



Twynning School

Health and Safety Policy

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HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY DOCUMENT

PART 1

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This policy statement is the local supplement to Gloucestershire County Council Corporate Health & Safety Policy Document.

The school's Governing Body and Headteacher recognise and accept their responsibilities both under law and also under Gloucestershire County Council delegation for local management of schools. As responsible employers and/or persons in control of premises, the requirement to provide a safe and healthy working environment for all employees and others affected by its activities is acknowledged.

The school is committed to managing risks by ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken, control measures implemented and systems are continuously monitored and reviewed led by the school's Governing Body and Headteacher.

In particular the Governing Body and Headteacher are responsible for:

- providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment and ensuring that the premises are maintained in a safe condition;
- maintaining safe access to and egress from the premises;
- preventing accidents and work related ill health;
- assessing and controlling risks from curriculum and non-curriculum work activities including offsite visits;
- complying with statutory requirements as a minimum;
- ensuring safe working methods and providing safe equipment;
- providing effective information, instruction and training;
- monitoring and reviewing systems to make sure they are effective;
- developing and maintaining a positive health and safety culture through communication and consultation with employees and their representatives on health and safety matters;
- setting targets and objectives to develop a culture of continuous improvement;
- ensuring a healthy working environment is maintained including adequate welfare facilities;
- ensuring adequate resources are made available for health and safety issues, so far as is reasonably practicable;
- ensuring safe use, handling and storage of substances at work.

In addition to the above commitment, the Governing Body and Headteacher also recognise their obligations to non-employees and provide trainees, members of the public, pupils, contractors, etc, or anyone who is or may be affected by the schools' activities with the necessary information, instruction, training and supervision available to ensure the safety of those affected.

The Governing Body and Headteacher will ensure adequate resources, including finance to implement the Policy.

The Governing Body and Headteacher are committed to the arrangements stated in this Policy Document and all staff are required to comply. They are encouraged to support the Governing Body and Headteachers commitment to continuous improvement in the schools' health and safety performance. For the Policy Document to be effectively implemented, the school requires the full co-operation of employees and others who use the premises.

This Policy Statement and the accompanying organisation and arrangements will be reviewed at least annually and revised as and when necessary.

This Policy Statement, together with the organisational structure and the following arrangements and procedures, has been approved by the school's Governing Body.

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PART 2 - ORGANISATION

<p><i>Organisation – Introduction.</i></p> <p>In order to achieve compliance with the Governing Body and Headteacher's Statement of Intent the school's normal management structure will have additional responsibilities assigned to them as detailed in this part of this H&S Policy Document.</p>	<p>Headteacher has overall responsibility for Health and Safety. School Business Manager is responsible for updating and keeping records of any Health and Safety matters.</p>
<p><i>The Duties of the Governing Body</i></p> <p>The Governing body has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with this H&S Policy Document. In consultation with the Headteacher the Governors will ensure that there are effective and enforceable arrangements for the provision of health and safety throughout the school, periodically assessing the effectiveness of this document ensuring that any necessary revisions are made to determine the policy and monitor its implementation.</p>	<p>Finance and Premises committee are responsible for Health and Safety matters on behalf of the Full Governing Body.</p>
<p><i>The Duties of the Headteacher</i></p> <p>The Headteacher has day-to-day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this H&S Policy Document. In consultation with the Governors the Headteacher will ensure that there are effective and enforceable arrangements for the provision of health and safety throughout the school, periodically assessing the effectiveness of this document ensuring that any necessary revisions are made to determine the policy and monitor its implementation. The Headteacher will maintain the profile of health and safety within the school by the development of safe working practices and conditions and will ensure that health and safety standards are maintained at all times.</p>	<p>Safe working practices are continually implemented/tour of the school site with Premises Manager termly</p> <p>Works are prioritised short term/medium term and long term – reported to the School Governing Body</p>

<p><i>The Duties of Employees</i></p> <p>All employees have individual legal responsibilities to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and for others who may be affected by their acts or omissions, and must comply with the school's Health & Safety Policy Document and procedures at all times, co-operate with school management in complying with relevant health and safety law, use all work equipment and substances in accordance with instruction, training and information received, report to their immediate line manager any hazardous situations and defects in equipment found in their work places, report all incidents in line with current incident reporting procedure, act in accordance with any specific health and safety training received, inform their line manager of what they consider to be shortcomings in the school's health and safety arrangements and exercise good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness.</p>	<p>Premises Supervisor</p>
<p><i>Pupils</i></p> <p>Pupils, in accordance with their age and aptitude, are expected to exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others, observe standards of dress consistent with safety and/or hygiene, observe all the health and safety rules of the school and in particular the instructions of staff given in an emergency, use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with anything provided for their health and safety.</p>	
<p><i>School Safety Representatives</i></p> <p>The Governing Body and Headteacher recognise the role of Safety Representatives who may be appointed by a recognised Trade Union. Safety Representatives will be allowed to investigate accidents and potential hazards, pursue employee complaints and carry out school</p>	

<p>inspections within directed time but, wherever practicable, outside teaching time. Safety Representatives are entitled to certain information, e.g. information relating to accidents, and to paid time away from the workplace to train for and carry out their health and safety functions. (However representatives are not part of the management structure and do not carry out duties on behalf of the Headteacher or Governing Body).</p>	
<p><i>Temporary Staff</i> Temporary staff are provided with information and guidance which includes the Health & Safety Policy Document, fire and emergency procedures etc. and are suitably inducted to their role. Temporary staff are directly accountable to the Headteacher whilst on the school site.</p>	<p>The Headteacher will brief staff on Health and Safety guidelines and emergency procedures.</p>
<p><i>Teaching Staff</i> Teaching Staff have a day to day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Health & Safety Policy Document and ensuring all persons under their control are aware of the general health and safety requirements of the school and the detailed requirements for activities relevant to them. Teachers are responsible for the immediate safety of the pupils in his/her classroom. Nominated teachers are responsible for their own classroom and associated equipment and as such it is their responsibility to ensure that it is maintained to a high standard with respect to health and safety issues.</p>	<p>Any potential hazards are reported to the Premises Supervisor.</p>

<p><i>Teaching Assistants</i></p> <p>Teaching assistants have a day to day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Health & Safety Policy Document and are immediately accountable to the teacher in charge whilst the class is in session.</p>	<p>Any potential hazards are reported to the Premises Supervisor</p>
<p><i>The Duties of Off Site Visit Coordinators (OVC)</i></p> <p>The Offsite Visit Coordinator (OVC) ensures that standards for off-site activities and educational visits are followed. The OVC works with trip leaders to ensure the aim of the educational visit is achievable and in line with those of the school. The school refers to the Off-Site Visits Manual on the SHE webpages along with the use of eVisit.</p>	<p>The SBM is the named competent person nominated as the Off Site Visits Co-ordinator and attends regular training to keep updated. Staff will complete the risk assessment on eVisit and then liaise with office staff when organising trips.</p>
<p><i>The Duties of Premises Manager (Business Manager, Site Manager)</i></p> <p>The Premises Manager has a day to day responsibility for ensuring compliance with the school Health & Safety Policy Document and taking effective action and/or immediately referring to the Headteacher any health and safety issues brought to their attention, this includes the stopping of any practices or the use of any tools, equipment etc which are considered unsafe.</p>	<p>The Premises Supervisor will walk the site on a regular basis and check for any Health and Safety issues. The Headteacher and a designated Governor will also walk the site on a termly basis and highlight any action points.</p>
<p><i>Volunteer and Parent Helpers</i></p> <p>Volunteer and parent helpers are provided with information and guidance which includes health and safety, fire and emergency procedures etc. Volunteer and parent helpers are directly accountable to the teacher in charge whilst on the school site.</p>	<p>Any potential hazards are reported to the Premises Supervisor. School has a "Parent and Volunteer in School" Policy (being written).</p>

PART THREE – GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

<p><i>Arrangements</i></p> <p>The following procedures and arrangements have been established within the school to minimise health and safety risks to an acceptable level.</p>	<p>Responsibility of: Name/Title</p>	<p>Action/Arrangements (customise to meet your own situation)</p>
<p><i>Communication</i></p> <p>The school recognises the importance of communication to such as staff, visitors, pupils, parents, volunteers, contractors etc:</p>	<p>Headteacher</p>	<p>Weekly newsletter to parents will highlight any safety information. School website is updated continually and contractors on site will be briefed of Health and Safety arrangements and have access to the asbestos register.</p>
<p><i>Consultation with Employees</i></p> <p>The school recognises the importance of consulting with employees on health and safety matters.</p>		<p>Health and Safety updates and training is included in the first INSET day of each academic year. Staff training is carried out as and when necessary. Courses are attended as required.</p>

Section 1 - RISK ASSESSMENT		
<p><i>Risk Assessment</i></p> <p>The school uses GCC risk assessment process and template as a standard for risk assessment and those of relevant professional bodies such as CLEAPPS/AfPE etc.</p> <p>Risk assessment is the responsibility of the schools Management Team at a variety of levels. Those responsible for premises or curriculum areas ensure that risk assessments are undertaken and recorded for significant activities. Risk assessments are reviewed periodically or where there is a change in circumstances.</p> <p>The following staff are responsible for completion of risk assessments within the following areas:</p>		<p>Headteacher is ultimately responsible. With duties given to the Premises Supervisor and the School Business Manager</p>

<p><i>School Trips/Offsite Visits</i></p> <p>The school complies with DfE Guidance and the GCC standards on offsite visits and school journeys. School uses eVisit for school trip risk assessments.</p>		<p>The teacher in charge of the trip will complete the risk assessments which are then checked by the SBM/Headteacher. Any relevant risk assessments and health and safety information from the destination are emailed to the school and used in completing the risk assessment.</p>
<p><i>Working at Height</i></p> <p>The risks associated with working at height are identified through risk assessment using SHE/GN/5 <i>Working at Height</i>. Frequent documented checks take place to ensure the safe working condition of access equipment. Procedures are in place to ensure any damaged access equipment is clearly labelled and removed as soon as practicable. The school discuss and agree arrangements with staff. Where members of staff have medical conditions or other factors which may affect their ability to use access equipment, a separate risk assessment is in place. Staff also have a responsibility to ensure their own health and safety and assist in the operation of any systems designed to provide for their safety.</p>		<p>There is no working at height.</p>
<p><i>Noise</i></p> <p>The school is aware of its responsibility for assessing the risks of noise and where noise is identified as a significant risk the school ensures appropriate control measures are put in place.</p>		<p>No significant risk of high noise levels around school. Noise levels may be higher in the hall due to assemblies and PTFA discos but these will be risk assessed if appropriate.</p>

<p><i>Violence to Staff</i></p> <p>The school are aware of their responsibility for assessing the risks of violence to staff and where violence is identified as a significant risk the school ensure appropriate control measures are put in place. Staff report any incident of aggression or violence (or near misses) directed to themselves through the reporting process. All reported incidents of violence are recorded on the SHE Assure system.</p>		<p>Entry system into site and Reception to stop people entering the building or premises. Staff will not see aggressive parents alone.</p>
<p><i>Security Arrangements Including Dealing with Intruders</i></p> <p>Risks to security of the premises and property are assessed through the risk assessment process and appropriate control measures implemented.</p>		<p>All visitors to site sign into the visitor's book and are given a visitor's badge. They will be asked to read a leaflet which contains both health and safety and safeguarding information. Normally visitors are accompanied by a member of staff whilst in school. Anyone not wearing a badge will be challenged by any member of staff. Parent helpers will also sign in and will have had the appropriate DBS checks.</p>
<p><i>Personal Security/Lone Working</i></p> <p>The school ensures that lone working is risk assessed and that appropriate control measures are put in place to mitigate those risks. Staff assist in the operation of any systems designed to provide for their safety.</p>		<p>Lone working is discouraged whenever possible. Staff will buddy up if they come into school in the holidays. The premises supervisor and cleaner do work alone but control measures are put in place to ensure their safety. The staff carry the portable school phone or mobile with them when on site and advise someone what time they expect to leave site.</p>

<p><i>Hazardous Substances (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health CoSHH)</i></p> <p>Where hazardous substances are used risk, assessments are undertaken and a hierarchy of control measures adopted which seeks to eliminate or substitute the substance concerned. Where necessary this H&S Policy Document is supplemented by a local Departmental Policy (e.g. in D&T) relating to the specific activities of the Department or area.</p>		<p>The School Business Manager is responsible for COSHH on site and will complete the COSHH risk assessments for any chemicals used. A copy of the cleaning COSHH records are kept in the cleaning cupboard and the remainder of the assessments are kept in a folder in the office. These assessments are annually reviewed.</p>
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<p><i>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</i> Employees/Managers assess on the basis of risk assessment and CoSHH assessments where the need for PPE is identified as a control measure. Where it is assessed that PPE is required PPE is appropriately selected and provided. A record is held which includes details of any expiry dates to ensure equipment is replaced as and when necessary. Staff are responsible for ensuring that they use PPE where it is provided.</p>		<p>The Premises Supervisor and cleaner use PPE when appropriate and identified in the risk assessments. When dealing with blood and vomit a special spillage kit is available from the School Office.</p>
<p><i>School Transport</i> The school uses the SHE guidance on occupational driving as a basis to ensure safe transportation of pupils for activities such as offsite visits and sports fixtures. Risks associated with driving are evaluated within assessments for activities.</p>		<p>Staff are able to transport children if they have the appropriate business insurance and driving license which have been checked by school and copies kept in the personnel records.</p>
<p><i>Manual Handling (typical loads and handling pupils)</i> The school refers to the SHE/GN/30 <i>Manual Handling</i> and risks of manual handling are communicated within general risk assessment. Any activities that involve significant manual handling tasks are risk assessed and where appropriate training provided for staff. Head teachers are responsible for assessing the appropriate approach to handling tasks and may seek professional advice from SHE and Occupational Health as necessary.</p>		<p>The Premises Supervisor has been on a manual handling course.</p>

<p><i>Curriculum Safety (including extended schools activity/study support)</i></p> <p>Heads of Departments ensure that risks related to curriculum areas are identified and controlled where necessary referring to material such as CLEAPSS, AfPE, DATA and SHE guidance etc. For any activity falling outside published a risk assessment is carried out. An inventory of all equipment is kept by the departmental head and all tools/equipment/machinery are checked, maintained and stored correctly.</p>		<p>Lesson plans contains supervision, precautions, skills and training etc. Subject leaders are responsible for each area of the curriculum. PE and playground equipment are serviced on an annual basis.</p>
<p><i>Work Experience Placements</i></p> <p>The school undertakes workplace re-assurance checks in the absence of a provider and Work Experience Coordinators follow the working practices outlined in GCC SHE Work Experience Information Sheet 10 <i>Employers Questionnaire and Risk Guidance</i>. The school also takes into account the safeguarding of its pupils whilst commencing a work placement.</p>		<p>The Headteacher/SLT briefs all work experience placement students prior to starting to ensure clear expectations/standards/knowledge of safeguarding.</p>
<p><i>Display Screen Equipment</i></p> <p>The majority of staff within the school are not considered to be DSE users. The school refers to SHE/Pro/5 – <i>Working with Display Screen Equipment</i>. Headteachers/Heads of Department ensure that DSE workplace assessments are conducted for all users. DSE assessments are reviewed annually and where equipment changes or office layouts change or when there are staff changes.</p>		

<p><i>Parent Teacher Association</i></p> <p>The school offer support to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and provide a forum through which parents can become more involved in the education of their children. Risk assessments are carried out for PTA run events and adequate insurance is in place.</p>		<p>The PTFA have adequate insurance and will discuss their risk assessments with the Headteacher before each event takes place.</p>
<p><i>Playground Supervision/Play Equipment and Maintenance</i></p> <p>Risks are assessed using the SHE Information Sheet 14 <i>Playground Supervision</i>. A risk assessment of the potential hazards in the playground and their likelihood to cause harm has been undertaken and the following have been considered within the risk assessment process.</p>		<p>Playground is now secured with fencing. The potential hazards are the adventure playground, uneven field and play equipment in general. Playground Rota includes 2 members of staff at playtime and at least 2 MDSA at lunchtime. Positions of staff are allocated so maximum coverage of the playground is made. A member of staff is also on call at lunchtime for any issues such as behavior or first aid (trained first aiders available).</p>

Section 2 - PREMISES		
<p><i>Mechanical and Electrical (fixed and portable)</i></p> <p>The school takes appropriate measures to make sure that all electrical equipment is safe and suitable for the purpose intended. All relevant persons are made aware of the associated hazards and of the requirements to adopt working procedures designed to keep the risks to their health, and to the health of any other person, as low as reasonably achievable.</p> <p>Persons carrying out the testing and/or repair of electrical equipment, or carrying out experimental work on electrical equipment or its associated connections have the appropriate technical knowledge, training and information to enable them to work safely. Results of electrical safety tests (PAT testing and fixed wiring inspections) are recorded and held in the school office.</p> <p>Reference is made to AMPS <i>Technical Briefing Note EM005 Portable Appliance Testing</i>) and fixed electrical checks are carried out in accordance with AMPS Technical Guidance Note EM006 Fixed Wiring Periodic Test and Inspection.</p>		<p>PAT testing is carried out by a competent contractor on an annual basis. All electrical equipment brought into school must be PAT tested before being used.</p> <p>Fixed wiring testing is completed every five years and was last completed in 2023.</p>

<p><i>Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment</i></p> <p>The school inspects and maintains its equipment on a regular basis; however the frequency of these inspections is much dependant on the use and type of equipment. Guidance issued by Asset Management & Property Services (AMPS) on servicing, testing and inspection is followed and records are kept.</p>		<p>PE equipment and the outdoor play equipment is maintained and inspected by is checked annually by Sportsafe. Photocopiers leased and maintained by Midshires Communications. Hot water boiler is maintained and leased from PHS.</p>
<p><i>Asbestos</i></p> <p>To minimise risk from asbestos containing materials on the school site, the school maintains a safe and healthy environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complying with all regulations and GCC practices concerning the control of asbestos; • removing asbestos containing materials where the risk to building users is unacceptable; • having a named officer who has responsibility for implementing the Asbestos Management Plan in compliance with <i>The Management of Asbestos in County Council Occupied Premises Guidance</i>. • where necessary communicating to all staff and visitors where asbestos containing materials are located within the school site. 		<p>Asbestos register is kept in the school office. The school follows the asbestos management plan.</p>
<p><i>Service Contractors</i></p> <p>Service contractors have regular access to site as specified by a contract. The service contract specifies what work is expected of them and what they can expect from the school. Contractors follow their own safe</p>		<p>Any contractors will be supervised by the Premises Supervisor and will follow the same signing in procedures as visitors do.</p>

systems of work and their working methods take into account how they will impact upon staff, students and other visitors on site. The school provide details of its safe systems of work to the contractors where relevant and all contractors are consulted over emergency arrangements. A copy of this policy is provided to them.		
<p><i>Building Contractors</i></p> <p>This involves work where part of the site is handed over to the contractor. Hazards associated with this activity are controlled by effective supervision of students and contractors whilst on the school site.</p>		In the event of large scale building the HT will liaise with the building contractor and seek advice from SHE is necessary. Visitor badges will be supplied to all contractors. Contact details of the site manager will be available at all times. Contractors will be advised of health and safety procedures on site.
<p><i>Small Scale Building Works</i></p> <p>This includes day-to-day maintenance work and all work undertaken on site where a pre-work site meeting has not taken place.</p>		

<p><i>Lettings (shared working – playgroups etc)</i></p> <p>The school follows Asset Management & Property Services (AMPS) guidance and casual hiring agreement form. The school ensures that the hirer/tenant has public liability insurance in place in order to indemnify the school from all such hirers'/tenants' claims arising from negligence. If any part of the school is let, the Headteacher is satisfied via the agreement that the hiring organisation will use the premises in a safe manner. A signed, written letting agreement is completed and copies are kept and a risk assessment has been undertaken.</p>		<p>Scout Group on a Tuesday has a lettings agreements which include details of fire and emergency procedures and insurance. Copies of which are kept in the school office.</p>
<p><i>Slips/Trips/Falls</i></p> <p>The school recognises the main cause of accidents is slips, trips and falls. It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that their classroom has clear traffic routes and that exit routes are kept clear. The responsible person ensures regular inspection of communal areas. All hazards, obstructions, spillages, defects or maintenance requirements are reported to the Headteacher or via a recognised reporting process. All staff are expected to be vigilant and aware of possible hazards.</p>		<p>Daily checks made by class teachers and monthly site checks by Headteacher and Premises supervisor. Any issues reported to the Premises Supervisor via his log book. Accidents are all recorded in the accident book kept in the school office.</p>

<p><i>Cleaning</i></p> <p>A cleaning schedule is in place which is monitored by the Headteacher/responsible person. All waste is disposed of according to appropriate health and safety guidelines. Deep cleaning is undertaken on a regular basis where necessary. The school ensures general cleanliness, appropriate waste disposal, safe stacking and storage and the checking of general equipment such as ladders etc. All members of staff and students adopt good housekeeping practices to assist in the maintenance of a safe and healthy workplace.</p>		Cleaning is carried out by the directly employed cleaners.
<p><i>Transport Arrangements (on-site)</i></p> <p>The school segregate access traffic, vehicular and vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists and design out vehicular and vulnerable traffic route conflicts, both at access points and on site. The school wherever possible avoid same access for all.</p>		No vehicles are allowed on the school site.
<p><i>Bus Duties (supervision of pupils boarding school buses)</i></p>		Not applicable

<p><i>Caretaking and Grounds Maintenance (and grounds safety)</i></p> <p>The school identifies risks associated with caretaking and grounds maintenance and identifies the risks through the risk assessment process using the SHE/GN/46 <i>Caretaking Duties Risk Assessment Toolkit</i>.</p>		<p>Premises supervisor is responsible for organizing the grounds and building maintenance and keeping records which are held in the school office: These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire alarm and extinguishers Door control and intruder alarm system Legionella Glazing Emergency Lighting Site security and fencing
<p><i>Gas and Electrical Appliances</i></p> <p>Any necessary work and testing of gas and electrical appliances are carried out by qualified contractors. Gas and electrical appliances are also checked visually on a regular basis and subject to appropriate formal inspection.</p>		<p>Boiler is serviced annually by an approved GCC contractor. Water boiler in staff room and water dispensers are maintained on a 6-month frequency.</p>
<p><i>Glass and Glazing</i></p> <p>A risk assessment has been carried out for all glazing on site to ensure it complies with current safety standards. All low level glazing (below 800mm), such as glazing in doors and high risk glazing such as glazing within PE departments is toughened, laminated glass and complies with ACoP/British Standard or has been fitted with safety film. There is a system in place to ensure all broken glazing is reported through a known procedure and that the area is made safe immediately and repairs carried out as soon as possible. Glazing is also assessed during a regular site inspection.</p>		<p>Premises Supervisor checks glass and glazing on a regular basis.</p>

<p><i>Water Supply/Legionella</i></p> <p>An effective water hygiene management plan is in place to control the risks of legionellosis to staff and members of the public. The named responsible person has a clear understanding of their duty, has undertaken training in water system management and has the competence and knowledge to ensure that all operational procedures are carried out in a timely and effective manner. Regular documented water checks are undertaken and a system is in place to ensure an annual check is carried out. A legionella risk assessment has been documented and the site log book is used. A process is also in place to deal with any actions should they arise.</p>		<p>Premises Supervisor checks temperatures on a weekly basis and a three-yearly survey is completed by an approved contractor as appointed by GCC.</p>
<p><i>Snow and Ice Gritting</i></p> <p>Adequate arrangements are in place to minimise the risks from snow and ice on the site e.g. access/egress routes. A risk assessment has been carried out and an emergency plan has been developed to determine what type of action needs to be undertaken during adverse weather conditions. There is suitable storage for salt/grit and tools, (such as wheeled grit spreader) on site and a sufficient supply of grit/salt is available.</p>		<p>Headteacher and Premises Supervisor will risk assess the site and salt/grit will be used in the necessary area,</p>

Section 3 - MEDICAL/FIRE AND EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS		
<p><i>Infectious Diseases</i></p> <p>The school follows the guidance produced by the Health Protection Agency, which is summarised on the poster, <i>Guidance on infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings</i>.</p>		Poster is located in the staff room and on the school website.
<p><i>Dealing with Medical Conditions</i></p> <p>The school accommodates pupils with medical needs wherever practicable and makes reference to DfE circular - <i>Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs in School</i> which sets out the legal framework for the health and safety of pupils and staff. Responsibility for pupils' safety is clearly defined within individual care plans where necessary and each person involved with pupils with medical needs is aware of what is expected of them. Close cooperation between schools, parents, health professionals and other agencies help provide a suitably supportive environment for those pupils with special needs.</p>		Individual Health Care Plans are designed for any child with a medical condition. Any children with specific needs are on posters in the staff room, and all staff are updated regularly on any changes to conditions.
<p><i>Drug Administration</i></p> <p>The school accommodates pupils with medical needs wherever practicable and makes reference to DfE <i>Guidance Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings</i>. Parents have prime responsibility for</p>		Office staff will administer prescribed drugs to children through the school day if necessary. The parent will complete and sign an authorisation form with details of medicine, dosage, time and medical condition.

their child's health and provide the school with information about their child's medical condition. Parents obtain details from their child's General Practitioner (GP) or paediatrician, if needed. The school nurse and specialist voluntary bodies provide additional background information for staff.		
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<p><i>First Aid</i> The school follows the statutory requirements for first aid and provides suitably trained first aid staff. The guidance issued by the DfE on first aid for schools SHE/Pro/8 <i>First Aid</i> is followed.</p>		<p>First aid boxes are located in the classrooms and office along with a portable kit for trips etc.. Names of trained first aiders are on posters located throughout the school. Asthma kits are also available if required and parents have given consent.</p>
<p><i>Reporting of Accidents, Hazards, Near Misses</i> The school report and investigate all accidents, incidents and near misses and adhere to <i>SHE/Pro/4 Accident Reporting and Investigation</i>. In line with the SHE procedure, all staff are encouraged to report accidents, incidents and near misses and line managers investigate such incidents and identify and implement means to prevent a recurrence. All completed accident/incident/near miss forms are reported electronically using the SHE Enterprise accident database.</p>		<p>Accident book is located in the school office. Any reportable incidents are notified to the SHE unit. Accidents are reviewed for patterns and actions taken (if applicable or possible)</p>
<p><i>Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation</i> The school follows AMPS guidance. A risk assessment has been carried out and a safety management plan is in place.</p>		<p>Fire risk assessment is carried out every three years with the last one completed in November 2023.</p> <p>Fire drills are carried out every half or full term and the fire alarm is tested weekly.</p> <p>Appropriate levels of fire extinguishers, fire blankets and signage throughout the building.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers are checked annually by Stroud Fire and Alarms.</p>

Crisis and Emergency Management

A Crisis Management Team is in place to assist in the reduction of the consequences of major hazards and risks and to action a recovery plan in the event of a serious accident. The team acts as the decision-making influence for the management of an incident. Procedures and practices are in place for handling emergency situations and communicating these to all staff. All necessary equipment is available for rapid activation during an emergency which includes communications equipment, emergency plans and procedures, a log to record all actions taken during the crisis, necessary office equipment and supplies and appropriate building plans. A test is carried out on a regular basis to ensure that it is feasible and realistic. The emergency plan is reviewed on an annual basis and after any practice emergency exercise or real emergency. If deficiencies are found remedial action is taken.

Business Continuity Plan in place

Section 4 - MONITORING AND REVIEW		
<p><i>Monitoring</i></p> <p>Arrangements are monitored and reviewed annually and revised as new topics arise that may affect the process of managing health and safety for staff, pupils, contractors and other visitors.</p>		<p>This policy will be updated and adapted as and when required. It will also be reviewed on an annual basis.</p>
<p><i>Inspections</i></p> <p>Regular safety inspections are carried out by the nominated person(s) (using the format found in the <i>Good Stewardship Guide</i> and the <i>SHE Governors Guide - Workplace Inspections</i>) of premises/departments/furnishings and fittings and grounds are also carried out on a regular basis. All hazards and risks associated with the premises/departments/grounds are monitored and controlled.</p>		<p>Site inspections are carried out on a monthly basis with the Premises Supervisor and the Headteacher. Any actions are identified.</p>
<p><i>Review</i></p> <p>The school has mechanisms for undertaking active monitoring and review of health and safety which includes an arrangement of periodic planned health and safety checks of each section of the school, supplemented by various ad hoc and unplanned checks and inspections.</p>		<p>The Health & Safety Policy Document will be reviewed annually and approved by the Governors.</p> <p>Health and Safety updates communicated to staff during INSETS and staff meetings</p>

Auditing

As a means of confirming that the necessary systems to comply with legislation are in place and are being followed the school ensures a complete health and safety audit by competent persons. The action points identified through the audit form part of the school development plan.

H and S Audit carried out every three years by the SHE unit – last one completed November 2023.

Section 5 -TRAINING		
<p><i>Staff Health & Safety Training/Competence</i></p> <p>The school is committed to ensure staff are competent to undertake the roles expected of them. The Headteacher/Heads of Department undertake a training needs analysis to identify the competency requirements of specific job roles in terms of health and safety, and ensure that appropriate training is delivered and training records held centrally. The training need analysis is reviewed on an annual basis or on the introduction of new legislation. Line managers conducting the performance management process consider health and safety performance and address areas of concern with employees.</p>		Health and Safety training is booked and attended as and when required. H and S is covered during induction.
<p><i>Supply and Student Teachers</i></p> <p>The school's expectations are made clear to any supply and student teacher through the provision of Supply/Student Teacher/Staff Handbook. Teachers on supply and student teachers are given a copy of the Staff Handbook, Health & Safety Policy Document and other relevant policies. The Headteacher is responsible for liaising with the supply/student teacher on general school organisation and routines. When supply and student teachers attend the school to cover for staff absence at short notice the Headteacher/responsible person gives guidance on the work to be covered.</p>		Students are brief on H and S procedures before their placements commence, including safeguarding.

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<p><i>Volunteer and Parent Helpers</i></p> <p>Volunteer and parent helpers are subject to the schools safeguarding arrangements. Volunteers receive an induction from the designated teacher for child protection and general health and safety and are expected to wear a visitors badge at all times and follow the school procedures. The teacher is the principal point of contact and volunteers are under his/her direction. Conversations and any documentation to which volunteer/parent helpers may have access are strictly confidential and are treated as such.</p>		<p>Any safeguarding issues are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy. DSL information is in the school office and Head teachers office.</p>
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Section 6 - HEALTH AND WELLBEING		
<p><i>Pregnant Members of Staff</i></p> <p>The first aid room/rest room have rest facilities for expectant and nursing mothers. Members of staff who are pregnant are required to inform the school in writing so that an appropriate risk assessment of their work routines can be carried out with reference to SHE guidance.</p>		The office holds any completed risk assessment forms for pregnant workers. "Rashes and runs" consulted for illness/discuss at school.
<p><i>Health and Well Being Including Absence Management</i></p> <p>The school refers to SHE/GN/31 <i>Stress Risk Assessment Toolkit (Schools)</i> and has carried out a risk assessment based on the Health & Safety Executive's <i>Management Standards for Work-Related Stress</i>. The school endeavour to promote a culture of co-operation, trust and mutual respect and ensure good management practices are in place and staff have access to competent advice.</p>		Schools absence insurance will provide any advice needed.
<i>Smoking on Site</i>		No smoking on the school site.

Section 7 - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT		
<p><i>Environmental Compliance</i></p> <p>The school seeks to fulfil its waste management objectives through: using only what is needed; seeking alternatives where possible; recycling as much as practicable; disposing of as little as necessary.</p>		<p>Paper, and cardboard recycling through Printwaste.</p> <p>The school Eco Committee look at all aspects of environmental compliance.</p> <p>School now has milk delivered in glass bottles and cups are washed every day to reduce the plastic waste.</p>
<p><i>Disposal of Waste</i></p> <p>All waste classified as 'hazardous' is collected by specialist firms and disposed of in the approved manner.</p>		
Section 8 - CATERING AND FOOD HYGIENE		
<p><i>Catering and Food Hygiene</i></p> <p>All catering contractors have in place a food hygiene management system and competent health and safety advice. All contractors are registered with the Local Authority (District/Borough Council).</p>		<p>Schools catering is arranged through Caterlink the appointed contractor by GCC.</p>

Section 9 – HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE		
<i>Information</i> Health and safety advice is obtained from Safety, Health & Environment (SHE) 01452 425350 she@gloucestershire.gov.uk www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/she		