



# Woolston Infant School

## Health & Safety Policy

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**The school follows the Hamwic Education Trust Health & Safety Policy and reference should be made to the main policy. The information below is school specific health & safety information and procedures. The Headteacher is the overall responsible person within the school however they may delegate different duties to the Business Manager, Site Manager and Governors. See the main policy for roles and responsibilities**

Each teacher is responsible for the safety of the children in his/her care. Children are received into the classroom from 8.40 am where they are supervised by a member of staff. Year 2 monitors are welcomed into school via the school office at 8.30am and supervised by staff in each classroom.

At playtimes and lunchtimes children should be let out onto the playground by a member of staff, after checking that the duty staff are on the playground. All children should go out at break times.

Playgrounds must be adequately supervised during all break times. \* See playtime rotas.

All duty staff have a responsibility of a visual check of the playground apparatus.

In the case of an accident follow the school First Aid Policy.

Children will be sent back into class where there will be an adult to meet them from the playground.

At the end of the school day, children are released to the adult collecting them from their classroom door. If a child is attending an after-school activity, they are collected from the main office at the end of the session. Parents/adults are asked to wait outside where children will be released to them. If a different person is collecting the child, the parent will have completed a 'red permission slip'. Staff will not allow children to go with someone that we do not have permission for. Children being collected by taxi must go to the office. A member of staff must check the identification of the taxi driver before releasing the child/children.

Any children not collected will be supervised in the reception area until the arrival of the responsible person. Children may be placed into afterschool club if the adult is longer than 15minutes

The Lunchtime Supervisors share responsibility for the safety in the dining hall. They should report to the appropriate person any defect in equipment. Any accidents must be reported, and appropriate action taken.

The Site Manager is responsible for the good order of the boiler house, store cupboard and the safe storage of any chemicals (COSHH) and other cleaning agents. They are responsible for safe usage of cleaning materials both by themselves and other members of staff, also for good working practice, e.g., proper handling of furniture, even distribution of weight, use of step ladders etc.

Staff are responsible for the correct reporting of accidents to themselves and others, reporting damage or breakage of any equipment, which might constitute a health or safety hazard, both in the school and the grounds.

Near misses will also be recorded, allowing senior leaders to review and adapt any potential safety measure.

### **Accidents in School**

If possible, take the injured person to a person who is responsible for first aid, either in the playground or in class. If in doubt DO NOT MOVE, keep him/her warm and call a First Aider.

First aid equipment is kept in the Medical Room and at the first aid stations during breaks and lunchtimes.



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Serious accident to Child – either phone 999 for Ambulance or take child to General Hospital – Casualty. (One adult with child – in addition to the driver). Take copy of child's information from office file.

-Contact Parent

- a) Wait for parent to come or
- b) Arrange to meet parent at hospital, or
- c) Take child to hospital and leave message for absent parent.

Take with you the child's address, date of birth, name of Doctor, plus any knowledge of recent injections or allergies. This should all be on the sheet copied from that in the office file. Be prepared to give details of accident, e.g. was child sick? Did they lose consciousness? What made an open wound?

The accident book must be completed for minor accidents to pupils. In the case of a more serious accident an online form must be completed for pupils. All adult accidents should be completed on an online form.

#### Accident on a School Trip

See Off site visits Policy. Child's health & contact details should be accessed through school. School will deal with contacting parents.

#### Accident or Illness of Staff - whilst on a school trip

See Off site visits Policy. Staff next of kin details should be accessed through the School Office. Staff should inform the School Office of any changes.

#### Administration of Medicines

See School First Aid & Administration of Medication Policy.

#### Arson

Daily external inspection of the premises is necessary to check for arson activities and potential arson risk. This check will be carried out by the Site Manager as part of the unlocking/locking procedures at the beginning and end of every school day.

All movable items, especially dustbins/wheelie bins, will be positioned away from the main school walls. Build-up of rubbish including leaves etc. will be regularly removed to prevent use as fuel. Trespassers will be dissuaded from visiting the site by appropriate signage and outside illumination.

#### Asbestos

A survey has been carried out for the presence of asbestos containing materials (ACMs), and where necessary identification labels placed. Any areas where ACMs have been identified have been addressed to determine the risk to persons who may be exposed and where necessary removed. Where removal is not necessary, periodic monitoring for condition will be instigated and a record maintained. The survey report is available for reference to all persons who may potentially disturb ACM's during their work i.e. contractors.

The asbestos survey is held at the reception desk and is given to all contractors as a matter of routine.

#### Boiler Room

The boiler room will be kept locked at all times. Any contractor wishing to gain access to the boiler room must contact the Site Manager or the school office for access. Anyone accessing the boiler room must



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make themselves aware of the asbestos register and sign the form. The gas boilers are also in the boiler room and serviced yearly by a competent person.

#### Cooking Activities

Great care must be exercised when the oven and hob are in use and should never be left unattended. If cooking activities supervised by a parent are still the responsibility of the class teacher, who must ensure that helpers are given information and support and a risk assessment is in place.

#### Contractors on Site/Deliveries of Stores

The Site Manager and Admin staff are to allow vehicles onto the site only when essential and are to inform such visitors of priority given to safety of the children. Movement of vehicles are banned whilst children are in the vicinity of the playground. Prior to contractors working on site a meeting will be held with the Head teacher to establish safe working procedures.

#### COSHH – Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

All COSHH Risk Assessments and Data Sheets are stored in a folder and are available to all staff.

All substances are stored safely in appropriate storage areas. Unmarked/incorrectly marked containers should never be used to store any hazardous chemicals.

#### Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on the school site except for assistance dogs/school dogs and for curriculum purposes.

#### Electrical Equipment

PAT Testing is carried out yearly and all records maintained. Staff are not permitted to bring their own electrical equipment into school unless it has been PAT tested. All staff are reminded to report any damaged equipment through the Helpdesk email.

#### Emergency Evacuation Plan

Emergency Evacuation Procedures – See Schools Business Continuity Plan and Fire Evacuation Plan.

After evacuation of the building, if the building cannot be re-entered and the playground is unsafe all staff and children will walk to St Patricks School (the nearest school site)

Head teacher or Senior Leader makes the decision to leave the premises.

Sit in class lines in the School Hall (St Patricks) & recheck Class Registers, Visitors' Signing in Book and Children Removed/Returned Register.

Admin/ office staff responsible for collecting A-Z file of children's names, and or ipad with access to Bromcom, and above available documentation.

Parents contacted using the schools MIS system and parent mail and asked to collect their children.

Deputy Head teacher or Senior Leader in charge of reuniting children with parents marking out each child as they leave.

Head teacher in charge of press liaison, missing children.

All staff in charge of toileting, comforting, drinks etc.



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#### Extended Schools

Other agencies using the school out of hours will follow the school's expectations regarding H&S. They will be first aid trained and also carry out their own risk assessments and meet regularly with the school to discuss any issues. They will be given a copy of the school Health & Safety policy. They will not allow children to leave at the end of club/activity without first seeing there is a parent to collect them. Members of staff will always be present in the school whilst clubs are on and are aware to monitor. Any issues will be reported as soon as possible by the club leader with regards to a disclosure or Safeguarding issue.

#### Fire

The School follows procedures discussed at annual Fire Awareness Training for all staff.

Use the nearest break glass point.

Ensure School Office is notified to phone fire brigade.

Staff will supervise children by the quickest, safest route to assemble in the playground. Children must walk quickly but quietly. Close doors of empty rooms if possible.

Persons/children with a PEEP the procedure in place for them will be followed.

Teachers check children against the register, reports to Business Manager. In the event of any child missing, teacher informs Headteacher who decides how a search is to be made.

Children must stand quietly and may only re-enter the building when given permission by the fire officer, Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

School office to ring 999 and ask for Fire Brigade giving address of school. Collect the class registers, visitors' signing in book, children removed/returned register and children's A-Z file/iPad with access to Bromcom, then checks the school office area and toilets and leaves the building.

Fire practice to take place at least one a term (after each new intake).

Fire equipment is tested at regular intervals and used by those trained to do so.

#### Fire at Lunchtime

The Senior Lunchtime Supervisor will assist all Senior member of staff available.

Evacuation of the children is the priority, and any children with a PEEP in place will have assistance 1-1 if needed

Sound the alarm & check the fire brigade is called.

All children leave the building and line up in their allotted places in the playground where they will be counted and checked against registers; Any person/child with a PEEP the procedure will be followed. Wherever possible doors should be closed as the last one leaves.

Children in the school hall should be told to get up and go to the nearest door. Lunchtime Supervisors must supervise children leaving by the nearest exit and then go and line up in their class line.

Adults should leave the building, closing fire doors behind them, reunite them with their class teacher, and assist with checking the children in the playground.



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The Business Manager / admin officer will take the registers outside for checking against the children present. If the teacher is available they will check their own class.

Lunchtime fire practices will be held at least once a year.

Records of fire procedures/training are kept in the school file and iAuditor.

Staff are requested to inform the School Office using the signing in and out book, if they are leaving the building during working hours.

All non-staff in school should sign in the visitors book and wear a badge.

A fire safety /exit announcement will be given at the beginning of parent Assemblies.

#### First Aid

The following staff are qualified first aiders:

Mrs Ann Surtees (First Aid at Work)

Mr Andy Downer (First Aid at Work)

Mrs Carol Donnarumma (Paediatric)

Mrs Helen Joyce (Paediatric)

Mrs Claire Sinclair (Paediatric)

Mrs Asha Curtis (Paediatric)

Mrs Sarah Catton (Paediatric)

Mrs Nina Hodge (Paediatric)

Mrs Gemma Smith (Paediatric)

#### Legionella

A Risk Assessment will be carried out on the water system at the school and all remedial work will be addressed and completed. Statutory checks are carried out and records kept.

#### Nuts/Nut Products including Sesame Seeds

Woolston Infant School has a strict 'no nuts' policy within the school, this includes sesame seeds. We request that no nuts or nut products are bought into the school. We ask parents to be aware of this policy if providing their children with their packed lunch. The school holds details of all children or staff known to have a nut or sesame seed allergy and regularly ask parents and staff to keep the school updated with health plans.

Dolce Schools Catering supply our hot school meals and it is their declared policy that no nuts nor any derivatives of nuts shall be knowingly stocked or used in any of their meals, nor shall any secondary ingredient be utilised that has or may have nut or nut derivatives as a component ingredient. The company cannot provide absolute warranty that nut contamination of any product will never occur but does take all possible and reasonable steps to ensure that this cannot happen.



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### Physical Assault, Threatening Behaviour or Verbal Abuse at Work

It is important that cases of physical assault, threatening behaviour or verbal abuse from parents and pupils at work are reported and investigated. This will enable the school to ensure appropriate care of employees, help to prevent a possible reoccurrence of the incident and to complete a risk assessment. Staff must report any concerns or issues they are facing.

What to do:

Inform your line manager

Complete the online report form.

The Headteacher will then investigate and take any appropriate action

### Pond

The school is responsible for its upkeep and implementation of reasonable safety measures to ensure accidents are prevented. The pond area is always locked and no child should go into the area unsupervised. The school has a risk assessment in place, for further information refer to the school pond risk assessment.

### Risk Assessments (RA)

All staff have a responsibility to highlight risks likely to impact staff, pupils or visitors to the site through any aspect of the school's work. The Headteacher and senior staff regularly review general risk assessments including those required by legislation, this includes D.S.E and lone working risk assessments. Completed risk assessments are available to all staff. Teachers and the Site Manager are responsible for producing risk assessments covering the activities they plan to undertake. These are reported to the Headteacher who reviews & monitors their effectiveness.

The school will carry out suitable risk assessments as per those listed on the risk register. Using the appropriate risk assessment templates.

Risk identification - All hazards will be identified and recorded unless eliminated completely

Responsibility for risk assessment – The RA will be signed by both the person responsible and Headteacher

Risk rating – The overall risk will be low or negligible if any higher, the RA will need to be revisited.

Control measures – Adequate control measures will be put in place to eliminate/reduce the risk, these will be written on the RA.

Communication process – All Staff will be made aware of the RA applicable to them.

Review process - RA will be reviewed yearly or earlier if there are significant changes.

### Slips and Trips

The school is inspected regularly for any slip and trip hazards by the Site Manager during the daily unlocking/locking of the school.

All staff have a responsibility to report any potential hazards that they have observed, such as lifting carpet or trailing leads, to the Site Manager through the Helpdesk Support email.



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#### Smoking

In the interests of the pupils, staff and visitors, there is a policy of no smoking throughout the school and grounds. Any reference to 'smoking' will also include the use of e-cigarettes.

#### Stress

Stress is acknowledged by the school as a cause of staff ill health and all efforts are made to reduce it. The school follows the Hamwic Education Trust Stress Policy.

#### Training

Relevant and appropriate Health and Safety training will be provided for staff. Refresher courses will be timetabled and an up-to-date register of courses attended by staff will be kept. New staff members and workplace trainees will be given specific induction in Health and Safety matters and an induction pack given out with the Staff Handbook.

#### Visitors

All visitors to the school are required to sign in at the main reception – clear signage directs visitors in this way. All Visitors are instructed to wear a high visibility badge throughout the duration of their visit. The school's fire and emergency evacuation procedures are on the reverse of the visitor badges.