



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

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1.0 PART ONE – STATEMENT OF POLICY

1.1 This is the health and safety policy of Howardian Primary School, which should be read in conjunction with [Cardiff Council's Health and Safety Policy](#) and the [Health and Safety Policy of the Education Service](#).

1.2 The School accepts its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, for providing a safe and healthy workplace and working environment for all its employees, pupils, visitors, contractors and other persons who may be affected by its activities.

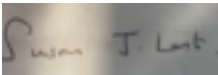
1.3 The Senior Management Team and the School Governing Body will take all reasonable steps to ensure that Cardiff Council's Health and Safety Policy, the Health and Safety Policy of the Education Service and its own policy are implemented and, that guidance documents are followed and monitored throughout the School.


1.4 The School is committed to ensuring a high standard of health, safety and welfare. This will be achieved by the following:

- Assessing and controlling risks arising from curriculum and non-curriculum activities
- Maintenance of a healthy and safe working and learning environment with safe means of access and egress
- Safe working practices and the provision and maintenance of safe plant and equipment
- Arrangements to ensure that no person is adversely affected by any article, substance, equipment or machinery used.
- Consultation with staff and trade union representatives on matters affecting health and safety
- Provision and dissemination of health and safety information which is received from the Education Service and other sources
- Ensuring staff are competent to carry out tasks safely by the provision of effective information, instruction, training and supervision
- Ensuring that adequate welfare facilities exist at the school
- Having procedures for emergencies
- Monitoring and review of health and safety standards / accident statistics
- Accessing competent advice from Health and Safety Advisers in relation to health and safety matters
- Ensuring adequate resources are made available for health and safety issues, so far as is reasonably practicable

1.5 This Policy and referenced documentation is available to all staff and tutors. A hard copy of the Policy document can be found displayed in the staffroom and within staff handbooks.

1.6 This Policy will be reviewed as necessary at regular intervals and at least annually.

Signed:  Sue Lent – Chair of Governors

 Sian Burt – Head Teacher

Date: 30/04/26

Date for next review: Spring 2027

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2.0 PART TWO – ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The responsibilities of the Council and Education Service are set out in both the Council Health and Safety Policy and the Education Service Health and Safety Policy. Specific health and safety responsibilities of School Governors and Head Teachers are referenced in 2.11 of the Council Policy and 4.3b and 4.3c respectively of the Education Service Policy.

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 places overall responsibility for health and safety with the employer. The legal status of 'employer' varies with the type of school.

- For community schools, community special schools, voluntary controlled schools, maintained nursery schools and pupil referral units, the employer is the Local Authority (LA).
- For foundation schools, foundation special schools and voluntary aided schools, the employer is usually the governing body.
- For independent schools, the employer is usually the Governing Body or proprietor.
- In Voluntary Aided Schools, Governing bodies are the employer and consequently have a legal obligation to produce their own Health and Safety Policy and comply with all relevant health and safety legislation.

An organisation chart for the School, and the health and safety responsibilities of School staff and the Governing Body is detailed below. For specific health and safety responsibilities of identified staff please refer to Part Three - Arrangements and Procedures.

Organisation Chart

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| Estates Officer Mr J Ellaway | Mrs Sian Burt Head Teacher Howardian Primary School | Miss Sarah Griffiths Assistant Head Teacher Howardian Primary School |
| Site Safety and Security Cleaning Staff | Sue Lent Health and Safety Governor | All Teaching Staff All Non-Teaching Staff All Administration Staff |
| All Contractors and Visitors | Mr David Brind Deputy Head Teacher Howardian Primary School | All Pupils at Howardian Primary School |

2.2 Education Service Responsibilities

2.2.1 Section 197 of the Education Act 2002 (Wales) enables the LA to form an agreement providing a formal legal basis that makes clear how the authority and the governing body of a school will discharge their respective statutory functions on specific matters, including health and safety. To ensure schools, regardless of their type, have a consistent and appropriate understanding of their health and safety responsibilities, each school is required by the LA to adopt the Education Maintained Schools Partnership Agreement. In signing the Agreement, the governing body acknowledges the school's legal responsibility and a defined number of actions to ensure legal compliance.

2.2.2 Each school is expected to produce and review a local Health and Safety Policy that is consistent with the Policy of the Education Service.

2.2.3 The LA must provide health and safety guidance to those schools and services where it is the employer. It must ensure that staff are trained in their health and safety responsibilities as employees and that those who are delegated health and safety tasks (such as risk assessment) are competent to carry them out. If a LA risk assessment shows that training is needed, the LA must make sure that this takes place.

2.2.4 Education employers have duties to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- The health, safety and welfare of teachers and other education staff;
- The health and safety of pupils in school and on off-site visits;
- The health and safety of visitors.

2.3 Governing Body Responsibilities

2.3.1 The Governing Body, with the Head Teacher, will:

- Ensure compliance with all health and safety legislation;
- Appoint a governor to act as the governing body's contact point for all matters relating to the school's health and safety policy (Sue Lent: Chair of Governors);
- Have in place a health and safety policy for the school that complies with legislation and follows guidance provided by the authority;
- Monitor the operation of the policy and procedures;
- Be responsible for developing and allocating resources to ensure effective management of health and safety;
- Ensure health and safety is an integral part of management practices;
- Monitor management practices;
- Ensure that appropriate action is taken to address any shortcomings in any aspect concerning health and safety;
- Work with recognised trade unions to secure the health and safety of staff; and
- Contribute as appropriate to consultation on health and safety issues.

2.3.2 In schools with delegated budgets, if the Governing Body fails to carry out essential work for which it is responsible to ensure the Health and Safety of its staff, pupils and other people using the site, the Education Service, after consultation with the Head Teacher, can carry out essential work and charge it to the school's budget.

2.3.3 To support the Governing Body with its health and safety functions, a training programme for Health and Safety Governors has been established.

The Governor who has been nominated to act as Health and Safety Governor in Howardian Primary School is Sue Lent. This Governor will not be any more responsible for health and safety within the school than any other Governor. She will have no personal decision-making powers in relation to health and safety. However, she will:

- Take a special interest in health and safety, checking that the Governing Body is meeting its objectives, and pointing out the health and safety implications of other actions under consideration.
- Support the Head Teacher/Health and Safety Coordinator, as well as other members of staff, in the strategic management of health and safety.
- Provide a contact point for information, support, training and guidance from the Education Service

2.4 Head Teacher Responsibilities

2.4.1 The Head Teacher is responsible for the implementation of this Policy on a day-to-day basis. In conjunction with the points detailed in 2.9 of the Council Health and Safety Policy, and 4.3c of the Education Service Health and Safety Policy, the Head Teacher is specifically responsible for:

- Developing, and implementing a, school Health and Safety Policy, having consideration to Regulation 5 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 regarding planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review and ensure inclusion of / reference to specific School arrangements.
- Ensuring that suitable and sufficient assessments of the risks to the health and safety of employees and other people, in connection with work activities have been carried out by a competent person. Relevant employees should be involved. The risk assessments should be kept under review.
- Continuing to ensure that, where significant risks are identified, safe systems of work and other control measures (including work instructions / method statements) are developed and implemented, remain effective and are revised if necessary.
- Ensuring there are appropriate, effective and documented operational monitoring arrangements for work activities.

This includes supervisors / managers carrying out documented health and safety checks / inspections, as appropriate, and having monitoring arrangements in place to ensure identified actions are carried out.

- Submitting inspection reports to the Governing Body and/or the Education Service and acting where this is required.
- Passing health and safety information to relevant members of staff.

- Continuing, and developing, health and safety training plans and training matrices (where appropriate) for the school.
- Liaising with the Governing Body and the Education Service on matters relating to health and safety.
- Informing the Governing Body of action required to comply with health and safety legislation.
- Supporting the Governing Body in monitoring the school's health and safety performance.
- Co-operating with, and providing necessary facilities for, trade union safety representatives.
- Ensuring that contractors working on site are appropriately managed.
- Reviewing the health and safety management of contractors employed directly by the school.
- Following the Education Service's guidelines on health and safety

2.4.2 The Governing Body must ensure that, in the absence of the Head Teacher, the above responsibilities will fall to her immediate deputy, and they will be made aware of what these responsibilities entail.

2.5 Senior Management Team / Heads of Department / Curriculum Leaders Responsibilities

2.5.1 As detailed in 2.10 of the Council Health and Safety Policy, and 4.3d of the Education Service Health and Safety Policy, Managers and Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that the health and safety arrangements in relation to the areas under their control are effectively implemented, maintained and monitored.

The Senior Management Team / Heads of Department / Curriculum Leaders are specifically responsible for:

- Day-to-day management of health and safety in accordance with the Education Service Health and Safety Policy and this Health and Safety Policy.
- Establishing and reviewing departmental procedures, including the provision of a Departmental Health and Safety Policy.
- Ensuring that suitable and sufficient risk assessments are carried out and reviewed by a competent person, and that the findings are communicated to relevant staff.
- Where appropriate, carrying out regular inspections, communicating the results to the Head Teacher and ensuring action is taken to implement any recommendations made as a result of the inspections
- Arranging staff training
- Providing staff with health and safety information.

2.6 All Other Staff Responsibilities

As detailed in 2.12 of the Council Health and Safety Policy, and 4.3e of the Education Service Health and Safety Policy, other staff have specific responsibilities:

2.6.1 Teaching Staff Responsibilities

Teaching staff are specifically responsible for:

- Day-to-day co-ordination of health and safety, and compliance with legislation in accordance with the Education Service Health and Safety Policy and this Health and Safety Policy.
- Checking classrooms and workrooms are safe.
- Ensuring that equipment is safe before use.
- Reporting any defects or health and safety issues.
- Ensuring safe procedures are followed.
- Ensuring that protective equipment is used, where appropriate.
- Reading and complying with risk assessments for specific tasks.
- The safety of any pupils under their supervision during any organised activity or programme.
- Recording any accidents on the Council's accident / incident report forms and returning them to their line manager for manager's comments.

- Leading their class to the designated assembly point for the building or other agreed place of safety, in the event of fire alarm activation and undertaking a roll call.

2.6.2 Estates Staff Responsibilities

Estates staff are specifically responsible for:

- Ensuring that fire evacuation drills are carried out at least every term, in conjunction with the Head Teacher.
- Ensuring that the fire alarms are functional and are tested once a week and the emergency lighting is functional and is tested once a month.
- Ensuring alarm/security systems are monitored and attend call outs, as required.
- Ensuring the planned maintenance of the premises and any emergency repairs, maintenance and testing is carried out.
- Ensuring that statutory inspections are undertaken.
- Ensuring the testing and any subsequent maintenance of equipment is carried out.
- Advising the Head Teacher/Line manager of any defect identified as being unsafe, or repairs identified as being required to the sites, buildings and grounds. Following the site-specific procedure and taking whatever action is necessary to isolate the risk until repairs can be arranged.
- Ensuring that suitable and sufficient risk assessments are carried out for their activities, for general activities and for specific legislative requirements, e.g. COSHH.
- Advising the Head Teacher of any situation which is unsafe or hazardous to health and which cannot be remedied from within the resources available.
- Liaising with and monitoring the activities of contractors, visitors and others on the site to ensure that any risks to the health and safety of staff and site users are kept to a minimum.
- Ensure, if appropriate, that contractors are effectively managed in accordance with Council and legal requirements .
- Attending pre-contract meetings for all works on site prior to commencement.
- Ensuring contractors follow the site-specific agreed procedures for contractors working on site, as identified within the Education Service Contractor documentation.
- Ensuring the site traffic risk assessment is complied with

2.6.3 All Employees' Responsibilities

As detailed in 2.12 of the Council Health and Safety Policy, all employees, regardless of position, have a legal duty to take care of their own health and safety, and that of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions, and to cooperate with Howardian Primary School and Cardiff Council to enable it to fulfil its health and safety obligations.

2.7 Pupils

As detailed in 4.3f of the Education Service Health and Safety Policy, pupils, and where relevant, parents or carers, will be made aware of arrangements, policies and procedures in respect of health and safety and pupils must follow all safe working practices and observe all school safety rules. Teaching staff will ensure that pupils will:

- Follow all instructions issued by any member of staff in the case of an emergency.
- Ensure that they do not intentionally or recklessly interfere with equipment provided for safety purposes e.g. fire extinguishers, etc.
- Inform any member of staff of any situation which may affect the safety of anyone.

2.8 Responsibilities of Volunteers

It is recommended that employers/schools treat volunteers in the same way as employees. Schools should class supervising adults and parents who attend off-site visits as volunteers.

Volunteers are advised that they are obliged to take care of their own health and safety whilst volunteering. All volunteers must also ensure the health and safety of others who may be affected by their action or inaction. This is stipulated in the 'Guidance for Adult Volunteers' leaflet given to volunteers before a school trip and also in the

'Guidelines for Volunteers' that volunteers are required to sign as part of the volunteer recruitment process. It is also stated on the Inventory signing-in commentary.

All volunteers have responsibility to:

- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others in undertaking their work whilst volunteering.
- Comply with the school's health and safety policy and procedures at all times.
- Follow the direction/instruction of their supervisor, school management team etc.
- Report all accidents and incidents in line with the reporting procedure.
- Cooperate with school management on all matters relating to health and safety.
- Not to intentionally interfere with or misuse any equipment or fittings provided in the interests of health safety and welfare.
- Report all defects in condition of premises or equipment and any health and safety concerns immediately to their supervisor.
- Report immediately to their line manager any shortcomings in the arrangements for health and safety.
- Ensure that they only use equipment or machinery that they are competent / have been trained to use.
- Make use of all necessary control measures and personal protective equipment provided for safety or health reasons.

3.0 PART THREE – ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The following arrangements detail how the School will implement its Health and Safety Policy and also the Policy of the Education Service and should be read in conjunction with the Council and Education Service Policies.

3.1 Accident / Near Miss / Disease Reporting and Investigation

The Administration Department are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate accident report forms are completed:

Accident report forms are to be emailed to: SchoolsAccidentsHandS@cardiff.gov.uk

Accident report forms should be printed off Cardiff Education Services: [Accident Reporting | Cardiff Education Services as required, ensuring the most up-to-date version is used.](#)

Serious incidents must be reported immediately to the Corporate Health and Safety Team on Tel: 029 2087 2635 or 029 2087 3967 and/or Services and Compliance on Tel: 029 2087 3715

The Health and Safety Team is responsible for ensuring that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Incident Contact Centre is notified of any reportable accidents (including major injuries, absences over 7 days as a result of an accident at work, or if a pupil/member of the public is taken to hospital from the scene of the accident) on the F2508 form. This follows the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 1995.

All staff are aware of the importance of reporting all incidents, including near misses, in order that trends may be identified and accurate statistics can be collated for discussion at Education Service Senior Management Team meetings / Governors' meetings.

The Head Teacher and the Health and Safety Representative are responsible for carrying out accident investigations in Howardian Primary School using the Cardiff Council Accident/Incident Investigation Form [Accident Reporting | Cardiff Education Services](#)

For further information refer to:

[Accident Reporting | Cardiff Education Services](#)

3.2 Asbestos Management

Howardian Primary School has been designated an Asbestos Free Site. The 'Asbestos Free' certificate is filed in the Health and Safety File.

3.3 Body Fluid Spillages

A risk assessment for cleaning up of blood and other bodily fluid spillages has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff.

Cleaning of Bodily Fluids Risk Assessment

[Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

Body fluid spillages are cleaned up as soon as possible by a variety of personnel on site, using the appropriate spillage kit. These spillage kits are kept in the first aid drawers outside the main office.

If required the Education Cleaning Services Rapid Response Cleaning Team from Services and Compliance are called in to undertake a 'deep clean'. They can be contacted on Tel: 029 2078 8212/8003/8209.

Relevant Training for the Cleaners is organised and managed by the council.
All staff attended 'Communicable Diseases Control Training' in the Spring Term 2022. See register.
All suspected cases of Norovirus are reported to the Services and Compliance Team on
Email: communicabledisease@cardiff.gov.uk
Tel: 0300 1236696 or 07970738999, 07794047791 or 07590006380

For further information refer to:

Council Codes of Guidance for Hygiene Precautions - Blood and Other Body Fluids [Infection Control and Communicable Diseases | Cardiff Education Services](#).

3.4 Breakfast / After School Clubs

Breakfast/After School club is held daily at the school and is run by Playtime Extra. Lesley Herbert (lesley@playtimextra.com) is the Playtime Extra Leader.

3.5 Catering

Howardian Primary School opts into the Education Service Catering Services Service Level Agreement. The school's Food Hygiene Rating Certificate is 5 and is prominently displayed on the school's front door. Where the school opts into the Service Level Agreement, the Education Service Catering Services manages all activities relating to catering and the kitchen facility. Education Service Catering Services communicates and organises relevant information and training relating to staff, e.g. risk assessments, and the school also advises the catering staff of the information regarding emergency procedures, etc. In line with Natasha's Law we no longer give out sweets or cakes to celebrate children's birthdays. We strive to be nut free and ask that no nuts are sent into school in lunch boxes or snacks.

3.6 Cleaning

Howardian Primary School employs council cleaners through the SLA agreed with the council. The council communicates and organises relevant information and training relating to staff, e.g. risk assessments, and the school also advises the cleaning staff of the information regarding emergency procedures, etc.

3.7 Communicable Diseases

The procedures outlined in the Health Protection Agency document *Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Child Care Settings* are followed for any pupil or member of staff with a prescribed illness or condition. [Guidelines on Infection Control in Schools](#)

If it is suspected that there is an outbreak of any type of infection, the Head Teacher / designated person contacts the Shared Regulated Services (SRS) Local Authority Communicable Disease Team, based at County Hall;

Angela Clack: 02920873842

Allyson Jones: 02920873823

communicabledisease@cardiff.gov.uk

The SRS Communicable Disease team will inform the Council's Health Improvement Team and/or, if appropriate, the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control in Cardiff on Tel: 029 2040 2478. The appropriate team will then contact the school to inform them of the next stage to follow.

All members of school staff are advised and aware of this procedure.

3.85 Contractors

All contractors must sign into the electronic logging on system Inventory (located at the main office) on arrival, and departure from, the school. The school will provide the contractor with any relevant information e.g. emergency evacuation procedures. Administration staff will ensure this is done. (*NB This will need to be carried out in term time and in school holidays.*)

Cardiff Council's Health and Safety Policy on the Management of Contractors applies to all contracts let by the Council and LEA maintained schools and is recommended to non LEA maintained schools.

The Maintained Schools Partnership Agreement states that Governing Bodies will "work within Cardiff Council's or, where appropriate, the Welsh Government's approved Contractors Policy and ensure that contractors have been assessed in accordance with the authority's or, where relevant, the Welsh Government's, procedures."

A **contractor** means any contractor, supplier or provider with whom the Council enters into a contract for the carrying out of Works, provision of Services or the supply of Goods. The Health and Safety Executive defines a **contractor** as "anyone you get in to work for you who is not an employee."

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Work activities carried out by contractors for Cardiff Council include, but are not limited to construction work, grounds maintenance, maintenance and servicing of buildings and equipment (e.g. lifts, boilers, electrical equipment, photocopiers, etc.), cleaners, caterers, training providers, locksmiths, skip hire, taxi services, furniture removal and storage and any external consultancy services.

A **'contract'** means any form of agreement (including, without limitation, official purchase orders) for the supply of Goods, (where this Policy applies), provision of Services or carrying out of Works.

The **'client'** is the officer or Directorate / Service Area or individual school who authorises the carrying out of work, provision of services or supply of goods by a contractor.

The **'competent officer'** is the person designated by the Directorate / Service Area or individual school to ensure compliance with health and safety duties and implementation of this Policy. The person must, in respect of the contract concerned, have appropriate knowledge, experience, skills and relevant training, and awareness of their own health and safety technical limitations.

The **'contract manager'** is the person managing the contract. It may or may not be the **'competent officer'**.

Howardian Primary School uses Facilities Management (FM) Building Services and/or Education Service Schools Organisation Planning (SOP), or Projects, Design and Development (PDD) when building work is undertaken at the school.

For work organised by FM, SOP Officers or PDD, the management of the contractors is managed by FM, SOP or PDD. They will liaise with the school and will ensure liaison between contractors on site.

When the school engages contractors directly, (i.e. acts as a client), the school is responsible for the management of the contractors. This includes selection of contractor, assessment of competency, meetings with the contractor, exchange of information, vetting of contractor information, management of the contractors on site, compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (as appropriate) and post contract review.

In Howardian Primary School the 'competent officer' for managing contractors employed directly by the school, is the Administration Department and Estates Officer. They have received appropriate training. A record of this training is kept in the main training file.

For further information refer to:

- Visitors Books - Issuing of Permits [4.SC.COMP.901](#)
- General permit to work [4.SC.COMP.902](#)
- Contractors visitors log [4.SC.COMP.903](#)
- Pre-contract meeting pro-forma [4.SC.COMP.904](#)

[Education Premises Management | Cardiff Education Services](#) – corporate H&S guidance on Construction.

3.9 Display Screen Equipment (DSE)

Display Screen Equipment assessments are carried out by the H&S Officer using the DSE risk assessment form.

[Display Screen Equipment | Cardiff Education Services](#)

DSE assessments are reviewed annually and if anything changes.

DSE assessments are kept in personal files.

If the DSE assessor has a problem, they should seek advice from the Health and Safety Adviser/s after carrying out an initial, recorded assessment. If it is necessary for medical advice relevant to the DSE issue to be provided in a medical report, the individual employee should be referred to the Occupational Health Service by the Head Teacher.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance Display Screen Equipment

[1.CM.016 Code of Guidance Display Screen Equipment Assessment](#)

3.10 Educational Visits

The role of Educational Visits Co-ordinator (EVC) is undertaken by Mr D. Brind. The EVC is responsible for ensuring that all visits follow the principles of good practice laid down by the Welsh Government and Cardiff Council. **Miss Griffiths received EVC training on 10 December 2025.**

As laid down in the Education Service Health and Safety Policy, the other responsibilities of the EVC are:

- To champion learning outside the classroom.
- Cascade central messages from EVC Training to colleagues.
- Ensure that correct procedures are being followed.
- Produce a School Journey Policy.
- Circulate important information as and when received from the Council.
- Ensure Risk Assessments are in place for all visits.
- Arrange induction and provide support for younger staff.

- Occasional monitoring of provision.
- Promote a culture of Sensible Risk Management.

The EVC attended Educational Visits Co-ordinator training on 10 December 2025.

The approval of low risk visits is delegated to either the EVC or the Head Teacher. There is no requirement to inform Cardiff Council of such visits, although if the visit includes adventurous activities or a trip abroad, **the Education Visits Adviser (EVA) must be informed and approval obtained.**

The Educational Visit Approval System (EVOLVE) is used to plan and approve all visits involving adventure activities and all residential visits.

The school's Educational Visits Policy is uploaded on EVOLVE / stored in the school's shared drive for all staff to access.

For further information refer to:

EVOLVE website - [EVOLVE](#) or from Dave Golding – Adviser for Outdoor Education and Educational Visits Tel: 01443 827546 Mob: 07880044407 email: Dave.golding@cscjies.org.uk

3.11 Electrical Equipment (fixed & portable)

Arrangements are in place for fixed electrical installations to be inspected either via a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Building Services, once every five years.

Any remedial work identified is undertaken by the school or LEA, if LEA responsibility, and included within a planned programme of works.

Certificates of testing are filed in RAMIS.

Portable electrical equipment is inspected by the LA annually (last testing November 2023). The school will ensure that all electrical equipment will be subject to the appropriate testing. This will include Catering and Cleaning electrical equipment if the school has not opted into the Education Service SLA.

The records of the portable electrical equipment inspections and tests are kept in RAMIS. PAT testing was last completed in November 2024.

Stickers are affixed to the plugs of portable electrical equipment to indicate when the last tests were carried out and when the next test is due.

Portable electrical equipment is visually checked by the users of any equipment before the equipment is used. The equipment is checked, for example, for damage to the cable sheath, plug, external casing and for evidence of overheating.

Any damaged equipment is taken out of use and labelled "DO NOT USE - ELECTRICAL FAULT" and reported to Administration Department through the normal channels to be made safe or disposed of.

Members of staff and pupils are aware that they must not bring personal electrical equipment into school, unless the equipment has been inspected and / or tested by a competent person.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on Portable Electrical Equipment
[1.CM.032 Code of Guidance on Portable Electrical Equipment](#)

3.12 Emergency Procedures

The school uses the Emergency Management Unit's 'Emergency Response Plan Template' to record the arrangements for dealing with foreseeable emergencies. This is communicated to staff.

The current head teacher attended the Emergency Planning Training Course on Friday 5 February 2016.

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| Type of emergency procedure | Location(s) of procedure / guidance within School |
| Fire Evacuation Procedure | Located in Emergency Response Plan |
| Bomb Alert | Located in Emergency Response Plan |
| Gas Leak | Located in Emergency Response Plan |
| Electrical Fault | Located in Emergency Response Plan |
| Water Leak | Located in Emergency Response Plan |

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| Storm / Flood / Weather Damage | Located in Emergency Response Plan |
| Persons Threatening Violence on Site | Located in Violence at Work Policy, Violence at Work Risk Assessment, Lone Working Risk Assessment |
| Dangerous Animal(s) on Site | See Emergency Procedures - School lock down procedures |

3.13 Fire Precautions & Procedures

The school has a Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) which was carried out by Byron Jones on 25 January 2022. **An updated risk assessment was carried out on 23 January 2025.** This is undertaken every 3 years by an Area Planning Officer, unless there are changes in use or layout of an area, in which case the FRA is reviewed at the time of the change. The FRAs are reviewed annually by the school.

A Fire Risk Assessment for the kitchen is carried out annually.

Every year, the FRA is reviewed by Head Teacher, Administration Department and Estates Officer.

Fire evacuation drills are carried out at least termly, and the dates are recorded within the fire logbook. Staff feedback sessions are held to discuss the evacuation and whether it can be improved in any way.

Fire action notices are displayed conspicuously in every classroom and also at various locations so that everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire or other emergency.

The designated assembly points are located on the school field, in the Year 1 and Nursery outside areas and in the entrance, road leading up to the school reception area.

All members of staff are responsible for ensuring the fire escape routes are kept free from obstructions.

Smoke control doors are not wedged open, and if held open by means of electro-magnetic devices, these are regularly maintained.

Firefighting equipment is located throughout the school. It is inspected by a competent person, annually.

The fire alarm system is inspected by Tremorfa.

The emergency lighting system is inspected by a competent person through the LEA SLA.

The fire alarm is function tested once a week by the Estates Officer using a different call point for each test.

The emergency lighting is function tested once a month by the Estates Officer. The inspections and tests of the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems are recorded in the fire log book. The inspections of the fire extinguishers are recorded on stickers on the extinguishers.

The Fire Log Book is located in the Estates Manager's Office.

The Evacuation Procedures for the school are displayed in prominent locations

The Fire Policy (detailing points and assembly points for different areas of the school) is available and is displayed in the main reception area.

If a pupil or member of staff has a disability which requires them to have assistance in evacuating the building, then a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) will be completed by the ALNCo.

For further information refer to:

Council Codes of Guidance - Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, Fire Extinguishers, Means of Escape for Disabled People

[1.CM.174 Code of Guidance - Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#) [1.CM.018 Code of Guidance - Fire Extinguishers](#)

[1.CM.180 Code of Guidance - Means of Escape for Disabled People;](#)

Government guidance [Fire Safety Risk Assessment Educational Premises Guide.](#)

3.14 First Aid

A first aid needs assessment has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff.

The school's first aiders are listed below **along with their qualification and date of expiry.** This list was updated **January 2026.**

First Aiders

(Updated January 2026)

| Staff Member | <u>Qualification</u> | <u>Date of expiry</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Nursery/Reception</u> | | |
| U Kausar | First Aid at Work | May 2028 |
| H Thomas | First Aid at Work | March 2027 |
| C Jones | First Aid at Work | May 2028 |
| E Edwards | Paediatric First Aid | December 2028 |
| S Kim | Paediatric First Aid | January 2028 |
| L Bennett | Paediatric First Aid | January 2028 |
| Year 1 | | |
| K Lennox | First Aid at Work | October 2028 |
| R Huish | First Aid at Work | March 2026 |
| Year 2 | | |
| T Kiff | First Aid at Work | March 2027 |
| S Saridaki | Paediatric First Aid | January 2028 |
| Year 3 | | |
| L Britton | First Aid at Work | March 2026 |
| Z Leonard | First Aid at Work | November 2027 |
| Year 4/5/6 | | |
| N Waters | First Aid at Work | October 2028 |
| D Wheeler | First Aid in Sport | December 2027 |
| R Martin | First Aid in Sport | December 2027 |
| Other: | | |
| A Liddington (Office) | First Aid at Work | July 2026 |
| C Mathias (PPA cover) | First Aid at Work | February 2028 |
| D Brind (Deputy) | First Aid in Sport | December 2027 |
| J Jones (floating TA) | Paediatric First Aid | December 2028 |

There are more than enough first aiders to ensure sufficient cover at all times when the school is open. Breakfast clubs should organise their own First Aid Cover and all lettings are told in the Letting agreement about First Aid arrangements and need for cover.

First aid boxes are located in every classroom and main office. Minor first aid is carried out on the playground (first aiders to carry kits with them). More serious first aid is carried out at the first aid station next to the school office.

Responsibility for checking and restocking the first aid boxes is delegated to all First Aiders
First aid training dates are monitored by the head teacher to ensure that first aiders carry out refresher training before their certificates expire.

If a pupil has to be taken to hospital, the Head Teacher will decide who accompanies them in the ambulance, and who notifies the relevant parent / guardian. In the absence of the Head teacher the Deputy Head teacher and in her absence the assistant head teacher will decide who goes in the ambulance. The Pupil Accident Report Form will be duly completed and submitted to the Services and Compliance Section, Education Service.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance First Aid at Work
[1.CM.019 Code of Guidance First Aid at Work](#)

3.15 Glazing

Regulation 14 (1) of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 states that 'every window or other transparent or translucent surface in a wall or partition and every transparent or translucent surface in a door or gate shall, where necessary for reasons of health or safety:

- (a) be of safety material or be protected against breakage of the transparent or translucent material; and
- (b) be appropriately marked or incorporate features so as, in either case, to make it apparent.

Where necessary, for reasons of health and safety, any glazing which is not made of safety material is replaced with 'safety glass', e.g. laminated or toughened glass or is filmed to prevent / reduce shattering on impact.

3.16 Hazardous Substances – Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Manufacturers' safety data sheets are obtained by Estates Officer/Administration Department for any substances which are classified as hazardous to health.

COSHH assessments are completed by Estates Officer for any activities which involve the use of hazardous substances. Some of these assessments are produced from the SYPOL system and Estates Officer will be trained in the use of this database.

Hazardous substances are substituted with less hazardous ones, where possible.

Control measures, for example, local exhaust ventilation and personal protective equipment, are provided, used and maintained where they have been identified as control measures in the COSHH assessment.

Members of staff are informed of the hazards associated with the substances they use and trained in the correct use of control measures, including personal protective equipment as specified within the COSHH assessment.

Hazardous substances used by the Estates Officer are stored in appropriate containers within the Estates Office.

Hazardous substances, for example, cleaning products for cleaners' are kept in a locked store.

Chemicals are stored in appropriate chemical store cupboards within Science Prep Rooms. Staff from the Science Department use the advice and guidance issued by the Consortium of Local Education Authority Provision of Science Services (CLEAPSS).

Records of the COSHH assessments are kept in the Risk Assessment File

The names of those staff responsible for the appropriate storage and use of the hazardous substances are located in Training File.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance – Use of Substances, Hazardous Substances Assessment Record.
[1.CM.033 Code of Guidance - Use of Substances](#)
[4.C.057 Hazardous Substances Assessment Record](#)

3.17 Health and Safety Advice

The school obtains competent health and safety advice from the Council's Corporate Health and Safety Advisers (Tel: - 029 2087 3967). Current Health and safety Officer is Rhiannon Thomas (Rhiannon.thomas@cardiff.gov.uk).

General health and safety information is available on the Corporate Health and Safety intranet site and on Cardiff Information System (CIS). Education specific health and safety

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information is available on CIS.

[Health & Safety - Cardiff Schools Documents | Cardiff Education Services](#)

3.18 Housekeeping, cleaning and waste disposal

All staff are responsible for ensuring that good standards of housekeeping are maintained. The school is cleaned by cleaners through a SLA with the council.

Suitable and sufficient risk assessments and accompanying work instructions are carried out for relevant housekeeping activities.

Wet floor cleaning is carried out outside school hours. Warning signs are displayed when wet floor cleaning is carried out.

Rubbish bins are emptied daily by the site manager and rubbish is disposed of into the external waste bins located in the bin compound. The waste bins are sited at maximum distance away from the school at the current time.

Glass or sharp objects are wrapped in newspaper, placed in a strong container and disposed of in the school's external waste bins. Gloves are worn to dispose of any glass or sharp objects.

3.19 Induction

New members of staff are instructed in the school's health and safety. A member of the senior leadership team carries out an induction process. The following topics are included:

- i) Council, Education Service and School Health and Safety Policies
- ii) Accident / Violent Incident Report Procedures
- iii) Violence at Work, Stress, Alcohol and Drug Misuse, Smoking Control and Manual Handling Policies
- iv) Emergency evacuation procedures
- v) First aid arrangements
- vi) Risk assessments (general, display screen equipment, manual handling and COSHH)
- vii) Personal protective equipment
- viii) Job health and safety issues and information
- ix) Employee Counselling Service and stress management courses
- x) Safety representatives
- xi) Health promotion initiatives e.g. Employee Active Card, Lifestyle Awareness
- xii) Employee Health and Safety Handbook
- xiii) Occupational Health Service
- xiv) Where to get further Health and Safety Information
- xv) What to do if there is a problem
- xvi) Service Area Health and Safety Induction Pack

Supply staff are briefed on the school's emergency procedures (fire and first aid procedures), risk assessments, the accident / violent incident reporting system and other relevant health and safety information by Administration team.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance – Induction of New Employees

[1.CM.022 Code of Guidance Induction of New Employees](#)

3.20 Legionella

The risk assessments, and all other relevant documentation relating to the management of legionella, are filed in a Water Management File which is located in the main administration Office. These are reviewed every 2 years, or whenever there is reason to believe the last assessment is no longer valid, by the Estates Officer.

If any actions are identified through the risk assessment, remedial work is undertaken either directly funded by the school or through the Education Service or Facilities Management.

The water temperatures are tested by the school caretaker on a monthly basis.

Additional control measures, for example, periodic maintenance / cleaning of equipment, such as shower heads, regular running of outlets are carried out by Estates Officer.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance – Legionnaires Disease

[Legionella Management | Cardiff Education Services](#)

3.21 Lettings / shared use of premises

An agreement between the school and the hirer is signed prior to the hire taking place. This agreement is kept by school administrator in the Lettings File in the main office.

This agreement details whom is responsible for what and includes written information detailing the school's emergency procedures.

A risk assessment for the hire of the school premises has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff.

(To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

Appropriate checks are made by the school administrator regarding the following:

- Whether the hirer has sufficient public liability insurance, i.e. a minimum liability of £5 million. The hirer must provide the name of the insurance company and the policy number on the booking form and attach a copy of the current insurance policy.
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and safeguarding checks. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that all* persons over 16 present in connection with the hire will have a current DBS certificate.
*This excludes parents/grandparents attending a children's birthday party or similar event. However, where someone is employed / volunteers to 'work/supervise' at a party, it is up to the event organiser to be satisfied that they have a valid DBS check.
- A clear audit trail for all income generated and payment to staff in connection with the booking.

3.22 Lone Working

Lone workers are those who work by themselves at any time without close or direct supervision. They are found in a wide range of situations and include:

(i) People in fixed establishments where:

- Only one person works on the premises
- People who work separately from others*
- People who work outside normal hours

*Note: This includes people in isolated areas of sites or premises where other people are present elsewhere

(ii) Peripatetic employees working away from their fixed base.

A risk assessment for estate staff lone working has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff. Risk assessments are also carried out for cleaning staff and others who work alone.

(To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

The following precautions are adopted by members of staff who work alone at the school

- Notifying another person of the time when they expect to finish lone working and informing them when they finish lone working.
- Access to mobile telephone.
- Making the school secure by locking the external doors when lone working.
- Not carrying out high risk activities, such as, working at height when lone working.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance – Lone Working

[1.CM.025 Code of Guidance - Lone Working](#)

3.23 Location of Isolation Points / Maintenance / Inspection of Equipment

| Service | Tel / Contact | Location of Isolation Point / Details |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Water | Welsh Water | Outside main gate towards Hammond Way |
| Electricity | British Gas | Boiler room |
| Gas | Corona | Boiler room |

The following equipment is inspected (*complete as appropriate*). Please note that this list is not exhaustive and additional equipment should be added as appropriate. Reports are uploaded to RAMIS the health and safety recording software.

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| Equipment: |
| Gas boilers |
| Gas cooking appliances |
| Kitchen extraction equipment |
| Local exhaust ventilation |
| Lifts |
| Lifting equipment, for example, passenger lifts or hoists |
| Roller Shutters |
| PE equipment |

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| Ladders / stepladders / tower scaffolds / other access equipment |
| Outdoor play equipment |
| Sprinkler systems |
| Fire extinguishers |
| Fire alarm systems |
| Emergency lighting |
| Dry risers |
| Methane alarms |
| Intruder alarm systems |
| Premises CCTV |
| Card access systems |
| Gates or barriers |
| Automatic bollards |
| Fixed electrical installations |
| Portable electrical appliances |
| Automatic doors |
| Air conditioning |
| Plasma screens maintenance |
| Rainwater harvesting system |
| Rainwater harvesting tanks |
| Electric projector screens |

3.24 Manual Handling and Lifting

Manual handling of objects risk assessments are completed and reviewed by the Head Teacher for any tasks where there is a risk of injury and where manual handling cannot be avoided.

Appropriate precautions are introduced to reduce the risk of injury, for example, the use of lifting and handling aids, such as, *trolleys, trucks, hoists and lifting aids*. Manual handling training, in accordance with the All Wales Manual Handling Passport Scheme, is provided to members of staff who carry out manual handling. The training is organised by the Services and Compliance Section, Education Service.

Where pupils are required to be lifted or moved, where possible, this will be by means of mechanical aids, e.g. hoists, etc. If it is necessary to lift a pupil, this is done as a last resort and those members of staff will receive appropriate training in the handling of people. Manual handling refresher training is required every year.

Paediatric manual handling: Pupils with mobility needs should have a care Handling Plan; staff should receive appropriate information instruction and training to enable them to assist the pupil safely. The Care Handling Plan will need to be periodically reviewed.

Under the Health and Safety SLA a school are able to request a Care Handling Plan for pupils with mobility needs

For further information refer to:

Council Manual Handling Policy and Council Code of Guidance – Manual Handling [Miscellaneous Guidance | Cardiff Education Services](#)

[1.CM.026 Code of Guidance - Manual Handling](#)

3.25 Monitoring of Health and Safety

It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to ensure that there are suitable documented procedures in place to ensure evidence of timely monitoring of:

- Implementation of the Health and Safety Policy
- Suitability, and review of, risk assessments and appropriate control measures
- Achievement of objectives in the Education Service Annual Health and Safety Action Plan
- Carrying out of recommendations made by Health and Safety Advisers in Inspection Reports or otherwise
- Accidents and violent incidents (and any resultant investigations)
- Workplace/activity inspections by managers and supervisors. These Health and safety inspections are carried out termly and documented using, for example, the School Building / Site Inspection Checklist.
- Health surveillance procedures, e.g. audiometry testing, hand/arm vibration
- Manual handling operations
- Building and premises management
- Health and safety training needs analysis (via Performance Reviews) and provision of training
- Contractors' work activities
- Other issues as appropriate

Howardian Primary School's monitoring arrangements include:

Consideration of the following at full Governing Body / Sub Committee Meetings / Senior Management Team (or equivalent management meeting):

- Health and Safety Policy
- Health and Safety Action Plan
- Accident statistics report
- Health and Safety Inspection Reports provided by Health and Safety Advisers
- Health and Safety Inspection Reports provided by managers
- Other health and safety issues as appropriate including monitoring information

Health and Safety Advisers, Corporate Resources, carry out inspections/audits of school health and safety management. These inspection reports are reviewed and the recommendations are actioned by Head Teacher, Administration Department and Estates Officer.

Workplace / work activity inspections by managers which are planned and documented. Consideration of specific health and safety responsibilities and training needs in Personal Performance and Development Reviews.

The school has a risk assessment review process in place which outlines stages following requirement to review risk assessments.

Nominated persons who have responsibility for these monitoring activities are detailed below.

(NB. Any monitoring forms used in school should be referenced.)

| Name | Monitoring activity / associated documentation |
|---------------------------|---|
| Head Teacher | Review risk assessments annually |
| Assistant Head Teacher | Review Evolve Policy and update where necessary |
| Administration Department | Submit and monitor accident forms |

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|-------|--|
| ALNCo | Risk assessments needed for any ALN pupils |
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For further information refer to:

School Building / Site Inspection Checklist

[4.SC.COMP.3002 - School Buildings Site Inspection Checklist](#)

3.26 New and Expectant Mothers

All new and expectant mothers are expected to inform their manager of their pregnancy in order that a specific risk assessment may be carried out.

To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance - New and Expectant Mothers at Work

[1.CM.030 Code of Guidance - New and Expectant Mothers](#)

3.27 Noise

A noise risk assessment is carried out in any areas of the school where employees are exposed to noise above the lower exposure action level. This is generally in areas where employees have to raise their voices to have a normal conversation when they are about 2 metres apart. Copies of risk assessments are kept in main Risk Assessment file. Employees are likely to be exposed to noise above the lower exposure action level in areas, such as, music and design and technology departments.

Action is taken to reduce the noise exposure of any employees exposed to above the upper exposure action level. The action taken includes: using quieter equipment or a different, quieter process; engineering/technical controls to reduce, at source, the noise produced by a machine or process, using screens, barriers, enclosures and absorbent materials to reduce the noise on its path to the people exposed; designing and laying out the workplace to create quiet areas; improved working techniques to reduce noise levels; limiting the time people spend in noisy areas.

Hearing protection is made available to employees who are exposed to above the lower exposure action level and is worn by employees who are exposed to above the upper exposure action level.

If the school identifies any areas then we will apply the procedures below.

Health surveillance, in the form of audiometry, is provided to employees who are exposed to above the upper exposure action level. Employees working in the following areas are provided with audiometry tests by a competent company or the Occupational Health Service. Records are kept in Certificates and Training File.

Information, instruction and training about risks associated with exposure to noise and the 28 measures taken to reduce noise exposure is provided to employees exposed to above the lower exposure action level.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on Noise

[1.CM.062 Code of Guidance - Noise at Work](#)

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/noise/>

3.28 Personal Protective Equipment [PPE]

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be appropriate for the activity for which it is required and will meet the necessary specification identified within the relevant risk assessment. PPE is assessed to determine that it is suitable for the tasks being undertaken by the Estates Officer. It will be issued as a last resort measure, following other means of controlling the risk in the first instance.

Risk assessments will identify who requires PPE, what PPE is needed, such as helmets, overalls, gloves, footwear, goggles, hearing protection and the specification of PPE required. It will be provided, together with the necessary instructions and training (including refresher training) to enable proper use, storage and care. A record of the training given will be kept and held in main Training File. PPE is stored in cupboards or cases to ensure that it is kept clean and in good repair. The relevant risk assessments are kept in Risk Assessment File.

PPE is maintained or replaced, in the case of disposable items of equipment, in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

Members of staff who require the use of PPE are provided with it free of charge and are issued with instructions to ensure that it is used correctly. They are also instructed to report any problems with the use, or significant wear or deterioration of the equipment to their manager. Failure to use PPE, or use it properly, may result in disciplinary action being taken against the employee.

A record of the PPE used will be recorded using the Issue of Personal Protective Equipment form 4.C.481. The records are kept by the Administration Office.

Jobs / tasks where risk assessment has identified the use of PPE are listed below:

| Task | Type of PPE and specification |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rock salt spreading | Gloves, boots, safety glasses |
| General estates work | Various items |
| Boiler room work | Ear defenders |
| Infection control | Mask, apron, gloves |

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance – Personal Protective Equipment

[1.CM.031 Council Code of Guidance - Personal Protective Equipment](#) 4.C.481 Issue of Personal Protective Equipment
[4.C.481 PPE Issue Record](#)

3.29 Pest Control

The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that a pest management contract in the form of a Service Level Agreement with Cardiff Council's Pest Control.

Sightings of pests are reported to Estates Officer. It is the responsibility of this member of staff to make the necessary arrangements for call outs.

A risk assessment has been carried out for any potential access to leftover bait.

3.30 Playground Safety

A risk assessment for pupils' recreational breaks has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff. The risk assessment is located in the main Risk Assessment File. (To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising)

Playground equipment is risk assessed for supervision by school staff. Parents are asked to refrain from allowing pupils to play on equipment at the beginning and end of the day to ensure risk assessments are complied with.

[Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

3.31 Ponds / Water features

The school has a small pond and this has been risk assessed. It is covered by a grid. [4.SC.COMP.022 - School Ponds / Water Features](#)

3.32 Premises Management

The Estates Officer, Administration Department and Head Teacher are responsible for managing the building. They will ensure that appropriate systems and documentation are in place in respect of the following:

- Building-/premises-related risk assessments
- Day-to-day management of the health and safety management of the building/premises, including regular inspections / checks
- Contractors
- Fire safety
- Fixed electrical installation
- Legionella
- Heating, gas and other mechanical systems
- Lifts
- Maintenance work
- Monitoring (documented) of health and safety arrangements including formal, at least quarterly, inspections to ensure risk controls are effective
- Security
- Statutory checks/inspections

- Physical condition of the building and environment
- Traffic management
- Compliance with Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 (as amended)
- Cooperation with other building/premises occupiers as appropriate

The health and safety management responsibilities for managing buildings are outlined in the Council Code of Guidance on Buildings and Premises Management. A separate booklet outlining the responsibilities of Facilities Management, Education Service and the school is used as a reference tool.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on Buildings and Premises Management. [1.CM.210 Building and Premises Management - Code of Guidance](#)

3.33 Premises Security

A risk assessment for the security of the site and buildings has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff. The risk assessment is located in the Risk Assessment File. (To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [4.SC.COMP.007 - School Security](#)

The boundary of the school is secure at all times.

Access to the school building is controlled by a controlled access system.

All visitors, including Council staff and contractors, must sign the visitor electronic signing-in system upon arrival at and departure from the school. Each visitor is issued with a visitor badge. They are asked for identification on arrival.

Members of staff challenge strangers.

The exterior of the school is adequately lit.

3.34 PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and Other Events

The Head Teacher has overall responsibility for ensuring that the chair of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), (or the person organising the event) is responsible for, and carries out, risk assessments for any PTA or other organised events.

[Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#) – school fetes and concerts template RA.

The chair of the PTA (or the person organizing the event) is responsible for ensuring that there is adequate insurance in place for the event.

All specialist equipment hired for events, for example, bouncy castles, are supplied and erected by competent persons. Adequate numbers of staff and members of the PTA are available at events to supervise and direct people in the event of an emergency.

Adequate first aid facilities and qualified first aiders are provided at events.

For further information refer to:

PTA-UK - [PTA - UK website](#)

3.35 Pupils with Medical Needs

The DfES / Department of Health document 'Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings' provides the framework for the management of medicines in the school.

The school has developed a Healthcare Policy on the management of pupils with medical needs. The procedure is located on the school website.

Medication is securely stored in administration office and staff room fridge.

For further information refer to:

DfES / Department of Health 'Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings' [Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings](#).

3.36 Reporting Defects

Members of staff report hazards to the Administration Department or the Estates Officer if on site and available. The administration department will pass on the details of any concerns to the Estates Officer when they are back on site or deal with the issue themselves if they feel it urgent and demands immediate attention.

Health and safety walkabouts to identify hazards are carried out by the Governors' Safety Committee every term using the School Building / Site Inspection Checklist / any other checks.

The Estates Contractor arranges any remedial works.

For further information refer to:

School Building / Site Inspection Checklist

[/4.SC.COMP.3002 - School Building Site Inspection Checklist](#)

3.37 Risk Assessments

Regulation 3 (1) of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 states that every employer shall make a suitable and sufficient assessment of:

- (a) the risks to the health and safety of his employees to which they are exposed whilst they are at work; and
- (b) the risks to the health and safety of persons not in his employment arising out of or in connection with the conduct by him of his undertaking

For the purposes of identifying the measures he needs to take to comply with the requirements and prohibitions imposed upon him by or under the relevant statutory provisions.

Risk assessments are undertaken by the Head Teacher, Deputy head teacher and the site administrator and are kept in the main Risk Assessment File in the main administration office. The H&S Officer can assist with risk assessments.

Generic risk assessments are available on the Council's CIS system. [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

The generic risk assessments should be adapted to the specific circumstances at the school.

Members of staff refer to curriculum specific guidance to assist them in completing risk assessments for specific departments. For example, guidance produced by organisations, such as Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services (CLEAPSS), Design and Technology Association (DATA), Association for Physical Education (AfPE) and National Society for Education in Art and Design (NSEAD).

The risk assessments are reviewed annually or when the circumstances to which the risk assessments relate changes.

Completed risk assessments are brought to the attention of relevant staff by Head Teacher.

Risk assessments carried out for school are located in the appropriate file.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on Risk Assessment

[1.CM.060 Code of Guidance on Risk Assessment](#)

[Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services \(CLEAPSS\)](#)

[Design and Technology Association \(DATA\)](#)

[Association for Physical Education \(AfPE\)](#)

[National Society for Education in Art and Design \(NSEAD\)](#)

3.38 Slips, Trips and Falls

Slips, trips and falls are one of the main causes of accidents in schools. Head Teachers and SLT have specific responsibilities in ensuring the physical premises and environment and workplace layout is suitable, but all employees have responsibilities to ensure the risk of slips, trips or falls are eliminated or reduced by:

- Ensuring good housekeeping
- Using suitable equipment e.g. when accessing high shelves
- Cleaning up spillages
- Not obstructing areas e.g. with redundant furniture, computer equipment.
- Wearing suitable footwear
- Reporting any hazards which they cannot address, e.g. condition of playground / play areas
- Paying attention to what they are doing.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on Slips, Trips and Falls

[1.CM.063 Code of Guidance Slips, Trips and Falls.](#)

3.39 Smoking

No smoking is permitted on the school site.

Signage is displayed at the entrance to the school.

3.40 Snow and Ice

A Plan has been developed establishing that adequate arrangements are made to ensure the risks from snow and ice are minimised. All efforts are made to ensure the school remains open as normal.

A risk assessment for Extreme Bad Weather – Snow and Ice has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff.

(To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [4.SC.COMP.015 - Snow and Ice Risk Assessment](#)

The Plan and any relevant risk assessments are located in the Risk Assessment File.

Snow clearance and ice gritting is carried out by the Estates Officer in accordance with the arrangements specified in the risk assessment and the Plan.

Parents are notified by means of a Text Alert and email system 'Teachers to Parents'. Parents are also advised to check the Cardiff Council website: www.cardiff.gov.uk

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance – Snow and Ice, WAG Guidance – Opening Schools in Extreme Bad Weather – Guidance for Schools.

[1.CM.211 Code of Guidance Snow and Ice](#)

[WAG Guidance - Opening Schools in Extreme Bad Weather - Guidance for Schools.](#)

3.41 Staff / Trades Union Consultation

Health and Safety Committee Meetings / Governing Body meetings, at which health and safety, including accident statistics, building issues, etc. is discussed, are held termly

The following are Trade Union Safety Representatives at the school:

| Member of Staff | Trade Union |
|-----------------|-------------|
| T Kiff | UNISON |
| R Brunker | NEU |

Health and safety is an agenda item at staff meetings which are held weekly. Items for discussion include (Health and Safety Policy, Risk Assessments, Monitoring, Accidents and Near Misses)

Members of staff raise health and safety concerns by informing Head Teacher either by e mail / Communication Meetings File.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on Safety Representatives:

[1.CM.045 Code of Guidance on Safety Representatives.](#)

3.42 Stress / Staff Well-being

Stress risk assessments are completed for teams of employees, and for individual members of staff, upon return to work, following an absence due to stress, or if there are particular issues.

Members of staff are made aware of the Employee Counselling Service (Tel: 029 2046 8565) and the Teacher Support Network (Tel: 08000 855 088) via posters and leaflets, which are also pinned to the staff noticeboard, located in the staffroom and staff toilets.

Stress Awareness Training for Managers and Employees, and Stress Risk Assessment Training, can be arranged by the school or via Services and Compliance.

[Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#) – Wellbeing and Stress (bottom of link)

For further information refer to:

Council Stress Management Policy

[Stress Management Policy](#)

Council Code of Guidance on Stress – Risk Assessment

[1.CM.113 Code of Guidance on Stress - Risk Assessment](#)

3.43 Traffic Management [Vehicles/Pedestrians] on Site

A risk assessment for Traffic Management has been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff.

(To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

Vehicle movement is prohibited on the school site between certain times of the day (8.30am-9.15am and 3pm-3.45pm). This includes contractors who are advised of the restrictions. These restrictions should be reflected within their risk assessments.

Delivery vehicles are restricted from accessing the school site between certain hours 8.30am-9.15am and 3pm-3.45pm.

[traffic-management-ra-checklist-february-2024.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

The school is aware of the Schools Traffic Management Safety Group and contacts the group for advice about traffic management both on-site and in the vicinity of the school entrance.

3.44 Training and Competence

The training needs of staff are assessed by Head Teacher and Senior Leadership team as an ongoing process and as part of the Council's Personal Performance and Development Review Scheme.

Members of staff attend appropriate courses, some of which are detailed in a health and safety Education Mandatory Toolkit training programme administered by the Services and Compliance Section (Tel: 029 2087 3714); or other courses which are relevant to their role. Members of the Governing Body are also welcome to attend these courses.

The training is provided by approved external health and safety training providers. The approved providers are detailed on the Council's Health and Safety intranet site.

Governors can attend specific courses for Health and Safety management and Health and Safety Risk Assessment Awareness facilitated by Governor Services. All training attended is recorded in the governor training file.

For further information refer to:

[Corporate Health and Safety Site - Training Providers](#)

3.45 Violence to Staff

Risk assessments for Violence at Work have been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff.

(To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [Violence at Work | Cardiff Education Services](#)

[Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#) – Violence at Work Risk Assessment template RA form

Incidents of verbal and physical violence are reported via the Council's ALERT form. Violent incidents are reported via: SchoolsAlertViolenceatWorkHandS@cardiff.gov.uk

The incidents are then recorded on the Persons to be Aware of Corporate Database (PACD).

Signs are displayed in reception areas requesting members of the public to not be abusive towards staff.

Members of staff consider where they will see pupils or parents if they are concerned that an aggressive situation may develop and ensure that a second member of staff is present.

If pupils require the use of physical restraint by members of staff, those staff attend Team Teach training.

There is a section in the Emergency Response Plan too about: 'what to do if there is a violent incident at school'.

3.46 Volunteers and Parent Helpers

Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out for any volunteers who have regular and unsupervised access to children and young people. Further information can be obtained from the Safeguarding Team, tel. 029 2087 2848.

For further information refer to:

Code of Guidance on Temporary, Casual and Agency Workers, and Volunteers [1.CM.065 Temporary, Casual and Agency Workers and Volunteers](#)
[Department of Education Website - Disclosure and Barring.](#)

3.47 Work Experience / Young Persons (16-18 years of age)

The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that risk assessments for Work Placements for Young Persons have been undertaken and communicated to all relevant staff. (To assist in this process, a generic risk assessment is available for customising) [4.SC.COMP.018 - Work Experience Placement for a Child / Young Person](#)

Information on the risks associated with the placement and any measures in place to reduce the risks are forwarded to the parents (for all students who are under 16 years of age) or directly to the student (for all students who are over the age of 16 years old) either directly or via the placement organiser. The member of staff responsible for forwarding the information is the Deputy Head Teacher.

The employer ensures that suitable and sufficient risk assessments are undertaken for the young person in their 'employ'.

Children / young people on work experience placements are inducted by a member of the SLT.

Children / young people on work experience placements are trained and supervised by various members of staff.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance for Young Persons.

[1.CM.074 Code of Guidance for Young Persons](#)

3.48. Working at Height

Where possible work at height is avoided, by positioning display boards at head height, positioning shelving at an appropriate height, using long handled window poles or window winders to open windows, using lighting rigs which can be lowered to ground level, using poles to remove PE equipment, for example, balls which have been kicked on to roofs.

Where work at height is carried out a risk assessment is carried out and is communicated to all relevant staff.

Nobody should be working at height unless they have received training and a RA has been carried out.

(To assist in this process generic risk assessments are available for customising) [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#) – Working at Height

Members of staff are instructed not to use chairs, tables, etc., to access display boards. General classroom risk assessment: [Risk Assessments | Cardiff Education Services](#)

Where work at height is carried out appropriate access equipment is provided, for example, kick stools and ladders and stepladders which comply with BS EN 131.

All equipment is stored appropriately to ensure that they are not accessible. Pre-use checks are carried out on stepladders and ladders before they are used.

Annual inspections of access equipment are carried out in accordance with the 37 manufacturers' instructions by Estates Officer and records retained.

For further information refer to:

Council Code of Guidance on the Safe Use of Ladders and Mobile Tower Scaffolds: [1.CM.061 Code of Guidance on Mobile Tower Scaffolds](#).

Pre-fabricated Access Suppliers and Manufacturers Association (PASMA) www.pasma.co.uk