



Tower Hill Primary School Health and Safety Policy

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Statement of Intent

It is our policy to carry out our activities in such a way as to ensure so far as *is reasonably practicable*, the health, safety and welfare of our employees and all persons likely to be affected by our activities including the general public where appropriate. We will co-operate and co-ordinate with partnerships, contractors, sub-contractors, employers, Hampshire County Council departments and the occupiers and owners of premises and land where we are commissioned to work in order to pursue our Health and Safety Policy aims.

Our aims are to:

- Provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment ensuring the welfare of all persons;
- Maintain control of health and safety risks arising from our activities;
- Comply with statutory requirements as a minimum standard of safety;
- Consult with all staff on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare;
- Provide and maintain safe systems, equipment and machinery;
- Ensure safe handling, storage and use of substances;
- Provide appropriate information, instruction and supervision for everyone;
- Ensure staff are suitably trained and competent to do their work safely;
- Continually develop a safety culture to remove or reduce the possibility of accidents, injuries and ill-health;
- Assess risks, record significant findings and monitor safety arrangements;
- Review and revise safety policies and procedures periodically and when circumstances may introduce a requirement to amend or improve arrangements;
- Develop and maintain a positive health and safety culture through regular communication and consultation with employees and their representatives on health and safety matters.

Our health and safety management system has been developed to ensure that the above commitments can be met. All staff and governors will be instrumental in its implementation.

Organisation

The overall responsibility for health and safety at Tower Hill Primary School is held by Hampshire County Council who will:

- Ensure that health and safety has a high profile;
- Ensure adequate resources for health and safety are made available;
- Consult and advise staff regarding health and safety requirements & arrangements;
- Periodically monitor and review local health and safety arrangements.

Responsible Manager

The Responsible Manager for the premises is the **Headteacher** who will act to:

- Develop a safety culture throughout the school;
- Consult staff and provide information, training and instruction so that staff are able to perform their various tasks safely and effectively;
- Assess and control risk on the premises as part of everyday management;
- Ensure a safe and healthy environment and provide suitable welfare facilities;
- Make operational decisions regarding health and safety;
- Ensure periodic safety tours and inspections are carried out;
- Ensure significant hazards are assessed and risks are managed to prevent harm;
- Ensure staff are aware of their health and safety responsibilities;
- Periodically update the Governing Body as appropriate;
- Produce, monitor and periodically review all local safety policies and procedures.

All Staff (including Governors and volunteers)

All staff have a statutory obligation to co-operate with the requirements of this policy and to take care of their own health and safety and that of others affected by their activities by:

- Supporting the school's health and safety arrangements;
- Ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, their own work area remains safe at all times;
- Not interfering with health and safety arrangements or misusing equipment;
- Complying with all safety procedures, whether written or verbally advised, for their own protection and the protection of those who may be affected by their actions;
- Reporting safety concerns to their staff representative or other appropriate person;
- Reporting any incident that has led, or could have led to damage or injury;
- Assisting in investigations due to accidents, dangerous occurrences or near-misses;
- Not acting or omitting to act in any way that may cause harm or ill-health to others.

Site Manager

The Site Manager is responsible for undertaking a wide range of typical health and safety related duties on behalf of, and under the direction of the Responsible Manager. He is to work within the parameters of any provided training and in accordance with risk assessments and the on-site safe working practices. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Assistant Caretaker/Grounds Person

As above, but under the direction of and in conjunction with the Site Manager.

On-Site Health & Safety Representative

The on-site Health & Safety Representative to the school will manage, advise and co-ordinate local safety matters on behalf of, and under the direction of the Responsible Manager. She is to work within her level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

All Teachers, Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) & Administrative Team

The responsibility of applying local safety procedures on a day-to-day basis rests with the teachers and support team. Where any new process or operation is introduced in the area of their responsibility, they are to liaise appropriately so that the associated risks are assessed and any precautions deemed necessary are implemented. They are to ensure that all new members of staff under their control are instructed in their own individual responsibilities with regards to health and safety, and they will appropriately monitor those new staff. They are to make periodic inspections of their areas of responsibility, taking prompt remedial action where necessary to control risk.

Premises Committee

One of the purposes of the Premises Committee of the Governing Body is to assist in the assessment of safety related matters and provide appropriate support to the headteacher. The Premises Committee meets at least once each term to monitor and discuss on-site health and safety performance, and recommend any actions necessary should this performance appear or prove to be unsatisfactory. Premises Committee members will be kept informed of changes in practices and procedures, new guidance, accidents, incidents and risk related matters as far as is reasonably possible. The Premises Committee consists of the Headteacher, two members of staff who are governors, and at least two non-staff members, one of whom is the Chair.

Fire Safety Co-ordinator

The Fire Safety Co-ordinator is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and acts on behalf of the Responsible Manager. She is to attend the Fire Safety Co-ordinator training course and refresh this training every three years. The Fire Safety Co-Ordinator is responsible for the local management and completion of day-to-day fire safety related duties and upkeep of the Fire Safety Manual.

The Fire Safety Co-Ordinator is to work within their level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team and the Property Services Fire Team as required.

Facilities Management Trained Staff

Children's Services Department require that every site has a facility management trained member of staff who is the competent person for the overall management of general premises facilities and acts on behalf of the Responsible Manager. S/he is to attend the facilities management training course and refresh this training every six years. S/he is responsible for the local management and completion of day-to-day premises matters and duties. S/he is to work within her/his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher/Responsible Manager & Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Health & Safety Representative

The school's Health and Safety Representative represents the staff with regard to their health and safety at work. She is expected to promote a positive safety culture throughout the premises and carry out the health and safety duties appropriate to her role in accordance with current guidance and legislative requirements.

Legionella Competent Person

The Nominated Competent Person for Legionella on the premises acts on behalf of the Responsible Manager/headteacher to provide the necessary competence to enable Legionella to be managed safely. S/he has undertaken the Legionella Management Course and annually completes the Legionella e-learning course. All training records are to be retained.

The Legionella Competent Person will ensure that all periodic and exceptional recording, flushing, cleaning and general Legionella management tasks are correctly completed and recorded in accordance with departmental and corporate requirements. He will advise the headteacher of any condition or situation relating to Legionella which may affect the safety of any premises users. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the headteacher and/or Property Services as required.

Asbestos Nominated Competent Person

The Nominated Competent Person for asbestos on the premises acts on behalf of the Responsible Manager/headteacher to provide the necessary competence to enable asbestos to be managed safely in accordance with the Corporate Procedure.

The asbestos competent person will ensure that all staff have a reasonable awareness of asbestos management and dangers. He is to ensure that the appropriate staff are competent in the use of the asbestos register and that asbestos is managed in accordance with departmental and corporate requirements. He will advise the headteacher of any condition or situation relating to asbestos which may affect the safety of any premises users. He is to work within his level of competence and seek appropriate guidance and direction from the Responsible Manager/headteacher and/or the Children's Services Health & Safety Team as required.

Accident Investigator

The on-site trained accident investigator will lead on all accident investigations in accordance with departmental and corporate procedures.

Arrangements

The following arrangements for health and safety have been developed in accordance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. These arrangements set out all the health and safety provisions for Tower Hill Primary School and are to be used alongside other current school procedures & policies.

In carrying out their normal functions, it is the duty of all managers and staff to act and do everything possible to prevent injury and ill-health to others. This will be achieved in so far as is reasonably practicable, by the implementation of these arrangements and procedures.

Accident/Incident Reporting & Investigation

The on-site management, reporting and investigation of accidents, incidents and near misses is carried out in accordance with the corporate policy requirements.

Any accident, incident or injury involving staff, visitors, contractors, and the more serious accidents/incidents to children are to be reported and recorded on the HCC Accident/incident reporting form on line as soon as practical.

A copy of the completed form is then automatically sent to Children's Services Health & Safety Team. The person reporting the incident and the manager will receive a request to carry out an investigation and a link to record this on. The purpose and intended outcome of the investigation is to identify the immediate and underlying causes of the accident so as to be able to implement appropriate measures to prevent reoccurrence.

Minor accidents to pupils are to be recorded in the most current duplicated Accident Recording Book (salmon coloured or 'Mini' which is red for ease of carriage on the playground) located in the magazine file on top of the medical cabinet in the School Office. Incidents involving bumps to the head are reported to the Administration Team to trigger a text to a parent that a bump to the head has occurred. A phone call is made to parent(s) for more serious head injuries.

The more serious accidents that are notifiable to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) will be notified to the Children's Services Health & Safety Team for them to report. A copy of the form will then be created by CSHST and sent to the HSE.

The headteacher will ensure that the Governing Body is appropriately informed of all incidents of a serious nature. All accident/incident reports will be monitored by the Health & Safety Representative and reported to the headteacher to report to the Premises Committee for trend analysis in order that repetitive causal factors may be identified to prevent reoccurrences.

Premises hirers and community/extended service/third party users must report all incidents related to unsafe premises or equipment to the school staff, who will appropriately report and investigate each incident. Incidents related to the user's own organised activities are to be reported by them in line with their own reporting procedures.

Administration of Medicines

Arrangements regarding medicines are set out in the *Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs and First Aid Policies*.

Asbestos Management

Asbestos management on site is controlled by the Nominated Competent Person. The asbestos register as issued by the Asbestos Team is located in the main School Office and is to be shown to all contractors who may need to carry out work on site. Contractors must sign the register as evidence of sighting prior to being permitted to commence any work on site.

The Responsible Manager and the Nominated Competent Person must complete the asbestos checklist relevant to their role (one for each role) when they are appointed. Copies of these must be retained with the asbestos register.

Any changes to the premises' structure that may affect the asbestos register information will be notified to the Asbestos Team in order that the asbestos register may be updated accordingly.

Under no circumstances must staff drill or affix anything to walls that may disturb materials without first checking the register and/or obtaining approval from the Nominated Competent Person.

Any damage to any structure that possibly contains asbestos, which is known or identified during inspection, should be immediately reported to the Responsible Manager/headteacher and/or the Asbestos Nominated Responsible Person who will immediately act to cordon off the affected area and contact the Asbestos Team for guidance. Any contractor suspected to be carrying out any unauthorised work on the fabric of the building should be immediately stopped from working and immediately reported to the headteacher.

Child Protection

Arrangements regarding child protection are set out in the *Child Protection & Safeguarding Policies*.

Community Users/Lettings/Extended Services

The headteacher will ensure that:

- Third parties and other extended service users operate under hire agreements;
- A risk assessment for the activity is completed;
- The premises are safe for use and are always inspected prior to, and after each use;
- Means of general access and egress are safe for use by all users;

- All provided equipment is safe for use;
- Fire escape routes and transit areas are safe and clear of hazards;
- Hirers/users are formally made aware of fire safety procedures and equipment;
- Third parties will record all participants and give written record to the school office of personnel on site;
- Third party operators are responsible for their own sufficient Public Liability Insurance a copy of which must be given to the headteacher to be held on file.

Contractors on Site

HCC approved contractors should be used for contractual work on the premises wherever possible. Where non-HCC approved contractors may be required or selected for use then appropriate safe selection procedures are to be used to ascertain competence prior to engaging their services. The departmental CSAF-013 Safe Selection of Contractors Checklist is to be used to determine competence of non-HCC contractors who will require adequate risk assessments to demonstrate their safe working practices for specific work being undertaken.

All contractors must report to the School Office where they will be asked to sign the visitors book and asbestos register, and will discuss the nature of the work they have been contracted to undertake with either the head, deputy headteacher, Snr. Administrative Officer or preferably Site Manager if available. All contractors must be issued with the local written contractor induction brief that includes all relevant details of fire safety procedures & local safety arrangements.

Host staff are responsible for monitoring work areas and providing appropriate supervision, more so where the contractor's work may directly affect staff and pupils on the premises.

Curriculum Activities

All safety management and risk assessments for curriculum based activities will be carried out under the control of the relevant subject managers and subject teachers using the appropriate codes of practice and safe working procedural guidance for Design & Technology, Science, Music, Physical Education & Sport, Art, Swimming and Drama as issued by CLEAPSS, HIAS and Hampshire County Council. Subject Leaders and the appropriate subject teachers will be responsible for local risk management and ensuring that maintenance of equipment and premises in their areas of the curriculum are managed safely following the appropriate guidance.

Display Screen Equipment

All users must complete the *display screen equipment e-learning course* every year without exception. All users must carry out periodic workstation assessments using CSAF-001 Workstation Assessment Form. Workstation assessments will be actioned as necessary by line managers and routinely reviewed at intervals not exceeding three years.

Electrical Equipment

The headteacher will ensure that:

- Only authorised and competent persons are permitted to install or repair equipment;
- Where 13-amp sockets are in use, only one plug per socket is permitted;
- Equipment is not to be used if found to be defective in any way;
- Defective equipment is to be reported & immediately taken out of use until repaired;

- It is Tower Hill's policy that all portable electrical equipment is inspected/tested at intervals of 12 months by the Site Manager &/or Assistant Caretaker who are both PAT Tester Qualified;
- Equipment testing/inspection can only be carried out by a competent person;
- Private electrical equipment is not to be brought onto the premises or used unless its use is approved by management and it has been tested;
- New equipment must be advised to the headteacher in order that it can be added to future PAT testing schedules;
- **CleanKing**, the cleaning contractor service employed by the school, is responsible for carrying out PAT testing on their electrical equipment (vacuum cleaners) on an annual basis and update markings on the said equipment accordingly and inform the Site Manager of satisfactory completion.

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Any defective or suspected defective equipment, systems of work, fittings etc must be reported to **the Headteacher and/or the Site Manager** who will ensure that they are attended to as soon as possible.

Emergency Procedures

General emergency evacuation for non-fire related emergencies is to be carried out in accordance with the school emergency evacuation plan. The school has a fire emergency plan for fire related emergencies, an emergency evacuation plan for all non-fire emergencies and a Lock Down Procedure for any invacuation situation.

All staff will receive a brief and/or a copy of the emergency evacuation plan at induction, and they will be periodically provided with updated information as the emergency evacuation plan is routinely reviewed and amendments are introduced.

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans are to be completed, provided and exercised for any vulnerable persons to be able to ensure safe, assisted evacuation in the event of an emergency incident.

Fire Safety

Arrangements regarding fire safety are set out in the Fire Safety Manual. The Fire Safety Co-ordinator is the competent person for fire safety on the premises and is the immediate point of contact for all fire safety related enquiries on site.

The headteacher will ensure through the fire safety co-ordinator that:

- All staff complete the mandatory *fire safety induction e-learning course* every year;
- Fire safety procedures are readily available for all staff to read ;
- Fire safety information is provided to all staff at induction and periodically thereafter
- Fire safety notices are posted in the key areas of the building close to the fire points;
- Evacuation routes and assembly points are clearly identified;
- Staff are aware of their own responsibilities for knowing the location of fire points & fire exits. They should also know the location of the Assembly Points 1 & 2 in the event of fire;
- All staff are familiar with the flammable potential of materials and substances that they use and exercise maximum care in their use, especially with those marked *flammable*;
- Fire evacuation procedures, fire safety training and fire alarm testing are carried out in accordance with corporate guidance and the premises fire safety manual;
- The fire risk assessment is reviewed annually by the fire safety co-ordinator and amended as new hazards or required amendments are identified.

First Aid

Arrangements regarding first aid provision are set out in the *Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs and First Aid Policies*. The names and locations of the First Aid trained staff on site are listed in the First Aid Policy, the Assessment of Medical Needs and also clearly signposted in the School Office.

A needs assessment of the First Aid requirements is completed annually. This details the number of First Aid staff required.

All Support Staff are first aid trained and it is Tower Hill's aim for First Aid to be administered by a member of the First Aid trained staff with in-date training certification, operating within the parameters of their training. Depending on the extremity of circumstances, a non-First Aid trained member of the staff team would carry out First Aid rather than leave a casualty unattended.

General Equipment

All general equipment requiring statutory inspection and/or testing on site (eg. boilers, PE equipment, climbing apparatus) will be inspected by appropriate competent contractors (Boiler & Buildings: Corrigan or Mountjoy and P.E. Universal Services) as provided by the term contractor under PBRs arrangements, or as locally arranged.

Equipment is not to be used if found to be defective in any way. Defective equipment is to be reported and immediately taken out of use until repairs can be carried out.

Glazing

Glass and glazing on site has been surveyed and risk assessed to ensure that it is suitable safety glass for the area in which the glazing is located, this includes taking account of the activities undertaken and types of children at the school. The survey and assessment are kept in the Risk Assessment file by the headteacher and electronically by the Site Manager and are reviewed annually or when there are changes to the premises.

Good Housekeeping

Tidiness, cleanliness and efficiency are essential factors in the promotion of good health and safety. The following conditions are to be adhered to at all times:

- All corridors and passageways are kept free from obstruction;
- Shelves in storerooms and cupboards are stacked neatly and not overloaded;
- Floors are kept clean and dry, and free from slip and trip hazards;
- Emergency exits and fire doors are not obstructed in any way;
- Supplies are stored safely in their correct locations;
- Rubbish and litter are cleaned and removed at the end of each working day;
- Poor housekeeping or hygiene conditions are immediately reported.

Hazardous Substances

Hazardous substances, materials, chemicals and cleaning liquids are not permitted to be used or brought into use on site unless a documented COSHH assessment has been undertaken by the trained COSHH assessor, and the product has been approved for safe use on site by the headteacher. Tower Hill's COSHH Assessor, acting on behalf of the headteacher who is also COSHH trained, is the Site Manager, with the assistant headteacher also trained.

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When using a harmful substance, whether it is a material, cleaning fluid or chemical substance, staff must ensure that adequate precautions are taken to prevent ill-health in accordance with the COSHH assessment completed for that hazardous substance. Staff must never attempt to use a harmful substance unless adequately trained to do so, and then only when using the safe working practices and protective equipment identified in the COSHH assessment.

*The school employs the services of a county recommended contract cleaning company, **CleanKing**, for its cleaning service, and the company acts as immediate overseer of safe working practice of its cleaning employees.*

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All hazardous substances are to be stored in the secure storage cupboards when not in use which are in the YR, Y1 and Y2 Boys' WC and in the cleaners' storage area of the New Tower. These are to remain locked at all times when not in use. The Site Manager's office and out-store both contain secure COSHH cabinets and are signed accordingly.

Inspections and Monitoring

Daily monitoring of the premises, through working routines and staff awareness, is expected to identify general safety concerns and issues which should be immediately recorded in the premises defect book and reported to the Site Manager in the first instance who will refer to the Snr. Admin Officer who will liaise with the headteacher should outside specialists be required or if structural work is involved.

Monitoring and inspections of individual subject areas will be carried out by subject managers.

Routine formally documented inspections of the premises will be carried out at least every term in accordance with the premises inspection schedule. Inspection findings are to be recorded on the locally adapted CSAF-005/CSAF-010 Periodic Premises Safety Inspection Checklist. Incidental inspections which are not formally recorded but noted by the Site Manager and/or headteacher are carried out on a weekly basis to ensure good maintenance and repair is effected promptly.

Defects identified during these routine documented inspections are to be immediately reported to the Headteacher and recorded in the defect book for sight of the Site Manager. Any identified high level risks or safety management concerns are to be actioned in consultation with members of the Governors' Premises Committee.

Periodic detailed inspections of the premises' safety management system will be carried out every year by the members of the Governors' Premises Committee. These documented inspections will examine all areas of the safety management system and will be carried out using the locally adapted CSAF-010 Annual H&S Inspection Checklist (now same as the termly checklist: advised by CSHST).

The headteacher complies with the school's responsibility to carry out the termly H&S web monitoring form, which focuses on different areas each term and is an integral part of the School and CSHST monitoring programmes.

Kitchens

The main kitchen area is only to be used by authorised staff in accordance with the identified safe working procedures. Authority and procedures for local management of the main kitchen is with HC3S, Hampshire Caterers. Any persons not normally authorised but wishing to enter the kitchen area must gain approval prior to entry and must strictly adhere to the kitchen safe working practices.

Safe working procedures and authorised access for the Food Technology Area of the ATC Suite are subject to referral by supervising adults to the Food Tech and Food Hygiene Risk Assessments. Food Allergy (identified pupils) Risk Assessments, which are known to all staff, should also be referred to in the event of those classes undertaking food technology sessions.

Legionella Management

Legionella management on site is controlled by the Legionella competent person who will manage and undertake all procedures regarding Legionella in accordance with Hampshire County Council

policy and guidance. Records of all related training, flushing, temperature monitoring, cleaning and defects are to be retained for auditing purposes.

Lone Working

Lone working increases the risks to the individual and as such needs to be kept to a minimum (both in terms of the frequency of lone working and the time spent undertaking the activity). To further reduce the risks lone workers should not undertake hazardous tasks whilst working alone, e.g.:

- Working at Height
- Using hazardous equipment/tools (i.e. hedge trimmers)

When lone working is undertaken it must only take place:

- With the Responsible Manager/headteacher's approval
- And be in accordance with the Corporate Lone Working Procedure where staff have been appropriately categorised and control measures have been identified and put into place.

The lone working arrangements for staff who may undertake lone working on this site are to: inform the headteacher or next most senior member of staff of timings for being on site; carry a charged mobile phone at all times; ensure that their presence on site is known by next of kin/ person off-site.

Moving and Handling

All staff must complete the *moving and handling e-learning course* every year without exception. Staff are not permitted to regularly handle or move unreasonably heavy or awkward items, equipment or children unless they have attended specific moving and handling training and/or have been provided with mechanical aids in order to work safely.

Any significant moving and handling tasks are to be specifically risk assessed in order that training requirements can be accurately determined to ensure that the task is carried out safely. The Site Manager & Assistant Caretaker/Grounds Person are expected to undertake regular physical work which would typically include significant moving and handling, and therefore have consequently attended a formal moving and handling course as part of the Caretaker Services Induction Programme, specific to work requirements.

Off-site Activities

Arrangements regarding off-site activities are managed in accordance with the Outdoor Education Service's procedures and guidance. Evolve applications are made as required for events.

Physical Intervention

Arrangements regarding physical restraint to prevent a child from injury, injuring, damage or disruption are set out in the Restrictive Physical Restraint Policy. Three members of staff including the SENCo have undertaken Team Teach Physical Restraint training: including the SENCo and AHT: Autumn 2017, one KSI teacher and a Learning Support Assistant).

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Provision of Information

The headteacher will ensure that information systems are established so that staff are periodically provided with information regarding safety arrangements on the premises. These systems are distributed at Staff Meetings and Learning Support Assistant meeting with signage on receipt of documentation.

Local health and safety advice is available from the *Health & Safety Representative* and the Children's Services Health & Safety Team can provide both general and specialist advice.

The most current *Health and Safety Law* poster is displayed in the School Reception Area.

Risk Assessment

General risk assessment management will be co-ordinated by **the Headteacher**, in accordance with guidance contained in the Children's Services Safety Guidance Procedure SGP 01-07.

Risk assessments are undertaken for all areas where a significant risk is identified or a possibility of such risk exists.

The trained risk assessor on site who is **the Headteacher**, will oversee the correct completion of risk assessments as appropriate. Risk assessments will be carried out by those staff with the appropriate knowledge and understanding in each area of work.

All risk assessments and associated control measures are to be approved by the headteacher or their delegated member of staff prior to implementation.

Completed risk assessments are listed in the Risk Assessment Register and will be reviewed periodically in accordance with each Risk Assessment's review date as listed for review in the premises bring-up diary system.

Security

Arrangements regarding security are based on the premises Security Risk Assessment and are set out in the on-site Security Policy (to include 'Lock Down' Procedure) which include emergency unlock routines in the Locking & Unlocking Procedure. All members of staff are issued with copies of all aspects of site security documentation.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on the school site. This includes the use of electronic 'e' cigarettes i.e. vaporizers. This is included in the School Prospectus for parents, which is available on the school's website and from the School Office.

Stress & Wellbeing

Tower Hill Primary School is committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing and recognises the importance of identifying & reducing workplace stressors.

Stress management through risk assessment and appropriate consultation with staff will be periodically reviewed and acted upon in accordance with the Children's Services' and Health & Safety Executive's Management Standards, guidance and requirements.

On-site arrangements to monitor, consult and reduce stress situations are assessed through anonymised staff questionnaires; establishing of a 'buddy' system for newly qualified teachers and new members of staff; the encouragement of an 'open door' approach to members of the Leadership Team; sharing of the HCC support line details from the Teacher Support Line <http://teachersupport.info/> and the County's [Wellbeing Helpline \(http://www3.hants.gov.uk/occupational-health/oh-for-employees\)](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/occupational-health/oh-for-employees) for all staff.

Traffic Management

Arrangements regarding on-site traffic safety are based on the findings from the traffic on site checklist and are set out in the Traffic Management Plan. These measures have then been shared with staff and the relevant provisions communicated to parents/visitors.

Training

Health and safety induction training will be provided and recorded for all new staff/volunteers in accordance with the New Staff Induction Checklist. Tower Hill has a dedicated Induction Mentor for all new staff, including student placements.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that all staff/volunteers are provided with adequate information, instruction and training regarding their safety at work. A training needs analysis will be carried out from which a comprehensive health and safety training plan will be developed and maintained to ensure health and safety training is effectively managed for all staff who require it.

All staff will be provided with the following as a minimum training provision:

- Induction training regarding all the requirements of this health and safety policy;
- Appropriate local training regarding risk assessments and safe working practices;
- Updated training and information following any significant health and safety change;
- Specific training commensurate to their own role and activities;
- Periodic refresher training that will not exceed three yearly intervals;
- Appropriate annual e-learning courses to meet HCC mandatory corporate training requirements.

Training records are held by **the Headteacher and/or the Snr. Administrative Officer**, who are responsible for co-ordinating all health and safety training requirements, maintaining the health and safety training plan, and managing the planning of refresher training for all staff.

Violent Incidents

Violent, aggressive, threatening or intimidating behaviour towards staff, whether verbal, written, electronic or physical, will not be tolerated at Tower Hill Primary School.

Staff must report all such violent and aggressive incidents to ensure that there is an awareness of potential issues and/or injuries, and so as to enable incidents to be appropriately investigated so that reasonable actions may be taken to support those involved and reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the future.

Violent incident reporting is completely confidential. Violent and aggressive incidents are to be reported using the Incident Reporting system.

Visitors

All visitors must initially report to the main reception where they will be provided with the key health, safety and fire safety information to enable them to act appropriately and safely in the event of an incident. NO visitors are allowed through the front entrance without gaining the permission of the reception staff.

Visitors to the premises will be :

- Asked to sign-in digitally whereupon a photo-ID badge will be generated; unless they
- Wearing an HCC identity fob/PBRS contractors' I.D.;
- Made aware of the minimum Health and Safety/Fire guidance as displayed at the school reception (a full detailed copy of this Health & Safety Policy will be available on request at the School Office);
- Escorted to their destination as appropriate.

Vulnerable Persons

- Where there are vulnerable persons (young, pregnant, those with a disability, those with temporary or permanent medical conditions etc) working or visiting the premises, a risk assessment will be completed and appropriate procedures implemented to ensure their health, safety and welfare whilst on site.

Work at Height

Work at height is always to be undertaken in accordance with the Corporate policy on Work at Height. At Tower Hill Primary School general work at height will be undertaken in accordance with the on-site generic risk assessment for work at height which identifies general requirements and safe working practices. Specific or higher risk tasks will be carried out in accordance with a specific risk assessment for that task.

The competent person for work at height on the premises who has attended the Caretaker Support Service Ladder & Stepladder Safety half-day course is **the Site Manager**, and he is authorised to:

- Use steps, stepladders and leaning ladders in accordance with her/his training
- Provide step stool instructional training briefs to staff
- Provide stepladder and steps training to staff using the *Children's Services Stepladder & Steps Safety* user training presentation
- Carry out periodic inspections of all on-site ladders, stepladders and podium steps
- Remove access equipment from use if defective or considered inappropriate for use.

The competent person for work at height and all other staff are not permitted to use any other access equipment for work at height without specific training. This includes the use of scaffolding, mobile towers and mobile elevated work platforms.

Children's Services staff will not be permitted to work on roofs, unless they have suitable edge protection and safe access arrangements.

Work at height on the premises is only permitted to take place under the following conditions:

- Any work to be carried out at height must be underpinned by a risk assessment
- Access equipment selected for work at height must be selected by the competent person and only used as specified in the Risk Assessment
- Any staff working at height must be appropriately trained to use the access equipment
- Staff are not to improvise or use alternative access methods of their own choice
- Use of any furniture, including tables and chairs, is **forbidden** for any work at height
- Staff may only use step stools if they have received a local instructional training brief
- **Staff may only use stepladders if they have attended the Ladder stepladder training or have received training from the Ladder and Stepladder Competent Person (using the CSHST Ladder presentation).**
- Staff may only use leaning ladders if they have personally attended the Caretaker Support Service Ladder & Stepladder Safety half-day course within every three years
- Any safety concerns about a work at height task must be raised prior to work starting
- Access equipment used on site such as ladders and stepladders must only be that provided and are never to be lent to, or borrowed from, third parties or contractors
- Contractors working at height are to be appropriately supervised and must only use their own access equipment.

The following should be treated as appended to the Health & Safety Policy:

- A. Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs and First Aid Policies
- B. Child Protection & Safeguarding Policies
- C. Emergency Evacuation Plan
- D. Fire Safety Manual
- E. Restrictive Physical Restraint Policy and Procedures
- F. On-Site Security Procedures including Locking/Unlocking/Lock-Down Procedures
- G. Traffic Management Plan

This policy is to be read in conjunction with : Appendix A: Named Post-Holders 2019/20