School | Whitefield Infant School and Nursery |
| ○ Category of School | Community |
| ○ School Number | 13-011 |
| ○ School Address | Every Street, Nelson, Lancashire BB9 7HF |

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 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:

- 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 healthy 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 of this template by the county council;
- 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".

Staff Name:	Signed:
Date:	On behalf of the Governing Body
Headteacher's name: Mrs E Mason	Chair of Governors name: Mr Steve Wilkinson
	Proposed Review date: Spring term 2027

Responsibilities

The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school is that of e.g. headteacher:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
The delegated member of staff with day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is eg school business manager, health and safety co-ordinator etc:	Mrs S Afzaal – SBM
To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in their specific areas eg premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-hours arrangements, educational visits:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Out of hours/Premises issues and other emergencies.</i> <i>Mrs S Afzaal – Out of hours/Premises issues and other emergencies</i> <i>Site Supervisor – Out of hours/fire safety</i> <i>Miss J Stott – Educational Visits</i>
Health and safety objectives for the school (as identified by accident/incident investigation, consultation, review of risk assessments, health and safety management support and audit visits; advice from the county council etc, or other sources eg DfE, Teachers.Net, other schools, the HSE) will be developed and monitored by:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Documented health and safety objectives and any associated action plan(s) can be found: Note: Any actions arising from those objectives should be documented eg as an action plan, and monitored to ensure they are achieved.	School Development Plan / Health & Safety Report
All employees within the school have a responsibility to: 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; 4. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement); and, 5. Adhere to the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document which state 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 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.	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal Class teachers Mr Bobby</i>
The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported to:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
The responsibility for ensuring the action required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Checking that implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Risk assessments will be reviewed regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes. Responsibility for this rests with:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>

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 and 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 within 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:

- make health and safety procedures and documentation available for inspection upon request
- regularly review its arrangements in respect of the applicable topics and activities listed in the table at the end of this Policy document.

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:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Consultation with employees is provided via:	<i>Individual staff appraisals Memos Updated policies made available to all staff Staff opinions sought Weekly staff meetings Documents reviewed annually</i>

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;
- regularly inspect the workplace;
- represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors; and,
- 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:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher Mrs S Afzaal – SBM</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring effective maintenance arrangements are in place:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>
Any problems found with equipment should be reported to:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher Mrs S Afzaal – SBM</i>
Responsible person(s) to check that new equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher Mrs S Afzaal – SBM</i>

Information, instruction and supervision

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at: Note: It is a legal requirement to display the Health and Safety Law Poster in a prominent position in each workplace eg in the school's reception area, or to give employees a copy of the Health and Safety Law leaflet.	<i>Staff room</i>
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Health and safety advice is available from:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher Mrs S Afzaal – SBM LCC website</i>
Induction, supervision of trainees/work placements etc will be arranged/undertaken/monitored by:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher Mrs S Afzaal – SBM Miss J Stott – Assistant Headteacher</i>
Health and safety in shared premises (where applicable) is managed by:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher</i>

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. Job specific health and safety training will also be provided if needed to achieve the required competency. Training arrangements will include regular refresher training where appropriate. Write down your arrangements for training here, including arrangements for record keeping.

Induction training will be arranged/undertaken for all employees by:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher/ Mrs S Afzaal – School Business Manager/appropriate line manager or identified person as specified on induction programme</i>
Job specific training will be provided by:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher/ Mrs S Afzaal – School Business Manager / appropriate line manager or identified person as specified on induction programme</i>
Jobs requiring specific health and safety training are:	<i>Legionella and water monitoring COSHH H & S eLearning</i>
Training records are kept by:	<i>Miss J Stott Mrs S Afzaal</i>
Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:	<i>Miss J Stott Mrs S Afzaal Line Managers</i>

Accidents, first aid and work-related ill health

The school acknowledges the legal requirement to:

- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for the reporting, recording and investigation of incidents and accidents;
- ensure there are adequate arrangements 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;
- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place to provide health surveillance for any employees who may be **at risk** of ill-health as a direct result of their work activities.

The first aid box(es) is/are available:	<i>All classrooms Office Staffroom Nursery</i>	
The first aider(s) and appointed person(s) is/are:	<i>Paediatric: R Burns/K Parveen/R Liaqat/A Malik/J Hutchinson/R O Horo/G Worswick/S Parveen/P Akhtar/F Mansoor/Z Kazmi/A Barton/S Whittaker/B Yousaf/N Farooq/I Williams/H Simpson/S Azam/T Kauser/T Ghafoor/M Farrell/S Aziz First Aid at Work: G Wesley//L Willan/Z Aslam/N Hussain</i>	
All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported to:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>	
*Health surveillance is not required for any job roles within the school.	<i>We will monitor specific individuals on a case by case basis.</i>	
Health surveillance will be arranged by:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>	
Health surveillance/records will be kept by/at:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>	

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:	<i>Mrs E Mason / Mrs S Afzaal / Mr Bobby</i>
Review all risk assessments regularly (at least	<i>See Section: Health and Safety</i>

every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes.	Risks Arising from Work Activities for responsibility details
Responsible person(s) for investigating accidents eg road traffic accidents, slips, trips and/or falls etc before requesting assistance from the Health, Safety and Quality team if necessary:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>
Responsible person(s) for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>
Responsible person(s) for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>
Responsible person(s) for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness absence:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal</i>

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:	<i>Mrs E Mason Mrs S Afzaal Mr Bobby – Site Supervisor</i>
Escape routes are checked by/every:	<i>Mr Bobby – daily</i>
Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:	<i>Service contract in place by JLA Mr Bobby – monthly</i>
Alarms are tested by/every:	<i>Mr G Wesley / Mr Bobby – weekly</i>
The emergency evacuation procedure is tested by/every:	<i>Whole school – termly</i>
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place to deal with other emergency situations eg bomb threat, flood, etc. rests with:	<i>Mrs E Mason – Headteacher Mrs S Afzaal – SBM</i>

Table of occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Occupational health and safety topic/activity (Note: This is not a comprehensive list. Please add any further topics/activities relevant to your school.) Information and guidance is available on the Health, Safety and Quality team website :	Applicable (√)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Accident reporting, recording and investigation		Main office/oracle
Asbestos management plan		
Bodily fluids (urine; blood; faeces; vomit) and biological agents		Risk assessment staffroom
Cleaning/caretaking tasks		SBM office
Control of contractors		Mrs E Mason
Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)		Health and safety sheet when contractors sign in / security badges – main office
Disability access (health and safety implications)		School fully compliant with DDA regulations to ensure access for pupils with mobility problems
Display screen equipment and eye tests		Risk assessments undertaken by DSE users
Driving at work		Risk assessment staffroom
Electrical safety, for example, installations, PAT tests, visual checks, local policy on bringing electrical items into school etc		PAT tests annually – reports in SBM office Staff made aware no electrical items from home unless been PAT tested
Emergency procedures other than fire, for example flood, services failure		Headteacher office/staffroom/main office
Extended school and community use		
Finger traps (internal and external)		Risk assessment staffroom
Fire safety		All staff given copy/training annually/details in SBM office/staffroom/classrooms
First aid		List in office, staffroom, LRC and nursery of nominated first aiders
Gas safety, for example, installations, servicing, tests, visual checks, local policy on use of gas items in school etc		Site Supervisor Office and SBM Office
Health and safety induction (a checklist is available on the health safety and quality website)		

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Infection control, including needles and needlestick injuries		Notices identifying beware hot surface/water
Lettings to non-school groups		H & S induction undertaken when starting in school
Manual handling		
Minibuses		LCC self-assessment in place – see staff files/handouts
Mobile phones (the use of)		Policy in each staff manual
Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression		Risk assessment staffroom
Play equipment installations inspections		Risk assessment staffroom
Playgrounds and external areas		SBM office/Risk assessment staffroom
Ponds and water features		SBM office/Risk assessment staffroom
Premises management (see premises management guidance on the Health, Safety and Quality team's website)		Risk assessment staffroom
Pupil moving and handling (special needs)		SBM office
Pregnant employees and nursing mothers		Available from SENCO
Reporting of health and safety concerns/faults		Risk assessments completed asap and filed in personnel file
Severe weather including winter gritting		Procedure in place/book in staffroom
Shared use of buildings		Risk assessment staffroom/sharps bin available from site staff
Sharps, for example, broken glass in the school building or external grounds		Recorded in near miss book in main office
Stress		Wellbeing programme in place for staff
Swimming pools		Chemical data sheets available in site office
Transport safety/vehicle movement – arrangements for vehicle movement, car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation on site		Risk assessment staffroom
Visitor and volunteers' safety		Headteacher/class teacher/procedures on signing in system

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Waste storage and disposal		Recycling of paper, plastic, garden refuse – appropriate waste disposal carried out by outside agency. Waste transfer notes in SBM office.
Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc) – a Legionella Risk Assessment should be in place as part of your premises management arrangements		Weekly/monthly checks carried out by site staff – available in site supervisor / SBM office
Work equipment and machinery		Training provided for specialist machinery
Working at height – ladders, access equipment etc		LCC self assessment in place. All ladders conform to EN131. Elephant steps provided around the school.
Workplace inspection (internal and external)		Annually by Headteacher/SBM/Site Supervisor/ICT Lead

Table of non-occupational health and 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
Administration of medication		See Headteacher/SENCO
*Educational visits		See Miss N Key – EV co-ordinator
Food safety and hygiene		LCCG
Outdoor activities		Risk assessment staffroom
PE equipment		Risk assessment staffroom
Pupil handling and restraint		See Headteacher/SENCO
Grounds maintenance activities		Mrs S Afzaal & Site Supervisor /Nurture Landscapes
Pupil movement and flow		All staff made aware of pupil movement in school. Pupils have assigned exit routes from classrooms.
School transport		Only approved companies used.
Science (only where not covered by curriculum safety procedures set down in CLEAPSS)		See science co-ordinator.
Smoking		No smoking policy – staff handbook
Special needs of pupils (health and safety issues)		Available from SENCO
Supervision of pupils		See EV co-ordinator
Technology rooms and equipment		Risk assessment staffroom
Wearing of jewellery		School prospectus
Work experience		See Miss J Stott
<i>-add more as required</i>		

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](#).