

Health and safety policy arrangements for Sydenham Primary School

Introduction

Warwickshire County Council as the school's statutory employer has a written statement of general health and safety policy. The policy details the County Council's statement of intent for health, safety and welfare of all employees, and the specific delegated responsibilities for all levels of managers and staff. This includes head teachers and staff in community and voluntary controlled schools.

The school uses the County Council's health and safety policy as the first part of the school health and safety policy. These school health and safety policy arrangements supplement the WCC health and safety policy and relate to local procedures and relevant documents in place that are used in the management of health and safety within the school. This includes school activities on and off the premises.

For many areas of health and safety the school refers and adheres to WCC health and safety policies, procedures, advice and guidance; produced by the WCC Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Service. The school also follows and adheres to the requirements contained in the WCC Health and Safety Standards document.

All WCC policies and standards referred to in these arrangements are available in the schools health and safety document library at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolhsdocs School specific procedures and documents can be located on the Safequarding Display Board and on the school's website at www.sydenhamprimaryschool.co.uk

These policy arrangements and other specific health and safety policies and procedures are communicated to relevant staff upon induction and when work activities change. Where appropriate, consultation with staff / trade union representatives and any other persons will also take place. The arrangements will be reviewed on an **annual** basis or sooner if work activities change.

For further information and advice on any aspect of health and safety in school, contact the Executive Head Teacher.

Health and Safety School Statement of Intent

Within our school we will meet all of the requirements set out in the Warwickshire County Council health and safety policy. We will demonstrate WCC's commitment to health, safety, welfare and wellbeing by recognising that effective health and safety management is equally as important as our other school objectives.

Through this statement of intent and the implementation of our school health and safety arrangements we will ensure that we are meeting the policy aims, objectives and requirements. We will actively strive for continual health and safety improvement by complying with the policy and by working in consultation with managers, employees and other partners. We will achieve this by:

- Considering health and safety within our school planning activities
- Establishing a proactive and positive health and safety culture
- Encouraging ownership and responsibility at all levels
- Ensuring that WCC policies and standards are complied with by having school, or department specific procedures, documents, safe systems of work and arrangements that ensures the implementation of health and safety locally
- Assessing and eliminating, reducing or managing the risks that arise out of activities/ processes/ and operations through the risk assessment process
- Monitoring our school health and safety performance by reviewing arrangements and analysing accident trends to identify areas for improvement
- Ensuring that health and safety is considered as part of our performance management and employee appraisal and supervision process
- Ensuring that health and safety is included as a standing agenda item at staff meetings
- Ensuring that all employees within the school are made aware of this statement of intent and our arrangements

Juliette Westwood

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Headteacher

Jim Lyne

Chair of Governors

Date: September 2018

Review date of arrangements: September 2019

Health and Safety Advice

Under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, the County Council as the school's statutory employer have appointed the WCC Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Service to provide competent health and safety assistance. Tel 01926 476803/418070 email healthandsafety@warwickshire.gov.uk Where the school obtains sources of health and safety advice and guidance from bodies other than the WCC Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Service, e.g. when purchasing services from their delegated budgets; the school will ensure that any other providers used are competent.

The school will continue to ensure that they adhere to all relevant County Council health and safety policies and standards, as well as take direction and advice given by the WCC Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Service.

Local arrangements / procedures	How this is achieved	Responsibility of:
Accidents, Incident and Near Misses	 All accidents involving pupils recorded on green slips in the 'accident book' and sent home to parents and carers Parents and carers notified by telephone in the case of all head injuries All accidents and near misses are ported on the WCC online system by the School Administration Manager (Kiran Bains); the School Finance Officer (Sarah Beck) or the Executive Head Teacher (Juliette Westwood) The Executive Head Teacher is responsible for taking any appropriate action necessary to prevent recurrences The governing body monitor accidents on a termly basis to identify any trends 	 All staff Executive Head Teacher H&S governor
Asbestos	 Up to date information regarding asbestos is held on the ATLAS system ATLAS system is referred to prior to any intrusive works being carried out by a contractor or member of staff Contractors sign to say they have seen the relevant asbestos information for the school site Asbestos surveys are carried out by WCC Property Risk Services Please refer to the WCC Asbestos Management Policy and Procedures All accidents involving pupils recorded on green slips in the 'accident book' and sent home to parents and carers Parents and carers notified by telephone in the case of all head injuries All accidents and near misses recorded on WCC accident forms (located in the school office) 	 All staff School Caretaker School Administrative staff Executive Head Teacher H&S governor
Bullying and Harassment	Please refer to the school's Anti-bullying policy on the school's website at <u>www.sydenhamprimaryschool.co.uk</u>	All staffExecutive Head TeacherH&S governor
Contractors (Safe Management of)	 The following staff have completed the WCC Safe Management of Contractors course and are the Responsible People for managing contractors on site: Aggie Dhaliwal Juliette Westwood Sarah Beck Carol Glenny Kiran Bains Anna Bolitho All contractors must sign in and report to the school office, where they will be given Safeguarding information, a copy of the school's 'Health & Safety Information for Visitors & Contractors' leaflet, and will be checked for DBS on the ATLAS system 	 All staff School Caretaker School Administrative staff Executive Head Teacher

	 All staff should report any concerns regarding the safe working practices of contractors immediately to the Head Teacher Please refer to the WCC Safe Management of Contractors Policy and Safe Management of Contractors Guidance 	
Challenging Behaviour (Managing of Pupils' ChallengingBehaviour)	 Staff use a range of de-escalation techniques to manage pupils' challenging behaviour and are regularly trained in the use of Emotion Coaching by the Education Psychology Service. All staff carry a red warning triangle in their staff ID lanyards to request help from a senior leader The various causes of pupils' behaviour is managed through the schools toolkit of emotional support strategies, including counselling, nurture, mindfulness, anger management, Lego therapy and therapeutic art The school's behaviour policy of policy of positive management strategies, rewards and sanctions supports staff in managing pupils' challenging behaviours. The school follows the DfE 'Use of Reasonable Fore in Schools: Advice for Head teachers, Staff and Governing Bodies' guidance 	• All staff
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)	 The COSHH file is maintained by the school Caretaker and kept in the Caretaker's cupboard in the small hall The Caretaker is responsible for obtaining material safety data sheets and carrying out risk assessments for hazardous substances COSHH products on site are controlled by being purchased by school admin staff from ESPO Staff are regularly informed through termly Health & Safety staff meetings not to bring in COSHH products from home Please refer to the WCC COSHH Policy and COSHH Guide 	 All staff School Caretaker School Administrative staff Executive Head Teacher
Defect Reporting Procedures	 Defects are reported using the WCC Defects form (located in the school office) Defect 'out of use' signs will be used by the school Caretaker, where defects have been reported Defects will be monitored by the Caretaker and Head Teacher to ensure they have been resolved Where a defect is likely to affect the normal running of the school, the Executive or Associate Head Teacher will make alternative arrangements and communicate these to staff on the staffroom whiteboard and via text / email, where appropriate 	 All staff School Caretaker School Administrative staff Executive / Associate Head Teacher
Design and Technology	 Staff should refer to the 'Make it Safe' booklets (located on the school's website) Please refer to the WCC Health and Safety Policy for the Safe Management of Design and Technology 	All staffDesign Technology Subject Leader
Display Screen Equipment (DSE)	 Staff receive annual WCC DSE training on the safe use of DSE DSE Users are responsible for the completion of DSE self-assessment forms 	DS UsersExecutive / Associate Head

	 The Executive Head Teacher is responsible for any actions as a result of completed DSE forms Please refer to the WCC Display Screen Equipment Policy and related documentation 	Teacher
Electricity at Work	 WCC Resources - Property carry out hardwire checks every 5 years Portable appliances (PAT) are tested by T.S. Hawkins (Terri Hawkins) annually PAT registers are kept in the school office by Sarah Beck All staff are expected to conduct pre-use visual checks on electrical items to identify defects 	All staffSarah BeckTerri HawkinsExecutive Head Teacher
Emergency Planning	 The Executive Head Teacher is responsible for undertaking and reviewing emergency plans annually Please refer to WCC 'Advice to School – Emergency Action' folder 	Executive Head Teacher
Fire Precautions	 Please refer to the school's Fire Risk Assessment and Emergency Evacuation Plan Staff receive annual Fire Safety Awareness training from the LA The fire precaution manual is kept in the school office and completed by the Head Teacher The school Caretaker completes weekly tests of fire alarms and visual checks of fire extinguishers The school Caretaker completes monthly tests of emergency lighting and fire door closing The LA completes six monthly inspections of the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems The Executive / Associate Head Teacher is responsible for calling the emergency services School office admin staff take paper copies of registers to the fire assembly point The Executive / Associate Head Teacher meets the fire service on arrival Fire drills are carried out at least termly The fire assembly point is on the rear school playground Please refer to WCC Fire Safety Management Policy, Fire Safety Management Arrangements and related documentation 	 All staff School office admin staff Executive / associate Head Teacher School Caretaker
First Aid	 First Aider details are displayed in the school office The following staff are trained First Aiders: Kiran Bains (July 2017) Anna Bolitho (July 2017) Virgil Tracy (July 2017) Lisa Quantrell (July 2017) Angela Gough (July 2017) Jack Sidgwick (July 2017) Rosina Knight (November 2017) Jo Davis (May 2017) 	 Senior First Aider (Kiran Bains) Executive Head Teacher

	 Lorna Ashworth (December 2016) Lucy Challand (April 2016) Julie Irvine (May 2016) Louise King (May 2016) The school has arrangements with the Purple Playhouse Nursery and Children's Centre to access their First Aiders in the case of school First Aiders being absent Where parents or carers are unavailable to accompany children to hospital during school hours, the Executive / Associate Head Teacher will accompany the child Please refer to WCC First Aid at Work Policy The following staff are trained Mental Health First Aiders: Juliette Westwood (October 2016) Jill Manley (October 2016) Tina Fennelly (October 2016) The Executive Head Teacher's office, Associate Head Teacher's office and main school office have all been identified as suitable rooms for short-term use by sick / injured pupils and meet the School Premises (England) Regulation 2012 	
Glass and Glazing Risk Assessment	A glazing survey has been carried out by WCC Resources — Property and can be accessed on the ATLAS system	Executive Head Teacher
Health and Safety Advice	 Competent Health and Safety advice can be obtained from the WCC Senior Health and Safety Advisor and from WES Safety and Premises Service ATLAS system is referred to prior to any intrusive works being carried out by a contractor or member of staff 	Warwickshire County Council
Health and Safety Inspection	 Visual inspections are routinely carried out by all staff daily Formal recorded inspections are carried out by Class Teachers, the Executive Head Teacher, the H&S governor and the Caretaker (termly) 	All staffCaretakerH&S governorExecutive Head Teacher
Housekeeping, Cleaning & Waste Disposal	 Caretaking and cleaning staff ensure that premises are kept clean and minimise accumulation of rubbish External waste bins are secured in the locked area outside of the school kitchens / boiler house 	Cleaning staffCaretakerExecutive Head Teacher
Induction and Training	 The Associate / Executive Head Teacher inducts all new staff Key Health & Safety information is available for volunteers and contract workers in the leaflet distributed by office admin staff The Executive Head Teacher and School Bursar are responsible for organising refresher training Training records are kept on a database in the school office 	School BursarExecutive Head Teacher

Infection control	Please refer to WCC Infection Control Policy, Infection Control Standard IC Precautions Guide and Hand Protection Policy	
Information Dissemination Procedure	 All staff are informed about Health & Safety issues in termly staff meetings and/or by email from the Executive Head Teacher Pupils, parents and carers are informed of new and existing school Health and Safety information through assemblies, weekly newsletters, the school website and the school's curriculum Governors are kept informed of any new and existing Health and Safety information / issues through termly Resources Standing Committee meetings and/or email 	 Health & Safety governor Executive Head Teacher Associate Head Teacher Class Teachers
Kiln	 The kiln is currently not in use The kiln is inspected by WCC The school follows HSE Safe Use of Kilns in Schools and Craft Studios Guidance 	Executive Head TeacherWCC
Lone Working/ Personal Safety	 Lone working is discouraged wherever possible due to the potential risks involved Safe working practices should be employed by any staff lone working, including having a mobile phone on person, using a buddy system and keeping in touch with a colleague / buddy Please see WCC Personal Safety Policy and Working Safely Guidelines Please also refer to the Staff Behaviour Code of Conduct 	 Caretaker Associate Head Teacher Executive Head Teacher
Maintenance/Inspection of Equipment	 Staff receive annual training by LA Please see WCC Manual Handling Policy and Manual Handling Guidance for Handling Children 	All staffExecutive Head Teacher
Medication	 Designated staff may administer medication to pupils Medicine is kept in a secure cupboard in the school office or in the staffroom fridge. The staffroom should only be accessed by staff members, using the keypad Parents and carers who want the school to administer medication in school must sign a consent form (kept in the school office) Two staff members must sign to witness the dose that has been administered to pupils All staff receive epipen training bi-annually All staff receive asthma training bi-annually Relevant staff receive diabetes training on a needs basis Please refer to Warwickshire Schools Early Years Health Directory 	 Designated staff School Office Admin staff Associate / Executive Head Teacher
Monitoring Arrangements	The Governing Body recognise the importance of monitoring Health and Safety matters. They will ensure that regular reports of accidents and dangerous occurrences are provided by the Executive Head Teacher and that any necessary alterations to working practices and procedures are implemented. Monitoring will be carried out in a number of ways: The Governors will call for termly reports on:	Governing Body

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	accidents / incidents and near misses; accidents of internal are automatically and acfety increations.	
	• results of internal or external health and safety inspections;	
	• maintenance reports;	
	• complaints, hazards and defect reports:	
	• reviews of any procedures carried out by the Executive Head Teacher / Caretaker / Bursar.	
	To help this process, the Governors and Head Teacher will ensure that all reasonable inspection facilities and information are provided on request to the LA, inspectors of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Trade Union/Employee Health and Safety Representatives and any other bona fide Health and Safety officials.	
New and Expectant Mothers	Staff should inform the Executive Head Teacher if they are pregnant	All staff
·	Please refer to WCC New and Expectant Mothers Guidance for Managers	 Executive Head Teacher
	A risk assessment will be carried out for expectant mothers	
	Please also refer WCC Family Friendly policy	
Offsite and Educational Visits	The school's Educational Visits Co-ordinator (EVC) is Heather Cullinan / Kim Jones / Sarah Beck / Cassie Cox	 Heather Cullinan / Kim Jones / Cassie Cox / Sarah Beck
	Staff must complete the School Trips and Visits risk assessments and give trips	 Associate / Executive Head
	information to the EVC co-ordinator to upload onto the EVOLVE system	Teacher
	The Class Teacher is responsible for carrying out risk assessments before visits	 School Finance Officer
	The School Finance Officer will approve visits on the EVOLVE system and a notification will be sent to the Executive Head Teacher	 Class Teachers
	The Associate / Executive Head Teacher will contact parents and carers in the case of an emergency. Text alerts will be sent to parents and carers by the EHT / AHT / school office admin staff	
	Please refer to WCC Offsite Activities Folder	
Outdoor Play Equipment and P.E.	Inspection records are stored in the school office	Onside Coaches
	Formal inspections of play equipment are carried out by WCC (commissioned by the school through WES)	EYFS StaffCaretaker
	EYFS staff carry out pre-use, daily visual inspections on outdoor play equipment in the	 Midday supervisors
	Early Years Outdoor Classroom	Lunchtime Play Leader
	The school Caretaker, staff on break-time playground duty, the Lunchtime Play Leader and Midday Supervisors carry out pre-use, daily visual inspections on outdoor play equipment in the playground	All staff
	Pre-use visual checks are carried out by Onside Coaches on P.E. equipment	
	 Please see the afPE Safe Practice in Physical Education and Sport document, located in the school office 	
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	PPE is provided free of charge for employees where it has been identified as a	Executive Head Teacher

	requirement by the Executive Head Teacher (eg. Caretaker's clothing, Midday Supervisors' uniforms; staff hi-vis jackets; staff ID badges & lanyards) The Executive Head Teacher is responsible for selecting equipment, in partnership with relevant staff The Executive Head Teacher and School Finance Officer check PPE at least annually	School Finance Officer
Physical Intervention	 The school follows the DfE's guidance on the use of reasonable force to restrain pupils The school does not currently use Team Teach 	• All staff
Pond	 The school follows CLEAPSS and ROSPA guidance on pond safety Pupils must be supervised on a ratio basis of 1:10 adults to pupils Grounds Maintenance staff are responsible for the maintenance of the pond area and Millenium Garden. Gardening volunteers help to maintain the Millenium Garden and pond area 	 All staff Grounds Maintenance staff Volunteers
Risk Assessments	 Risk Assessments are stored on the EVOLVE system; in the school office and on the Shared Area on the curriculum computers Staff are trained annually on Risk Assessments All staff members are responsible for completing risk assessments, for necessary activities The Head Teachers have overall responsibility for ensuring that risk assessments are carried out Please see WCC Risk Assessment Policy and Guide Please see New and Expectant Mothers at Work Guidance for Managers 	 All staff Associate and Executive Head Teachers
Safeguarding	 Please see the school's Child Protection Policy and all related Safeguarding policies (located on the school's website and emailed to staff annually) Staff annually complete SSS online safeguarding training 	 All staff Designated Safeguarding Leads Executive Head Teacher
Science	Please refer to 'Be Safe' booklets	Science Subject Leader
Security	Please refer to the school's Security Policy	Executive Head TeacherGovernors
Severe Weather	 In the event of severe weather, the head teacher will make a decision regarding school closure In the event of school closure, the head teacher will notify the Local Authority using the School Closure Line If a decision is made to close the school out of office hours, the head teacher will also notify parents, carers, school staff and other professionals via Teachers2Parents texting service In the event of a decision to close school during school hours, the school office administrator will notify parents, carers, staff and other professionals via text and, if necessary, by telephone 	 Care Taker Associate Head Teachers Executive Head Teacher

	The school Care Taker will grit the two car parks and two main footpaths from the school gates to the main school entrance to ensure a safe access route into school. Entrance to the school building will be via the main school entrance only. Staff and parents will be informed about access routes via text and verbal instruction from the head teachers and Care Taker.	
Slips, Trips and Falls	 Wet floor cleaning of classrooms and school corridors will be undertaken by cleaning staff between 3.30-5.30pm, and 3,30-5.00pm on Fridays, using the specialist floor cleaning equipment. Wet floor signs will be displayed in order to minimise slips Where spillages occur during the school day, wet floor sign s are available in the Caretaker's cupboard and staff room The Midday Supervisors and County Caterers staff are responsible for mopping the hall floors after lunch time, and will display wet floor signs to minimise slips The Caretaker is responsible for raising a purchase requisition form for grit. Grit is stored in bins around the school site. The Caretaker is responsible for clearing and gritting the main pathways into school and the car park All staff are responsible for reducing trip hazards by avoiding trailing wires and cables, reporting defects and keeping walkways clear 	• Cleaning Staff
Smoking	 Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school site Please refer to WCC Corporate Smoke Free Workplace Policy 	All site users
Stress and Staff Welfare	 Staff should speak to the Executive Head Teacher as soon as possible if they are experiencing a problem so that solutions may be found The Executive Head Teacher is able to confidentially signpost staff to health advice and may provide financial support for counselling for employees Please see WCC Management of Work Relate Stress and Well-being Policy and Guide The following staff are trained Mental Health First Aiders: Juliette Westwood (October 2016) Jill Manley (October 2016) Tina Fennelly (October 2016) Please see school Staff Absence in Term Time policy 	 All Staff Midday Supervisors County Caterers Caretaker
Swimming Lessons (Public Pool)	 Swimming lessons take place at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre The school follows health and safety standards for all swimming and aquatic activities 	 Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre Staff Associate and Executive Head Teacher
Transporting Children	 Please see WCC Transporting Children and Young People Safely Guidelines Please see WCC Driving at Work Policy 	• All staff
Violence and Aggression Towards Staff	All staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. The school will not, therefore, tolerate any acts of violence or aggression towards staff	All staffExecutive Head Teacher

	All staff should report any incidents of violence or aggression to the Executive Head Teacher and record them on the Accident / Near Miss online system	
Visitors	 Visitors must enter the school through the main school reception area Visitors must sign in at the school office, and wear a visitor's badge The school's Bursar is responsible for ordering additional signing-in slips and lanyards Visitors are informed about the school's health and safety arrangements through the Visitor's Health & Safety Leaflet 	 All visitors School Office Admin staff Associate / Executive Head Teacher
Water Systems and Water Hygiene	 The water hygiene risk assessment and log book is kept by the Caretaker The Caretaker is responsible for carrying out monthly water hygiene sampling Water hygiene surveys are carried out through WCC Property Risk Services Please see WCC Legionella and Water Hygiene Policy and Procedures 	CaretakerExecutive Head Teacher
Work Experience Pupils	 The Associate / Executive Head Teacher is responsible for carrying out inductions and risk assessments Work Experience pupils are monitored by the Class Teacher whilst on site, and supervised by the AHT / EHT Please see WCC Health and Safety Manager's Guide to Work Experience Placements 	 Associate / Executive Head Teacher Class Teachers

Work at Height	Stepladders are stored in the boiler house	All staff
	A kik-step stool is stored in the staff room	
	Staff are expected to only use access equipment provided by the school	
	Staff are expected to carry our pre-visual checks on equipment and report any defects	
	Pupils are not allowed to use access equipment	
	Staff are not allowed to use access equipment when lone working	
	Please refer to WCC Work at Height Policy and related guides	