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Statement of Safety

1. St Meriadoc CofE Junior Academy recognises its legal and moral responsibilities to persons who may be adversely affected by school activities.
2. The School is committed to ensuring, by all reasonably practical means, the health, safety and welfare of its pupils, visitors, employees and contractors involved with the activities of the School. The School will seek to ensure that its legal duties and policy objectives are complied with at all times.
3. All foreseeable risks associated with the school's activities will be identified and removed or controlled through a process of risk assessment and management.
4. All employees will be given such information, instruction and training as may be necessary to enable the safe performance of their duties.
5. The school will seek to inform pupils' parents or guardians of any health and safety issues relevant to their child or children.
6. The arrangements for health, safety and welfare are detailed in the attached "Organisation and Arrangements" section.
7. The School will ensure, as far as is reasonably practical, that this policy and its supporting documents is kept up-to-date. A formal review and re-adoption of this policy will be carried out annually.

Responsibilities

It is recognised that individuals and groups of individuals have responsibilities for health, safety and welfare in the school. The individuals and groups identified below are expected to have read and understood the School's policies and procedures for ensuring health, safety and welfare and to conduct their duties in accordance with them.

Governors

The governors are responsible for ensuring that mechanisms and procedures are in place for health, safety and welfare. The Governors will receive regular reports to enable them, in collaboration with the Head Teacher, to prioritise resources for health, safety and welfare issues.

The Governors have an appointed Health and Safety Governor to receive information, monitor the implementation policies, procedures and decisions and feedback to the Governing Body on health, safety and welfare issues.

The governing body regularly communicate with the Board of Directors.

Headteacher

The Headteacher has responsibility for:-

- Day-to-day management of all health and safety matters in the school in accordance with the health and safety policy;
- Ensuring regular inspections are carried out;
- Submitting inspection reports to governors;
- Ensuring action is taken on health, safety and welfare issues;
- Passing on information received on health and safety matters to appropriate people;
- Carrying out accident investigations;
- Identifying and facilitating staff training needs;
- Liaising with governors on policy issues and any problems in implementing the health and safety policy;
- Co-operating with and providing necessary facilities for trade union safety representatives;
- Providing necessary facilities for all employees to be consulted on health and safety matters;
- Where contracts are negotiated directly between the school and the contractor, the Headteacher is also expected to monitor purchasing and contracting procedures, to ensure that their employer's health and safety policy is complied with.

The Headteacher is responsible for liaising with contractors undertaking major works and for ensuring that the risk due to having contractors on site is monitored and controlled.

The Headteacher has the authority to request action from the Contractor where conditions are considered to be unsafe.

All Employees

All employees have a general responsibility, as far as reasonably practical, to ensure the health, safety and welfare of themselves and others who may be affected by anything they do or fail to do. In particular, employees have a responsibility for:-

- Checking classrooms/work areas are safe;
- Checking equipment is safe before use;
- Ensuring safe procedures are followed;
- Ensuring protective equipment is used, when needed;
- Participating in inspections and the health and safety committee, if appropriate;
- Bringing problems to the relevant manager's attention

In addition, all employees have a responsibility to co-operate with the employer on matters of health and safety.

Volunteers

Volunteers (such as parent-helpers, etc.) have a responsibility to act in accordance with the school's policies and procedures for health and safety and to report any incident or defective equipment to a member of staff immediately.

Volunteers are also expected to act only under the supervision of a qualified teacher.

Specific Health, Safety and Welfare Policy and Procedures

First Aid

The school has assessed the need for first aid provision and has identified that 1 fully qualified first aider holding the First Aid at Work Certificate and personnel working directly with children holding either the Emergency Aid Certificate or Paediatric First Aid Certificate are required for adequate cover.

All support staff receive basic first aid training.

Coordinator:

The Headteacher is responsible for overseeing the arrangements for first aid within the school. Their duties include ensuring:-

- That first aid equipment is available at strategic points in the school
 - **Each classroom has their own medical pack.**
 - **The Main First Aid Box is located outside the staff room.**
- that the correct level of first aid equipment is maintained in each first aid box
- that a sufficient number of personnel are trained in first aid procedures
 - **Trained First Aid at work person – Mrs Hannah Martin**
- that first aid qualifications are, and remain, current (e.g. First Aid at Work Certificates are valid for 3 years).

First Aiders

The first aiders listed above will provide first aid treatment for anyone injured on site during the school day.

Support staff provide first aid for

- trips & visits
- extra-curricular activities organised by the school (e.g. sports events, after school clubs, parents evenings, school-organised fund raising events, etc.)

First aid cover is not provided for:-

- contractors
- events organised by third parties (fetes, evening clubs, etc.)

First aiders are responsible for ensuring that First Aid Logs are completed for all treatment given and that the necessary details are supplied for the reporting of accidents (see Reporting of Accidents section).

Treatment of Injuries

The School will rely on the knowledge and experience of its trained first aiders in order to administer appropriate treatment to injured persons.

In emergency situations, the first aider will call (or will instruct another member of staff to call) 999 and request that an ambulance and paramedics attend.

Where there is any doubt about the appropriate course of action, but the situation is not an emergency, the first aider will be expected to consult with the Health Service helpline:-

NHS DIRECT

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and, in the case of pupil injuries, with the parents or legal guardians.

Suspected Head, Neck & Spinal Injuries to Pupils

In the event of a suspected head, neck or spinal injury to a pupil it is the policy of this school, in addition to the normal first aid procedures, that the pupil's parent/guardian is contacted and informed of the injury.

The attending first aider, in consultation with the parent/guardian, will decide the appropriate course of action in each case. **The first aider will ensure that treatment is not delayed by difficulties in contacting the parent/guardian.**

In any case where there is any doubt about the pupil's wellbeing, the first aider is expected to contact NHS Direct for advice or phone for an ambulance as appropriate.

Other Significant Injuries

Any other serious injury will be notified to the parents/legal guardian by the quickest means possible (normally by phone).

In addition to the procedures above, the School will notify parents/legal guardians of any other significant injury by way of

- a telephone call

Escorting Pupils to Hospital

When it is necessary for a pupil to be taken to hospital, they will be accompanied by a member of staff – unless the pupil's parent or guardian is in attendance.

The member of staff will stay with the pupil until a parent or guardian arrives and responsibility is "handed over".

Medicines in School

The school follows DfE guidance on the dispensing of medicines in school.

This school will dispense medication which has been prescribed by a medical practitioner with written instructions for its use.

The School does not keep any other medication.

Dispensing of Medicine

All requests for the dispensing of medication must be accompanied by a consent form completed, signed and dated by the pupil's parent or guardian.

Mrs Hart is responsible for receiving medicines, checking consent and dose information, checking "use-by" dates and dispensing medication.

Miss Drew will deputise where necessary.

All medication will be kept in a secure location:-

The fridge in the staffroom or secure in the secretary's office.

Medication for personal use by members of staff must also be kept in a secure location. E.g. handbags, etc containing such items must be locked away and not be left in the classroom where pupils could gain access to them.

Medical Log

Consent forms will be kept in the Medical Log and will be kept for the duration of the pupil's attendance at the school.

The Medical Log will also contain a log of medications dispensed which will include:-

- name of pupil
- name of medication
- "use-by" date
- dose
- time
- date
- signature of dispenser
- comments/reactions

Medical Procedures

The school has provided a suitable place for the dispensing/application of medicines. Where necessary, arrangements have been made for pupils with particular conditions and these are detailed in individual care-plans.

Off-Site Activities

The school has a policy and procedure for off-site activities which includes the assessment of medical needs of all involved in the trip.

Accidents

Reporting Officer

Mrs Hart is responsible for the collection of information and the completion of the schools accident report form. In her absence, this role will be fulfilled by Mrs Broomhead.

All accidents must be reported to the reporting officer.

The Reporting Officer will record all accidents. The following incidents will be recorded and reported using the accident report form:-

- Specified Dangerous Occurrences (refer to Education Handbook for list)
- Specified diseases (refer to Education Handbook for list)
- All employee accidents
- All contractor accidents
- All accidents to members of the public/visitors
- Accidents to pupils which result in a major injury or death

- Accidents to pupils which result in the injured person being taken from the scene of the accident directly to hospital
- Accidents to pupils which may have resulted from a premises/equipment defect
- Accidents to pupils during structured activities
- Accidents to pupils where first aid treatment has been provided.

All other incidents will be recorded in the school's Incident Log.

Accident Investigation

Investigation reports will be entered into the accident report form. Major incidents will be reported to the Headteacher and the Health and Safety Governor.

Accidents Reportable to the Health and Safety Executive

Reports of fatalities, major accidents and over-three-day incidents are reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Fire

Fire Officer

The person responsible for organising the school's fire precautions is the Headteacher.

In her absence Mr Cook will do this.

The fire officer is responsible for:

- Arranging a fire evacuation drill at the beginning of the school year and at least once every term (once per half-term where practical)
- Recording the significant results of the fire evacuation drills

Ensuring that the Fire Log is kept up-to-date (arranging for alarm tests every week, emergency lighting every month, fire extinguisher checks, etc.)

Fire wardens: Sarah Broomhead and Chris Cook

All Staff

All staff are responsible for ensuring that pupils and visitors evacuate in an orderly and timely fashion in the event of the alarm sounding.

Evacuation and Registration Procedures

- *Exit route ---each classroom has an emergency exit. If access to the route is blocked then the nearest access point must be taken.*
- *Signage---There is adequate signage around the school showing exits and routes.*
- *Contingency arrangements if quick return to the building is prohibited—St Meriadoc Infant School will be made available if we are unable to return to our building.*
- *Arrangements for taking registers---The secretary will take all registers out when there is a need for evacuation. Class teacher will also have their class self-register available.*
- *Emergency contacts & mobile phone---The secretary will take the register of emergency contacts with her as we evacuate the building as well as a mobile phone. All senior management will take their mobile phones with them if they are nearby.*
- *Arrangements for contacting the emergency services—If needed, the secretary or senior management will contact the emergency services.*
- *Arrangements for evacuating disabled people (each person requires a personal emergency evaluation plan) - The T.A. working with a disabled person will be responsible for evacuating that child. Assistance will be given to any other adult requesting it.*
- *Arrangements for evacuation to a location off site--- We will contact the Infant school and arrange for evacuation, if this is occupied we will contact the secondary school and/or the church Hall.*
- *Arrangements for other emergency evacuations such as flood, bomb threat etc.—In the event of any other emergency, priority will be to ensure children and staff are safe and emergency services are contacted and evacuation procedures are undertaken.*

Electricity

The school will undertake to inspect and test all portable electrical appliances by a competent person at least once per year. All test certificates will be kept in the Premises Manager's office for the duration of the life of the appliance.

Coordinator

The Headteacher is responsible for keeping an up-to-date inventory of all relevant electrical appliances and for ensuring that all equipment is available for testing.

The coordinator is also responsible for arranging for a whole school fixed wiring inspection.

Personal Items of Equipment

Personal items of electrical equipment should not be brought into school for use by staff or pupils.

If a personal item is required to be used in school for a one off type event then permission must be sought from the Headteacher and the equipment must have a current portable appliance certificate and be used with a residual current device.

Where possible rechargeable battery type pieces of electrical equipment should be used.

All Staff

All staff will visually inspect electrical equipment before use for obvious defects.

Defective equipment will not be used and will be reported to the Headteacher for repair/replacement.

Work Equipment

The Headteacher will be responsible for overseeing the purchase of all work equipment.

All work equipment must be purchased from a reputable supplier for the type of equipment that is required.

Before purchase consideration must be given to

- the installation requirements,
- the suitability for purpose,
- the positioning and or the storage of the equipment,
- maintenance requirements (contracts & repairs);
- training and use of the equipment

Staff must not use new items of work equipment unless appropriate training has been given.

Working Alone

It is recognised that, from time to time, it may be necessary for school employees to work in situations or locations which are remote from other members of staff. This will include employees working in the evenings, weekends or during the holiday in the school on their own.

In such circumstances, the school will assess the risk to these individuals using the EEC Risk Assessment Software and will introduce suitable controls to ensure that all risks are minimised. A copy of the procedures introduced to control these risks will be kept in Headteacher's office.

Any staff wishing to work outside normal school hours must have prior agreement/permission from the Headteacher.

School Security

The site supervisor is the appointed person who is responsible for the security of the school at the end of the day by ensuring that doors, windows, skylights etc are secured.

The Headteacher/site supervisor are responsible for carrying out checks of the premises during the school holidays.

School staff responding to call outs

Staff nominated as out of hour's key holders are sometimes required to attend site following the activation of the alarm.

When they are called out they will not know what situation they will find and consequently systems need to be established which reduce the potential for them to be harmed.

It is considered that it is foreseeable that when attending a call out there is potential for injury due to assault (which is rare) or as the consequence of an accident.

The following person(s) Mr Stevenson, Mrs Anderson and Mr Brokenshire are the school's nominated representatives who will respond in an out-of-hours call out.

The school has assessed the risks to these individuals and introduced suitable control measures to ensure that all risks are minimised.

1 – Call out arrangements

The school will introduce call out arrangements that will reduce the possibility of injury to staff and which ensures that if an incident occurs support will be provided.

An employee should not enter a building alone unless there is an urgent and important need to do so before assistance arrives.

No employee is expected to enter a building where it is believed that there is a significant risk.

Following an event the risk assessment should be reviewed and further control measures implemented if appropriate.

Violence

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring

- All staff are aware of the policy
- All staff are aware of the procedures for avoiding violence at work
- All staff are aware of the procedures for dealing with violent incidents
- All staff are aware of the procedures for reporting violent incidents
- All staff are aware of the support facilities available to victims of violence at work
- All incidents of verbal and physical abuse to be recorded using the on-line accident reporting system.

Team Teach

Team teach is a training package for staff utilising de-escalation and positive handling strategies to support a child when they are in a crisis situation. Within this school Mrs Broomhead and Mr Cook are trained in team teach techniques. A specific policy, aimed at the control of pupils, has been adopted.

Arrangements for Supervision of Pupils

The school will be open from 8.30am to 2.45pm on weekdays during term times. Between these times supervision will be provided. Pupils will not be allowed on site outside these times, unless they are attending on-site wraparound care.

- Pupils will be delivered to their class teachers at the beginning of the day by their parents/carers or may arrive alone, if given parental permission.
- Pupils will be supervised in the playground at breaktime by a member of staff.
- Lunchtimes will be supervised by lunchtime supervisors at a ratio of at least 1:30.
- Pupils are collected at 2.30/ 2.45pm, from the classroom. Teaching staff are responsible for any child remaining behind after this time until such time as the parent arrives. Parents may give permission for pupils to walk home.

- Some pupils will attend our breakfast and after school club or extra- curricular clubs before/during and after school. These children will be supervised at all times by the person organising the club.

Risk Assessment

The school will carry out risk assessments for all activities using the European Education Consultants Risk Assessment Software.

Class teachers are responsible for managing the risk assessment process and producing relevant reports for the Headteacher and the Governors.

Safe Working Procedures

The risk assessments will be used to develop safe working procedures which must be followed by all staff.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment must be supplied to control the hazard as a last resort; i.e. where the hazard cannot be reduced to an acceptable level of risk by other means.

Where identified by the process of Risk or COSHH assessment, personal protective equipment will be supplied to staff or pupils.

Examples– gloves, high visibility wear, footwear.

The Headteacher/Projects Manager will be responsible for the purchase of PPE ensuring that it is of the correct type, is suitable for the purpose and of the correct size to ensure that the fit is comfortable for the wearer. (Where specialist PPE is required you may wish to refer to H&S Services for advice)

In addition, the Headteacher/Projects Manager will ensure that suitable arrangements are in place for the storage, cleaning and replacement of PPE. (Replacement PPE must be readily available at all times)

See also Covid Risk Assessment

Staff

When issued with PPE, persons are required to wear it where identified by Risk / COSHH assessments, keep it clean, store it correctly and report any faults to the Projects Manager so that replacements can be provided.

Completion of a 'Defect Report Form' must be followed and handed to the Projects Manager for action.

The Control of Hazardous Substances

All substances which may be considered hazardous to health have been assessed using the Council's COSHH Database (except in Science – these are covered by the CLEAPSS Hazcard system). Assessments have been returned to the school and copies are available in the COSHH file in the Caretaker's Office.

COSHH Coordinator

Mrs Anderson and Mr Stevenson are responsible for ensuring that, before any new substance/chemical is used, a COSHH assessment has been obtained.

The coordinator is responsible for ensuring that COSHH assessments are seen and understood by those staff who are exposed to the product/substance.

The coordinator is also responsible for ensuring that any updated COSHH assessments received are seen and understood by those who are exposed to the product/substance and that the COSHH file is kept up-to-date.

The coordinator is responsible for ensuring that COSHH assessments are also obtained from contractors on site (both regular contracts such as cleaners and caterers and from builders, decorators, flooring specialists, etc) where persons may be affected by their use on site or the storage of such substances/materials may need to be controlled.

In addition, any hazardous substances / materials being used by artists, crafters, etc. must have appropriate COSHH assessments before being used in the school.

All Staff

All staff must ensure that they do not use any potentially hazardous substance without first familiarising themselves with the requirements of the COSHH assessment.