



# BRADFIELD COLLEGE

## Health and Safety Policy

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# HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

**MARCH 2021**

# HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

## PART 1

It is the Policy of Bradfield College to comply with the terms of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSAW), Regulations made under this Act, Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance.

### The Warden and Council of Bradfield College will:

- Protect, as reasonably practicable, the safety of students, employees, contractors, visitors, and public who might be affected by our operations;
- Provide employees with appropriate resources, information, supervision, instruction and training as is necessary to implement this policy;
- Support the development of a safe culture amongst everyone at Bradfield College;
- Establishing programs and procedures that ensure Bradfield operations comply with HSE laws, regulations, guidelines and 'best practice';
- Establish procedures to record and investigate all injuries, incidents and near misses, reviewing safety in order to reduce accidents and ill health;
- Will provide effective consultation and communication on health and safety;
- Reducing risks as low as reasonably practicable through sensible and effective risk assessment;
- Monitoring, reviewing and improving policies, particularly when changes in our operations occur or changes in H&S laws/regulations.


### Employees will:

- Be accountable for their own safety and the safety of those who could be affected by their actions;
- Be alert to risks and hazards and plan work carefully and responsibly, immediately reporting any situation which could jeopardise the well-being of themselves or other persons;
- Be mindful of the risks inherent in the management, care and education of children and take all reasonable steps to identify, minimize and manage those risks;
- Supervise pupils to a high safety standard whilst on site, on trips or during activities. Employees will ensure that the pupils conduct themselves in accordance with all health and safety requirements and encourage them to be alert to risks and hazards;
- Make themselves familiar with the content of the safety policies, paying particular attention to the sections which relate to their areas of responsibility and operation;
- At all times apply the Safety Policy and procedures, seeking further information on matters that are unclear, and communicating to management areas where improvements can be made.

The organisation and management arrangement that supports this policy statement are given in the safety policies published on the College's Health and Safety Webpage.

I strongly urge you to ensure that you are alert to your responsibilities and diligent in playing your part in making the College a safe and healthy place.

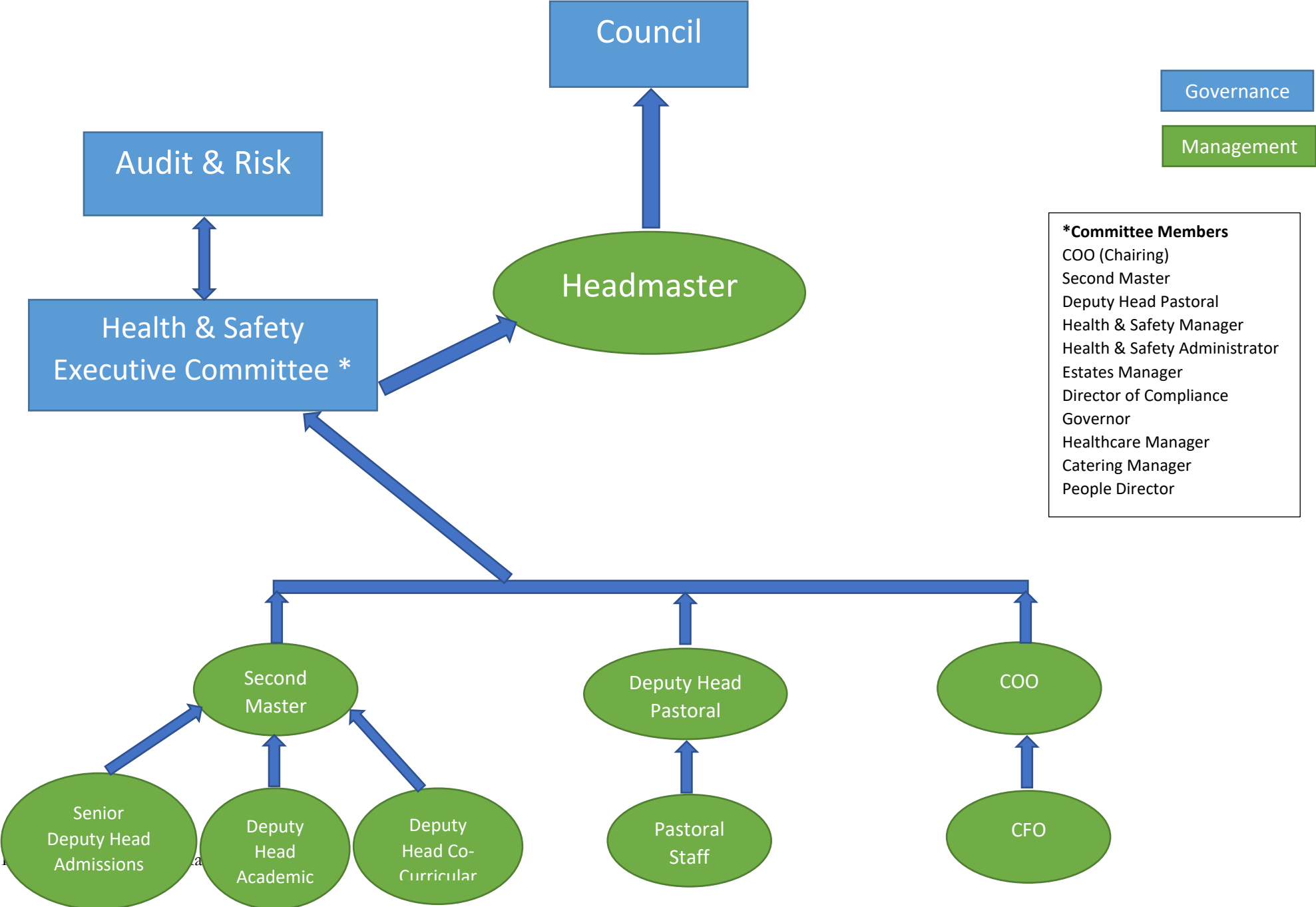
Sophia Bergqvist is the Warden for and on behalf of the College Council.

Signed 

Toby Hornett, Council Member, with responsibility for reporting on Health and Safety.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (March 2021)

# Organisational Structure of Health & Safety's Governance and Management



- \*Committee Members**
- COO (Chairing)
  - Second Master
  - Deputy Head Pastoral
  - Health & Safety Manager
  - Health & Safety Administrator
  - Estates Manager
  - Director of Compliance
  - Governor
  - Healthcare Manager
  - Catering Manager
  - People Director

# ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## **PART 2**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This document confirms the responsibilities for the implementation of the Health and Safety Policy of Bradfield College. The Council of Bradfield College have collective responsibility for health and safety within Bradfield College. The Council Member with specific responsibility for reporting to the Council on health and safety matters is Toby Hornett.

### **MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The College has developed Health and Safety Management Systems to ensure high health and safety standards are achieved whilst meeting the educational, community and commercial needs of the College. Details of the organisation and responsibilities are contained within this section and cover the following:

- The responsibilities of all staff;
- The responsibilities of College bodies or committees, including the Council, the Audit & Risk Committee and the Health and Safety Executive Committee;
- The responsibility of individuals, including various levels of management.

By assessing items of the Health and Safety Management System on a regular basis and acknowledging the status of each item, the College will ensure momentum is maintained and continuous improvement sought.

### **STRATEGIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The College has prepared a Strategic Health and Safety Management Plan, which incorporates all strategic recommendations from annual audits and specific departmental inspections. It also includes the actions arising from key risk assessments, incident investigations and changes to operating procedures.

This plan identifies:

- The recommendations with priorities;
- The proposed action and the person assigned to implement the action;
- Proposed completion dates.

The plan is updated when recommendations are implemented. It is reviewed regularly by the College's Health, Safety and Security Manager and the Health and Safety Executive Committee to ensure that recommendations are progressed and to amend the actions and timescales where appropriate.

### **ORGANISATION**

The organisational arrangements for managing health and safety in the College are described in the following pages of this document. A flow diagram showing responsibility for health and safety management follows this section.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL STAFF**

All College employees have a legal duty to look after their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions. They also have legal duties to co-operate with the College to enable the College to comply with any imposed duties and to properly use anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare.

All employees have the following specific duties:

- To read and understand the College Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements and objectives;
- To take reasonable care of their own safety and the safety of others;
- Not to interfere with or misuse, intentionally or recklessly, anything provided in the interests of safety;
- To co-operate with the College's management to ensure compliance with health and safety legislation and best practice;

- To use any machinery, equipment, substances, vehicles or safety devices in accordance with any training in the use of the equipment and instructions;
- To report all accidents and incidents, hazards, dangerous occurrences and damage to plant, equipment etc., which they consider to be a serious and immediate danger to health and safety to their Line Manager or the Health, Safety and Security Manager;
- To use the necessary protective clothing and equipment;
- To observe and follow all safe working practices;
- To be actively involved in the employee consultation process.

## **DUTIES OF THE WARDEN AND COUNCIL**

The Warden and Council have collective responsibility for health and safety within the College. They will monitor the effectiveness of the implementation of the Health and Safety Policy and the Health and Safety Management System and will direct that it should be revised as and when necessary. The Warden and Council have important roles in providing health and safety leadership in the College and will ensure all decisions reflect the commitment to provide a safe environment for all and will seek the active participation of employees and pupils in improving health and safety.

The aims of the Warden and Council are to:

- Prevent accidents and ill-health arising from the College's activities, so far as is reasonably practicable;
- Carry out an annual safety policy review, to ensure compliance with all relevant health and safety legislation and its suitability for the needs of the College;
- Ensure a safe environment is provided for all users of the College;
- Actively promote and be fully involved in continuously improving health and safety.

In particular, the Warden and Council will ensure so far as is reasonably practicable that:

- Sufficient and appropriate financial and other necessary resources are made available to meet health, safety and welfare requirements;
- Council members and senior staff are appointed to form an Audit and Risk Committee to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the College's risk management, including the health and safety management system;
- The Audit and Risk Committee reports on health and safety at every formal Council meeting;
- Health and safety is duly considered when making senior management appointments;
- A Council member is appointed with specific responsibility for reporting to them on health and safety;
- Health and safety receives as much attention and strategic importance as any other aspect of the College's management;
- The Senior Management Team are aware of their role and responsibilities in the effective management of health and safety and in providing leadership throughout the College;
- The Senior Management Team have suitable training and instruction to enable them to take immediate action to prevent breaches in health and safety;
- Arrangements are in place to ensure employees are given adequate information, instruction, training and supervision to allow them to carry out their tasks safely.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COLLEGE COMMITTEES**

### **AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE**

The Audit and Risk Committee, which is a formal committee of the Council, will comprise three governors appointed from within the College Council. The Headmaster, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer will be required to attend termly meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee along with other senior managers as required.

The Committee will be concerned with the following activities:

- Monitoring the effectiveness of the College's risk management, including the establishment of performance measures and targets;
- Responsibility for Council to oversee child protection;
- Responsibility for Council to oversee health and safety;
- Reviewing any major/serious accidents or incidents at the College and reporting it as necessary to Council;

- Receiving reports from and making enquiry of senior managers, including the College's Child Protection Officer, to ensure that the College's child protection obligations are being satisfied;
- Receiving reports from the College Health, Safety and Security Manager;
- Receiving the annual audit report from the College external Health & Safety Adviser;
- Responsibility for overseeing investigations into potential instances of concern and seeking professional advice as considered necessary;
- Reviewing the Health and Safety Policy and SMS as set out in Part 1 and recommending to the Warden and Council the Health and Safety Policy Statement for approval and signature on an annual basis;
- Reviewing the College's health and safety priorities and monitoring progress of the Strategic Health and Safety Management Plan.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

This Committee comprises the Chief Operating Officer (Chair), the Second Master, the Director of Compliance, the Deputy Head (Pastoral), the Health, Safety and Security Manager, the Estates Manager, the People Director, the Catering Manager, and the Health Care Manager. The Committee will meet monthly or more frequently if required.

The duties of the Committee include:

- Overseeing the implementation of all safety policies and assessing their performance in controlling risks so far as is reasonably practicable;
- Assessing and leading the development of the safety culture of the organisation, encouraging in particular an understanding of the importance of health and safety and personal responsibility;
- Agreeing priorities, plus responsibilities, timescales and resources required for the development of the Management System in order to comply with legislation and the promotion of best practice throughout the organisation;
- Directing and co-ordinating developments and revisions to the Safety System;
- Overseeing, guiding and supporting the work of the Health, Safety and Security Manager;
- Identifying matters that should be discussed at the Estates Committee, Audit and Risk Committee or College Health and Safety Committee and following up on the outcomes from those committee discussions.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN DEPARTMENTS**

Each Department will hold regular meetings throughout the academic year, led by the respective Head of Department. The Health, Safety and Security Manager will attend meetings with each department throughout the year to discuss relevant health and safety topics.

Where health and safety issues require discussion across several departments or disciplines, the Health and Safety Executive Committee will appoint a discussion group to undertake the necessary discussions and to report back to the Committee as appropriate

## **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **GOVERNOR RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING ON HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Appointed Council Member responsible for reporting directly to the Council of Bradfield College on health and safety is Toby Hornett. The responsibilities of the Governor responsible for reporting on health and safety on behalf of the Council include, so far as is reasonably practicable, the following:

- Seeking to ensure that health and safety is given priority and importance by the Council in its deliberations;
- Consulting with the Headmaster and Chief Operating Officer;
- Attending the College's Health and Safety Committee and seeking to ensure the Committee is working effectively to fulfil its responsibilities;
- Chairing the College's Audit and Risk Committee;
- Receiving copies of all RIDDOR and major incidents and accident reports and monitoring that appropriate action has been taken by the College;

- Monitoring the College's Health and Safety Management System to ensure it is operating effectively and as described.

## **HEADMASTER**

The Headmaster is appointed by the Warden and Council as having oversight for health and safety in all academic, pastoral and co-curricular elements of the College and will work closely with the Chief Operating Officer to seek to ensure the successful day-to-day management of health and safety.

The Headmaster's responsibilities include so far as is reasonably practicable:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Promoting a proactive and continuing interest in health and safety matters throughout the College;
- Providing positive and visible leadership to establish a strong health and safety culture throughout the organisation;
- Consulting with the Deputy Head Pastoral as Child Protection Officer and the Second Master;
- Seeking to ensure the co-operation of all staff at all levels in regards to working with this Policy;
- Seeking to ensure that any changes in curriculum and also changes in systems of work on the pastoral side are considered for health and safety implications.

## **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

The Chief Operating Officer has been assigned executive responsibility to oversee health and safety management on a day-to-day basis, reporting directly to the Governor responsible for reporting on health and safety to the Council.

The Chief Operating Officer responsibilities include so far as is reasonably practicable:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Working closely with the Headmaster and Second Master seeking to ensure risk reduction is promoted in all areas and disciplines of the College;
- Chairing the Health and Safety Executive Committee;
- As Line Manager for the Health, Safety and Security Manager, providing support and guidance to assist that person in fulfilling their responsibilities;
- As Line Manager for the Estates Manager, supervising the operation of health and safety practices in those areas, including seeking to ensure that those managers understand and accept their responsibilities for health and safety management;
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the management system as regards to both estates and administrative work;
- Ensuring risks are properly managed in order to minimise the liabilities to Bradford College;
- Seeking to ensure that the Health, Safety and Security Manager has the necessary competence, resources and support of other management and operational personnel;
- To ensure the responsibilities for the Health, Safety and Security Manager are fully understood and implemented;
- Seeking to ensure that health and safety responsibilities are clearly defined and allocated to the appropriate levels within Bradford College;
- As a Director of BCEL, liaising with the Commercial Director with respect to health and safety implications for external hirers to ensure sufficient knowledge of the College's Health and Safety systems is communicated with all concerned;
- Seeking to ensure in conjunction with the Health, Safety and Security Manager that the Health and Safety Policy is reviewed and updated on a regular basis, and that the document is available to employees;
- Ensuring health and safety is discussed by the Estates Committee at every meeting;
- Seeking to ensure all employees are adequately trained and experienced to carry out their Health and Safety responsibilities;
- Ensuring liabilities are adequately covered by both Public and Employers Liability Insurance;
- To inform the Warden and Council before any significant hazards are introduced or when significant hazards are identified;



- Approving draft safety policy documents as produced by the Health & Safety and Security Manager.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGER**

The Health, Safety and Security Manager reports to the Chief Operating Officer, but also has direct access to the Senior Management Team.

The main responsibilities include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Being the College's 'Competent Person' for specified areas of health and safety management and ensuring that suitable 'competent persons' are in place for other areas as necessary;
- Advising and supporting the Governor responsible for reporting on health and safety, the Chief Operating Officer, the Headmaster, the Second Master and other senior managers to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities for health and safety management;
- Communicating the importance of health and safety, generating support for the health and safety agenda and reinforcing positive behaviour amongst staff, pupils and contractors;
- Assessing and further strengthening the safety culture within the organisation and promoting the continuous improvement of practices in a proactive manner;
- Reviewing (independently or in conjunction with the Second Master), monitoring and reporting on accidents, near misses and damage to the College property and investigating accordingly;
- Seeking to ensure that the people responsible for particular health and safety duties are clearly identified in a coordinated manner and that all staff understand their responsibilities;
- Identifying training needs, developing a health and safety training plan and, in co-operation with the HR People Director, arranging delivery mechanisms to seek to ensure that all employees, receive adequate information, instruction, training and supporting communications;
- Designing and implementing management arrangements, risk control systems and workplace precautions which are practical, effective and proportionate to the needs, hazards and risks of the College;
- Ensuring the College's Health and Safety Policy is kept up-to-date on the intranet and that records of compliance/testing are kept up-to-date and are available for inspection as required;
- Seeking to ensure that risk assessments are reviewed on an appropriate basis and that changes following those reviews are communicated to relevant personnel;
- Implementing and operating the system for the approval of contractors;
- Seeking to ensure that the organisation is kept up-to-date with new legislation, related HSE guidance and any other developments that affect the College's management of health and safety;
- Providing competent guidance and advice to management and staff on all health and safety matters;
- Monitoring compliance with current legislation and best practice, plus assessing how effectively risks are being controlled, through the development and operation of active and reactive monitoring systems;
- Working with the Chief Operating Officer to use the results of audits and monitoring systems to review performance and contribute to decisions about actions necessary to remedy deficiencies;
- Coordinating the completion of actions specified in the Strategic Health and Safety Management Plan;
- Supporting the development, operation and improvement of BCEL's Health and Safety Management System;
- Ensuring the Strategic Health and Safety Management Plan is regularly updated as a 'live document' on a regular basis, agreeing priorities with the Executive Health and Safety Committee and both driving and monitoring progress in the completion of actions;
- Assisting the Chief Operating Officer in assessing the effectiveness of the current Health and Safety Policy by reporting the outcomes from proactive monitoring and supervising the 'close out' of identified issues;
- Assisting the Chief Operating Officer in reactive monitoring by investigating significant accidents and incidents as requested;
- Leading regular discussions amongst Security teams regarding potential health and safety issues and resolving or reporting matters as appropriate;
- Management of the Asbestos Policy, with delegated responsibilities to other competent persons.

The Health, Safety and Security Manager will be a member the Health and Safety Executive Committee and may also be required to attend the Estates Committee and Audit and Risk Committee.

## **SECOND MASTER**

The Second Master will be responsible to the Headmaster for the implementation of the College's Health and Safety Policy relating to academic and pastoral activities, which includes:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Being an active member of the Health and Safety Executive Committee;
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the SMS in relation to academic, pastoral and co-curricular activities and reporting to the Headmaster as appropriate;
- Consulting with the Chief Operating Officer and the Health & Safety and Security Manager;
- Recommending changes as appropriate in the Health and Safety Policy and Procedures;
- Seeking to ensure the co-operation of all academic and pastoral staff at all levels in regards to the management system;
- Completing an annual review of health and safety in each of the Boarding Houses (in conjunction with the Health, Safety and Security Manager);
- Seeking to ensure that all Heads of Department, Housemasters/Housemistresses (HsMs) and all Matrons understand their responsibilities and are given both the time and the encouragement to pursue them;
- Seeking to ensure that all activities, both educational and co-curricular, are carried out safely using the processes in the management system, especially including the pro-active use of risk assessments.

## **DEPUTY HEAD - PASTORAL**

The Deputy Head – Pastoral is responsible to the Headmaster for the implementation of the College's Health and Safety Policy relating to academic and pastoral activities, which includes:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the SMS in relation to pastoral activities and reporting to the Headmaster as appropriate;
- Consulting with the Chief Operating Officer and the Health, Safety and Security Manager;
- Recommending changes as appropriate in the Health and Safety Policy and Procedures relating to pastoral matters;
- Leading the College's implementation of safeguarding requirements;
- Ensuring that all staff, volunteers and contractors receive Safeguarding training at the earliest opportunity after the commencement of employment;
- Working closely with the Director of Compliance to ensure the National Minimum Standards are successfully implemented throughout the College;
- As Line Manager for the HsMs, ensuring health and safety issues are regularly discussed at every HSM meeting, considered and actioned in order to maintain high standards of accommodation for pupils;
- Working closely with Matrons to identify issues of welfare on an ongoing basis and to ensure appropriate levels of support are given;
- To work with HsMs, Matrons, Health care Manager, and the Health, Safety and Security Manager to ensure a healthy, safe and secure environment is created and maintained in all areas;
- Completing an annual review of health and safety in each of the Boarding Houses;
- Seeking to ensure that all HsMs understand their responsibilities and are given both the time and the encouragement to pursue them;
- Seeking to ensure that all activities within Boarding Houses are carried out safely using the processes in the management system, especially including the pro-active use of risk assessments.

## **DIRECTOR OF WELLBEING**

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the SMS in relation to pastoral activities and reporting to the Headmaster as appropriate ;
- Consulting with the Chief Operating Officer and the Health & Safety and Security Manager;
- Recommending changes as appropriate in the Health and Safety Policy and Procedures relating to pastoral matters

## **DEPUTY HEAD - ACADEMIC**

The Deputy Head - Academic is responsible to the Headmaster for the implementation of the College's Health and Safety Policy relating to academic activities, which includes:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the SMS in relation to academic activities and reporting to the Headmaster as appropriate;
- Consulting with the Chief Operating Officer and the Health, Safety and Security Manager;
- Recommending changes as appropriate in the Health and Safety Policy and Procedures;
- Seeking to ensure the co-operation of all academic staff at all levels in regards to the management system;
- Completing an annual review of health and safety in each of the Departments (in conjunction with the Health, Safety and Security Manager);
- Seeking to ensure that all Heads of Department and all Academic Staff understand their responsibilities and are given both the time and the encouragement to pursue them;
- Seeking to ensure that all activities, both educational and co-curricular, are carried out safely using the processes in the management system, especially including the pro-active use of risk assessments.

## **ASSISTANT HEAD - CO-CURRICULAR**

The Assistant Head - Co-Curricular has responsibility for the health and safety arrangements for activities, reporting directly to the Headmaster regarding health and safety matters.

The duties of the Assistant Head – Co-Curricular include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices;
- Reviewing risk assessments for co-curricular events when required or annually as a minimum;
- Seeking to ensure that supervisory staff understand their responsibilities for health and safety;
- Supervising the activities of staff and pupils to ensure they are complying with College policies and safe working practices and monitoring the operation of control measures for activities.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER**

The Capital Projects Manager will take an active and visible role in health and safety management and the continuous improvement of health and safety standards within buildings as they are constructed, redeveloped and refurbished.

Reporting directly to the Chief Operating Officer, responsibilities include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Appointing and liaising with the Principal Designer (internal or external) on major projects;
- To contribute to the general compliance of the Estate by ensuring all works are adequately planned, managed and supervised taking into account all necessary health and safety considerations;
- Attending all meetings of the Estates Committee.

## **DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE**

The Director of Compliance is responsible to the Headmaster for monitoring and evaluating implementation of the College's compliance with the Independent Schools Statutory Regulations (and associated Government Guidance) and with Data Protection Law. The role includes:

- Reading and understanding the College's Health and Safety Policy and checking compliance with the prescribed arrangements;
- Being a member of the Health and Safety Executive Committee;
- Monitoring the quality of documented procedures in relation to Safeguarding (ISSRs Parts 3&4) and Health, Safety and Security (ISSRs Parts 3&5), to ensure procedures and practices reflect legal compliance as a minimum;
- Consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, Health, Safety and Security Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead;
- Ensuring that procedural changes in academic, pastoral and co-curricular activities are considered for their health, safety and child protection implications.

## **HOUSEMASTERS AND HOUSEMISTRESSES**

HsMs have responsibility for the health and safety arrangements within their Houses, reporting directly to the Second Master. Their duties include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Ensuring that House (activity) Risk assessments are regularly reviewed and they are suitable, sufficient, and that they are available to all house staff.
- Regularly review House risk assessments when required.
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices amongst pupils and house staff;
- Leading regular discussions amongst the house staff regarding potential health and safety issues and reporting matters as appropriate (for instance to the Second Master, Health, Safety and Security Manager, or Estates Department);
- Carrying out all necessary precautions and control measures regarding fire safety e.g. instructing pupils and house staff about alarm systems and evacuation procedures, having evacuation practices at the agreed frequency, checking that fire doors are kept closed at night and that escape routes are unobstructed at all times;
- Monitoring bedsits and brewers to ensure the correct use of electrical equipment;
- Undertaking and reviewing risk assessments, implementing suitable control measures for off-site house trips and liaising with appropriate staff to ensure that any issues are addressed;
- Assisting the Health & Safety and Security Manager in investigating and reporting on accidents and incidents;

The HsMs meet collectively on a regular basis and must discuss health and safety matters as an agenda item in those meetings.

## **MATRONS**

The Matrons have responsibility for the Health and Safety arrangements within their Houses, reporting directly to the HsMs. Their duties include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices amongst pupils and all within the house;
- Carrying out all necessary fire safety log book checks as instructed by the HsMs, including weekly alarm bell tests, automatic door tests, fire extinguishers, panel faults, exit door checks, maglock operation;
- Reporting emergency light failures, hazards, and other safety issues to the maintenance department.
- Ensuring that all automatic fire doors are closed at night and escape routes are unobstructed at all times.
- Supervising the safety of the Domestic Team and reporting concerns to their line manager;
- To be responsible for the general health and well-being of those in house;
- To deal with medical emergencies and escorting pupils as needed to medical appointments;
- Attend to the wellbeing of pupils who are sick;
- Monitoring bedsits and brewers to ensure the correct use of electrical equipment;

## **HEALTH CARE MANAGER**

- The College Medical Officer will act in an advisory capacity on routine occupational health matters, such as policies, procedures and facilities required to maintain a healthy working environment, plus responses to major medical situations e.g. epidemics.

## **COLLEGE NURSE**

- Ensure that the first-aid boxes are in place and well stocked;
- Advise the Health & Safety and Security Manager of any occurrences where student or staff injury has occurred as a result of an accident at Bradfield College;
- Advise Human Resources department and Pastoral Management of the occurrence of any infectious disease / other condition likely to affect the welfare and safety of others in the organisation.

## **DIRECTOR OF BRADFIELD SOCIETY & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

The Director of Development is responsible to the Headmaster for the implementation of the College's Health and Safety Policy when coordinating, arranging and managing events often involving visitors to the College, including:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- To ensure due consideration is given to the risks associated with the organisation and management of events held within or on behalf of the College;
- Ensuring all members of staff within the Development Team plan, manage and control events in such a way as to minimise risks to health and safety;
- Liaising with the Health, Safety and Security Manager to ensure risks are adequately assessed, recorded and duly communicated to those in oversight;
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices;
- Undertaking and reviewing written risk assessments and designing appropriate risk control systems (e.g. safe systems of work) for all work activities;
- Providing information, instruction and training to staff, seeking to ensure in particular that they understand their responsibilities for health and safety;
- Supervising the activities of staff seeking to ensure they are complying with College policies and safe working practices and monitoring the operation of control measures within the department;
- Ensuring that all specialist departmental contractors are only employed after clearing the Bradfield contractor compliance checks;
- Complying to safe College policies when working with Contractors. (CDM).

## **ESTATE MANAGER**

As manager of the Maintenance, Domestic, Grounds, Gardens and Greens and Site Services teams and reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the health and safety responsibilities of this role include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices;
- Ensure department managers are undertaking and reviewing risk assessments and designing appropriate risk control systems (e.g. safe systems of work) for all work activities, including areas such as use of machines and work equipment, COSHH, Noise, Hand Arm Vibration, Manual Handling, Working at Height;
- Ensure staff receive information, instruction and training to make sure in particular that they understand their responsibilities for health and safety;
- Monitoring the activities of staff to seek to ensure they are complying with College policies and safe working practices and monitoring the operation of control measures within the department;
- Ensure the activities of contractors are planned and monitored to comply with College and Statutory requirements;
- Leading regular discussions within the Estates Team regarding potential health and safety issues and resolving or reporting matters as appropriate.

## **CATERING MANAGER**

As manager of the Catering Services teams and reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the health and safety responsibilities of this role include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices;
- Ensure department managers are undertaking and reviewing risk assessments and designing appropriate risk control systems (e.g. safe systems of work) for all work activities, including areas such as use of machines and catering work equipment, COSHH, Noise, Manual Handling, Working at Height;
- Ensure staff receive information, instruction and training to make sure in particular that they understand their responsibilities for health and safety;
- Monitoring the activities of staff to seek to ensure they are complying with College policies and safe working practices and monitoring the operation of control measures within the department;
- Ensure the activities of contractors are planned and monitored to comply with College and Statutory requirements;
- Leading regular discussions within the Catering Team regarding potential health and safety issues and resolving or reporting matters as appropriate.
- Responsible for compliance with the following, Food Safety Act 1990, Food Standards Act 1999 and Food Information Regulations 2014.
- Lead contact with Environmental Health Agency in matters relating to food safety and audit
- Lead contact with the Food Standards Agency
- Allergen Policy document owner
- Responsible for college Food Safety Procedure and HACCP Process implementation
- Responsibility for food safety related statutory training e.g. Food Hygiene, Allergen Awareness and Health & Safety in Catering.

## **PEOPLE DIRECTOR**

Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, but also working closely with the Second Master and Director of Compliance. The specific health and safety responsibilities of this role include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Operating the systems for undertaking 'Safer Recruiting' checks on all employees and appropriate contractors;
- In liaison with the Health, Safety and Security Manager, identifying health and safety training needs and seeking to ensure that staff receive the appropriate information, instruction and training, especially on induction;
- Maintaining the Training Database to record the provision of training and the updating of relevant qualifications;
- Maintaining the register for Child Protection training.
- Maintaining the Policy and funding for DSE assessments for all higher level screen users.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS CO-ORDINATOR**

Reporting to the Director of Compliance, the health and safety responsibilities of this role include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Scrutinising proposed off-site activities and risk assessments for agreed off-site activities;
- Reviewing protocols and procedures for off-site activities and publicising updates to staff.

## **HEADS OF ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS**

Heads of Academic Departments have an overall responsibility for the health and safety arrangements in their departments, reporting to the Deputy Head (Academic) regarding health and safety matters.

Their duties include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;

- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices in the classroom;
- Undertaking and reviewing risk assessments as required by changes in legislation and at a minimum period of every twelve months;
- Designing appropriate risk control systems (e.g. safe systems of work) for all department areas and work activities;
- Providing information, instruction and training to staff, seeking to ensure in particular that they understand their responsibilities for health and safety;
- Seeking to ensure there is readily available information on possible hazards and the safety precautions to be observed by staff and pupils, with appropriate warning notices displayed where necessary;
- Supervising the activities of staff to seek to ensure they are complying with College policies and safe working practices and monitoring the operation of control measures within the department, including ensuring that escape routes are kept clear at all times;
- Leading regular (at least monthly) discussions within the department regarding potential health and safety issues and resolving or reporting matters as appropriate (potentially to the Second Master);
- Ensuring that all specialist departmental contractors are only employed after clearing the Bradfield contractor compliance checks;
- Following safe College policies when working with Contractors. (Construction Design Management);
- Identifying training needs of their employees and recording all training;
- Ensuring that safe systems of work are implemented;
- Ensuring suitable personal protective equipment is provided;
- Monitoring premises and work equipment, reporting faults where necessary;
- Identifying and reporting Health and Safety related problems;
- Assisting the Health & Safety and Security Manager in investigating and reporting on accidents and incidents;
- Setting a good example on health and safety matters.

## **OTHER FUNCTIONAL MANAGERS**

This section refers to the managers of functions not specified above.

Their health and safety responsibilities include:

- To read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Actively promoting hazard awareness and safe working practices within their Departments and teams;
- Undertaking and reviewing risk assessments and designing appropriate risk control systems (e.g. Safe Systems of Work) for all work activities;
- Providing information, instruction and training to staff, seeking to ensure in particular that they understand their responsibilities for health and safety;
- Supervising the activities of staff seeking to ensure they are complying with College policies and safe working practices and monitoring the operation of control measures within the department;
- Leading regular discussion amongst their team regarding potential health and safety issues and resolving or reporting matters as appropriate;
- Ensuring that all specialist departmental contractors are only employed after clearing the Bradfield contractor compliance checks;
- Following safe College policies when working with contractors. (Construction Design Management);
- Identifying training needs of their employees and recording all training;
- Ensuring that safe systems of work are implemented;
- Ensuring suitable personal protective equipment is provided;
- Monitoring premises and work equipment, reporting faults where necessary;
- Identifying and reporting Health and Safety related problems;
- Assisting the Health & Safety and Security Manager in investigating and reporting on accidents and incidents;
- Setting a good example on health and safety matters.

## **TEACHING STAFF**

Teaching Staff will be responsible for ensuring that all agreed and necessary health and safety measures are observed and applied.

In addition to their normal supervisory role they will have specific duties to:

- Read and understand the College's Health and Safety Policy and comply with the prescribed arrangements;
- Inform, instruct and train pupils as necessary in the identification and avoidance of hazards and the safe performance of their work;
- Seek to ensure that health and safety rules and procedures are, where appropriate, observed e.g.: use of guards and other safety equipment, wearing of protective clothing, safe handling of hazardous substances including observing COSHH Assessments;
- Seek to ensure that any unsafe practices are identified and appropriate remedial action is taken;
- Recommend any necessary improvements or changes to seek to eliminate hazards and to seek to identify and eliminate potential accidents;
- Continually stimulate a knowledge, interest and awareness of health and safety by discussions with colleagues and pupils;
- Identifying and reporting Health and Safety related problems;
- Setting a good example on Health and Safety matters.

## **LABORATORY AND OTHER ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT TECHNICIANS**

Technicians currently operate in the Science, Design Technology, Drama, Music and Art Departments. Reporting to the respective Heads of Department, they are responsible for implementing specified control measures to support the safety of pupil and staff activities in the department.

Examples include:

- Seeking to ensure that equipment and materials provided to pupils and staff (e.g. experiments, stage sets) are safe for use;
- Undertaking COSHH risk assessments, maintaining safety data sheets and following procedures for the safe use and storage of such substances;;
- Seeking to ensure that Local Exhaust Ventilation systems are operating correctly and resolving or reporting faults as appropriate, including the statutory thorough examination and test of Fume Cupboards;
- Isolating gas supplies to laboratories at the end of each teaching day;
- Ensuring that all experiments and services are rendered safe, so far as it is safe to do so, on hearing the fire alarm;
- Identifying and reporting Health and Safety related problems;
- Setting a good example on Health and Safety matters.

## **FIRE MARSHALLS WILL:**

- Participate in all required fire marshal training;
- Ensure any identified fire hazards are reported to the Estates Manager/Health, Safety and Security Manager;
- Ensure that all employees in their area are familiar with their assembly points, and nearest escape routes;
- Ensure the safe and timely evacuation of their area in the event of a fire emergency;
- Assist with the safe sweep of the Main College building.

## **FIRST AIDERS**

All first aiders must have the necessary training and qualifications, as evidenced by a current first aid certificate issued by a competent body;

It is the responsibility of all first aiders to ensure they hold a valid certificate of competence. The first aider will also keep a record of training and qualifications. The list of first aiders and their locations are displayed on notice boards.



**First aiders will:**

- Act in accordance with their training at all times;
- Summon further medical help where necessary;
- look after the casualty until recovery has taken place or further medical assistance has arrived
- Ensure their own safety at all times;
- Record all treatments for which they are responsible, with specific details of the injury or other reason for treatment;
- Ensure that if they are responsible for a first aid box it is appropriately stocked and maintained in a clean, tidy condition, obtaining replacement items as necessary.

**Emergency First Aiders** are responsible for:

- Taking charge when a person has been injured or falls ill (in the absence of a first-aider);
- Calling an ambulance where necessary;
- Looking after the first aid equipment and ensuring that containers are re-stocked when necessary.

**SECURITY GUARDS**

- Responsible for the security of designated areas of the college;
- Monitoring the CCTV system;
- Conducting weekly fire safety checks of designated areas of the college;
- Monthly fire extinguisher checks within the academic buildings and recording compliance;
- Daily/ weekly safety checks of the college lease cars and report any concerns;

**EXTERNAL HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISER**

Health and safety advisers act in a purely advisory capacity, communicating directly with the Chief Operating Officer, Health, Safety and Security Manager and SMT as appropriate. Responsibilities include the following:

- Currently (Quadriga)
- Carrying out a detailed Annual Health and Safety Audit, reporting the results to the Chief Operating Officer; who will present the Audit Report to the Audit & Risk Committee;
- Providing competent health and safety advice where requested;
- Liaising directly with the Health, Safety and Security Manager when required;
- Ensuring Bradfield College is updated with any changes in health and safety legislation;
- Investigating incidents when requested.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS****Visits by Enforcing Authorities**

The Health and Safety at Work Act is enforced by inspectors appointed by the HSE who have the discretion to visit the College at any time to confirm that the regulations are being properly applied. It is College policy that all members of staff co-operate fully with Enforcing Authority Inspectors, affording them such information as is necessary for them to carry out their duties.

## INTRODUCTION

This part of the Health and Safety Policy confirms the general arrangements for the management of health and safety on a day-to-day basis. It also provides guidance to those responsible for formulating specific instructions whether in Boarding Houses, Departments or other areas of the College. The following sections provide the information required to enable all staff to successfully implement the required health and safety standards in their respective workplace.

## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

Information relating to health and safety matters will be provided in all workplaces. This will include:

- Health and Safety Policy Statement
- Health and Safety Law Poster
- Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate
- Fire safety instructions
- Names of Fire Wardens and First Aiders
- Any other safety instructions relevant to that workplace.

Where a specific issue needs to be raised to all or certain members of staff, a Safety Notice will be prepared to confirm the College's position on a matter as well as to highlight clearly any action required by those affected.

## TRAINING AND COMPETENCE

All members of staff receive appropriate health and safety training to allow them to carry out their responsibilities safely and without risk. Well-trained and competent personnel who undertake work activities decrease the likelihood of accidents and injury. Training requirements for all staff are confirmed on a Training Matrix, administered by the Human Resources Department.

Training will include the following:

### Induction Training

Each new member of staff will be given formal training to highlight the key risks associated with College operations and the need to work in a safe manner. A copy of the key information relating to health and safety will be given in the form of a handout. Additional reference will be made to various department publications including College Standing Orders, HsM's Manual, Matron's Manual, Department Procedures (Section 4) etc., as well as general arrangements for dealing with emergencies, fire and road safety.

A tour of the relevant working area for each member of staff will also be given by the Head of Department to ensure familiarity with the environment and the key hazards.

### Refresher Training

Additional refresher training will be given to all staff on at least an annual basis (at the start of each academic year for Academic staff), which will reiterate the health and safety standards required and update as necessary.

This type of training also includes updates due to employees who may be exposed to new or increased risks or through changes in responsibilities, the introduction of new equipment or new work methods.

### Task / Operation Specific Training

Where specific training is required in a certain task or operation, this will be arranged by the HoD and / or Human Resources. Training of this nature can be brief, in the form of a tool box talk or briefing on a given subject, or more in depth where hazards are more complex.

### Statutory Training

In certain disciplines, the College must comply with legislative requirements for training, including first aid and food hygiene. This will often involve members of staff attending external courses to obtain initial, refresher or other specialist training.

## SUPERVISION

Whilst information, instruction and training are essential to ensure staff are able to deal with the risks they face in their working environment, management and supervisory staff must primarily ensure that all employees under their control have the appropriate training and experience levels to undertake their allocated tasks.

Depending on the level of risk, appropriate supervision will be given by Line Managers to ensure workers do not deviate from safe working practices.

Human Resources will maintain records of all training provided.

## CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

The College is committed to involving all employees in risk management.

In particular, the College will consult with staff on:

- any changes at the workplace that may substantially affect their health and safety, for example, changes in systems of work or the introduction of new technology
- the arrangements for competent advice on health and safety matters
- the information to be given to employees about risks to health and safety and preventative measures
- the planning and organising of health and safety training

The College consults directly with staff on health and safety matters through Departmental Meetings. All members of staff can raise issues through their Line Manager and all matters raised are recorded, as are all relevant actions.

## RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL

Management and supervisory staff are required to carry out risk assessments of work activities which pose a significant risk to health and safety to ensure hazards are eliminated or reduced so far as is reasonably practicable, by implementing appropriate control measures and safe systems of work.

All those required to undertake risk assessments will be suitably trained and competent.

Risk assessments will identify the range of hazards associated with the work activities, together with any necessary remedial action. The findings of risk assessments will be recorded and where necessary, will be used to develop method statements to ensure safe systems of work. A copy of the risk assessment will be available at the workplace and the findings will be brought to the attention of all employees affected by it. This will be undertaken by way of briefings by Heads of Department to ensure those undertaking the activity understand what they have to do and the control measures to be implemented. These briefings will be recorded for future reference.

Various types of risk assessment are undertaken on a regular basis, including:

- General Workplace Assessments – carried out by Heads of Department or the Health, Safety and Security Manager
- Fire Risk Assessments – carried out by and external fire risk assessment consultant and for certain areas the Health, Safety and Security Manager
- Activity Risk Assessments – carried out by the Activity Managers for activities on College premises
- Event Risk Assessments – carried out by Event Managers for each event on College premises
- Trip and Excursion Risk Assessments – carried out by Trip Activity Leaders detailing the risks associated with each trip of excursion
- Safeguarding Risk Assessments – carried out by HSMs and reviewed by the Director of Compliance

Risk controls will be undertaken using the hierarchy of controls, namely:

- Elimination of risks altogether
- Substitution of hazardous equipment or tasks
- Engineering Controls to reduce potential exposure to hazards

- Providing Warnings, Signage and Barriers to prevent access to hazards
- Personal Protective Equipment to reduce the risk of injury, as a last resort.

All risk assessments will be monitored and reviewed regularly but will be specifically reviewed after an incident, when working practices or equipment change, or when best practice or legislative requirements are amended.

## INSPECTION AND AUDIT

All areas and departments of the College will be subject to regular inspection to ensure hazards are detected and recorded and to confirm that compliance levels are acceptable.

Inspections will be undertaken by the College Health, Safety and Security Manager, according to the following schedule:

- Boarding Houses – Annual
- Major / Complex Academic Buildings and Departments (including Science, D&T, Music and Art) - Annual
- Other College Buildings – every 1 to 2 years

Inspections are carried out according to an agreed format in order to ensure any required actions are captured accurately. The reports are then circulated to the relevant Department Head and the Second Master.

Outstanding actions from recent inspections are discussed at the Health and Safety Executive Committee Meetings (held at least termly). The analysis of any trends that may be apparent are also discussed in order for progress to be monitored and any future policy changes discussed and agreed.

Departmental Audits are also undertaken on a regular basis, depending on the risk level. Audits will involve a full and thorough review of all procedures and operations, as well as an in depth review of compliance levels.

An external health and safety consultant will also undertake a compliance audit of the College on an annual basis and will report progress directly to the Chief Operating Officer.

## MANAGEMENT OF MAJOR INCIDENTS

The College has prepared a detailed Major Incident Management Plan for dealing with major incidents and emergencies. There are several events or incidents that may require the College to instigate the procedures, as these may generate a large number of casualties or may place a significant burden on the College's ability to deliver normal day to day services. In the event of a major incident being suspected, the Headmaster (or other appointed Deputy) will take responsibility for initiating the Major Incident Management procedures.

Examples of major incidents that could initiate these procedures include:

- Fire on College premises
- Serious accident to staff or pupil(s)
- Power outage
- Flooding
- Serious adverse weather
- Missing Pupil(s)
- Road traffic accident (near the College)
- Road Traffic accident on a trip or school excursion
- Public allegations of abuse or malpractice
- Emergency action (Lockdown of school)

Flexible plans are in place to deal with a range of situations which are likely to vary in magnitude, duration or complexity, Specialist assistance can also be sought in the event of an unusual incident, e.g. chemical spill, environmental incident, etc.

The Major Incident Management Plan procedures involve a number of key members of staff who are drilled regularly, though table top exercises to ensure ongoing familiarity in dealing with an emergency situation.

## INCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

All employees, contractors and visitors are required to report accidents resulting in injury to any person to their Line Manager. Near miss incidents, where an incident had the potential to cause harm, injury or damage should also be reported. The goal of all incident management is to allow investigation into the circumstances which may result in measures being taken to prevent a recurrence.

Accident forms can be found on the firefly H&S pages. The following incidents must be recorded:

- All accidents involving injuries
- All incidents which, although not involving injury, could have resulted in injury
- All near-miss

All reportable incidents will be investigated by the College's Health, Safety and Security Manager (or a duly appointed independent health and safety consultant if this is deemed more appropriate). The purpose of the investigation will be to ensure that protective and preventive measures are reviewed and procedures amended or improved as required.

Senior management are required to report serious injuries, incidents or diseases occurring at or as a result of activities at the workplace, as required under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR). The Chief Operating Officer will ensure all necessary accident notifications are made when required.

All line managers are required to complete an 'Accident Follow-up Form' as soon as is practicable after an incident and to forward it to the Health, Safety and Security Manager.

If the follow-up form indicates that actions are necessary to prevent a re-occurrence, then immediate arrangements will be made to initiate the necessary corrective action. This may be a physical change to buildings or facilities, or it could be a change of procedures in boarding houses, academic departments or extra-curricular activities.

The Chair of the Health and Safety Executive Committee will review accident reports, statistics and investigations at each meeting, drawing the Committee's attention to any specific issues requiring action or discussion

# CHILD PROTECTION

## COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

All adults working at Bradfield College should be aware of their responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of every pupil, both physically and emotionally, inside and outside school. This involves ensuring that pupils are protected from significant physical or emotional harm and that there is a positive commitment to promote the satisfactory development and growth of the individual. All staff will be made aware of the requirements of the College's Safeguarding Policy, which are in line with the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2021).

The College's Safeguarding policy documents can be found on the Website.

The Deputy Head Pastoral is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the appointed person for the purposes of the College Safeguarding Policy

The Deputy Head Pastoral will ensure that all staff receive formal induction into Child Protection Procedures when they take up their appointment. New teaching staff will receive additional advice and assistance from the Senior Management Team concerning the conduct of their classes and the management of co-curricular activities. Housemasters and Housemistresses are responsible for advising prefects, matrons and house tutors of the appropriate course of action if they become concerned about a pupil. Matrons should give appropriate advice to their cleaning staff and other support staff will be briefed by the appropriate Head of Department.

All members of the teaching staff are expected to be vigilant in ensuring that instances of bullying are dealt with as soon as they are witnessed (and that a written record of each incident is made). While there may be little or no physical bullying, staff should be aware that verbal intimidation, on-line behaviour, ostracism, sexist or racist conduct are equally distressing to the victim. Normally, it is for the member of staff witnessing such behaviour to deal with it directly by explaining why it is unacceptable, and appealing to reason and good sense. In all cases, such incidents must be reported by teaching staff to the Second Master and the appropriate Housemaster(s) or Housemistress(s), and by support staff to their Head of Department, for onward transmission, immediately. The College Anti-Bullying Policy is available for all staff to access on the College Intranet.

It is important that child abuse is taken seriously as a possibility, and that suspicions are acknowledged and investigated immediately. If a physical injury is reported the child must be seen by the Medical Centre as soon as possible and at least within 24 hours. The investigation of child sexual abuse will follow the procedure as agreed by Local Safeguarding Children's Board; the Designated Safeguarding Lead will advise as necessary. The College Safeguarding Policy is also published on the website.

All employees of the College receive annual updates on child protection issues, delivered by a member of the Safeguarding team. A register of all such training is retained by the Human Resources Department. At these training sessions every employee is issued with a copy of the current edition of KCSIE, the College Safeguarding Policy, the Staff Code of Conduct and the College Whistleblowing Policy, along with the blue Child Protection card to be carried at work and act as an aide memoire. These cards are also issued to all School Prefects and GAP Students who are also trained on Child protection issues.

# **SAFETY OF VISITORS**

## **COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College has a responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all visitors to the College and to provide key information on the risks that may be present during their visit.

## **GENERAL VISITORS**

For safety and security reasons, all visitors, other than pupils, staff and parents from visiting schools, are required to pre-arrange their visit with the representative from the College whom they are visiting wherever possible. All visitors are required to report to Reception (located in Main College) to sign in and to be issued with a visitor's badge. Visitors are also issued with a card detailing the basic health and safety information, including the requirements to remain accompanied at all times and to report any hazards immediately. Information on the action to be taken in the event of an emergency is also published; the escort will also ensure the visitor is familiar with the procedures for each respective building in the event of an emergency or an evacuation.

Visiting parents are permitted to report directly to Boarding Houses where the HSM or Matron will ensure all necessary arrangements are made for a safe visit.

## **VISITING CONTRACTORS**

Contractors are required to sign in at the Maintenance Department office (the Moat) where they too will be issued with a visitor's badge and health and safety instructions relevant to their work and location. Should a contractor be required to work at the College for a longer period or to work unaccompanied, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks must be undertaken prior to this work taking place in accordance with the College's Child Protection Policy.

All visitors should avoid straying into areas they are not authorised to enter or leaving their escort.

In the event of an emergency, any visitors will be led to the Emergency Point by their escort and accounted for by checking off details against the visitor records held by Reception or the Maintenance Department.

All staff are advised to challenge persons who do not appear to be familiar with the site, especially if no visitors badge is visible. The security department should be contacted immediately if any concerns are raised about a person's presence or authority to be on site.

# ROAD SAFETY

## COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES

The College has responsibilities to ensure all pupils, staff and visitors who could be affected by the public roads are made aware of the risks and informed how and where to cross roads safely.

## ROAD HAZARDS

The College has four public highways running through it that need to be crossed on a daily basis by pupils. The roads are narrow and vision is not ideal in several areas. Therefore, it is necessary to take certain measures to ensure the safety of our staff and pupils when crossing the roads, as well as ensuring the College's activities do not present a hazard to legitimate road users.

A Traffic and Pedestrian Interface Study has been carried out to identify the key risk areas and to ensure all necessary action is implemented and dialogue with the local council recorded.

Risk assessments have been prepared for all key road hazards in order to record the risks and communicate the findings with those who could be affected.

Several key improvements have been made in road safety in recent years, including the introduction of a 20mph speed limit, lane reductions, nominated crossing points, improved site lines at crossings, pedestrian barrier systems, improved lighting at crossing points and the employment of a Crossing Patrol Officer at key times during the day.

Internal roads have a mandatory speed limit of 5mph at all times. All vehicles using the internal roads should be prepared to give way to pedestrians at all times.

## PROCEDURES

All pupils are informed of the risks associated with the roads and the most hazardous areas. These reminders are given by the Health and Safety Manager in an assembly at the start of term and then reinforced on a regular basis by HSMs, especially for newer pupils.

Certain areas are directly supervised by members of staff at key times during the day when both traffic and pupil movements are high. Staff are advised of the need to actively control pupils in these locations to ensure they cross where authorised and to take appropriate action with any pupils who engage in careless or foolish behaviour around the roads. HSMs will be informed in all such cases. All staff are empowered to intervene where any such behaviour is witnessed.

Staff are also reminded of the risks associated with the roads during initial induction and at health and safety briefings held at least annually. Where improvements are required, these are communicated directly to staff by means of Safety Notices or additional training sessions if appropriate. All staff are expected to set a positive example when walking near roads or crossing and to be mindful of this responsible at all times.

Both pupils and staff are encouraged to report near miss incidents involving vehicles as these may serve to heighten awareness in particular areas or serve as reminders of the need to be responsible and vigilant whenever crossing or walking along roads.



# FIRE SAFETY

## COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES

The College takes the risk of fire very seriously. It is College policy to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Order) and other associated guidance. The College will take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of a fire occurring and so far as is reasonably practicable, make sure that everyone can escape safely to a place of safety in the event of a fire.

## PROCEDURES

The primary goal of the College's fire safety strategy is to ensure the safety of pupil, staff and visitors. In case of fire, the first priority is always to:

- 1. Raise the alarm** and
- 2. Evacuate safely**

If staff are in any doubt, they should concentrate on evacuation and the fire service message of 'get out, stay out and call the fire brigade out' rather than attempting to tackle a fire.

Good management of fire safety is essential to ensure that the risk of fire is minimal at all times. However, in the event of a fire occurring, arrangements will be implemented to ensure it can be controlled or contained quickly, effectively and safely. If a fire grows beyond the size that can be contained, everyone in the premises must be able to escape to a place of total safety easily and quickly.

## FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Fire risk assessments are carried out by the Health, Safety and Security Manager and/or an external fire specialist where appropriate.

If there is reason to suspect that a fire risk assessment is no longer valid or there has been a significant change in the premises that has affected fire precautions, the fire risk assessment will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised. In the absence of other circumstances prompting a review, fire risk assessments will in any event be reviewed annually.

All employees are required to closely co-operate with all instructions given to ensure the workplace is safe from fire and its effects and to avoid doing anything that will place themselves or others at risk. All fire hazards should be reported immediately, especially in the event of a change in circumstances that may increase the risk of a fire, even for a short period of time.

A good example should also be set by all staff as this will contribute to pupils behaving in a safe manner.

Staff are instructed that they should only attempt firefighting actions if they have been trained and are confident to do so safely and it is appropriate in the circumstances they face, or if it is absolutely necessary to facilitate the escape of themselves or others. Whether a member of staff attempts to fight a fire is left to their own judgement of the actual situation. Staff who have not been trained are not expected to attempt to fight a fire.

In all cases, STAFF MUST NOT PLACE THEMSELVES OR OTHERS AT RISK.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

### **EMERGENCY PLAN**

A fire and emergency plan has been prepared for each independent building, detailing the action to be taken in the event of an emergency and the location of the Assembly Point. All such information is published within each building.

In the event of an emergency occurring which would prevent re-entry into the building or result in an evacuation of several buildings, all staff and pupils will assemble at the Assembly Point for their building. The arrangements for dealing with a major incident would then be initiated.

### **INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING**

All staff are given information and instruction as soon as possible after they are appointed and regularly thereafter about the action to be taken in the event of a fire. Appropriate information is also provided to the employers of other people working in the College, such as contractors as well as to pupils.

Adequate fire safety training is provided to staff to enable them to act correctly in the event of a fire.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

The College believes that learning outside the classroom is an essential component of the curriculum. It gives pupils unique opportunities to develop their resourcefulness and initiative and to spend time together in an informal environment. Each trip is different. Some are directly related to the curriculum, some are designed to promote social awareness, or to enhance physical skills, self-reliance and team-working. Others will extend knowledge of the world. The common factor is that they all make an essential contribution to pupil development and education.

## **COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College as an employer will ensure that appropriate safety measures are in place and that all staff involved in the preparation and management of an educational visit are competent to do so.

The Director of Compliance is delegated the responsibility for ensuring all risks associated with off-site activities are assessed and the Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC), along with the Head of Adventurous Activities assist in ensuring this is done with care and accuracy.

The Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) supports the Assistant Head (Co-Curricular) in the process of approving visits, ensuring that they are spread through the different age groups, and the school year (although there is inevitably a concentration during the last part of the summer term, when exams have finished and the weather is at its best). The EVC also assists staff involved with organising tours, with checking parental consent forms and keeps records of all previous visits. All new staff have a session on planning school visits as part of their induction training.

The Trip Organiser has overall responsibility for the supervision and conduct of the visit and continues to monitor the arrangements to ensure the on-going health and safety of the group. The Trip Organiser is responsible for seeking approval and advice from the EVC, assessing the risk levels of the trip and making the necessary safety arrangements.

## **PLANNING AND COORDINATION**

A careful and methodical analysis of the trip will be carried out by competent staff in good time before the trip and external parties will be engaged to give specific advice on particular risks and activities.

Specific risk assessments are prepared for all aspects of the excursion and all are approved prior to the trip being authorised by the Director of Compliance.

In the event of an incident during a trip that may jeopardise the normal running, contact will immediately be made with the College and consideration given to whether the Major Incident Management procedures are initiated. The Headmaster and Second Master would consider a number of potential support options including sending a delegation to assist with an incident, providing telephone support or making arrangements to assist the trip to return or continue under revised arrangements, with the goal of ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all involved.

# USE OF COLLEGE VEHICLES

## COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES

The College recognises the risks associated where employees undertake driving activities. Appropriate procedures and policies will be implemented to reduce risks, so far as is reasonably practicable.

## PROCEDURES

Risk assessments of driving activities will be carried out as part of the management of all work activities, trips and excursions; all relevant employees will be consulted as appropriate during this process.

Risk Assessments will take into account:

- The Driver: competency, experience, training and health;
- The Vehicle: suitability, condition, safety features, essential safety maintenance and ergonomic considerations;
- The Journey: routes and scheduling.

## EMPLOYEES

All employees who drive on behalf of the College, either in private or College-owned vehicles will have a valid driving license suitable for the class and type of the vehicle they drive – including, for example, cars, minibuses, light goods vehicles, and grounds machinery.

Wherever possible, situations will be avoided that put employees under time constraints or other pressures.

Employees are instructed to drive within the national speed limits at all times and pay due regard to weather conditions. Work schedules will be arranged to allow adequate travel time between sites to drive safely and within legal limits. Adequate time is allowed to complete the business journey in compliance with the speed limits for the roads used allowing for regular breaks.

Employees must not use hand held mobile phones to make or receive calls or send text messages whilst driving. Further, even if they have a hands free kit, it is preferable not to make calls. Calls are not made to employees' mobile phones whilst it is known they are driving, except in an emergency.

Employees are made aware that they must not drive without the correct glasses or contact lenses (where required), when fatigued, when under the influence of alcohol or drugs or if suffering from any illness or taking any medication that may affect their ability to drive safely.

Additional training will be given to College vehicle drivers where necessary, subject to the risk assessment. Training will be prioritised, for example, drivers who drive certain vehicles, have a high accident record or have higher mileage will be considered as higher priority.

## VEHICLES

All vehicles will have a valid MOT, tax and insurance and records will be retained to demonstrate this. Where employees' private vehicles are used for company business, checks will be carried out to ensure that insurance covers business use and that a valid MOT is available for vehicles over three years old.

College vehicles will be subject to maintenance and servicing in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Additionally, regular checks are carried out on the roadworthiness of all College vehicles (e.g. tire pressure and condition (including spare); correct functioning of lights; oil, coolant, brake fluid and windscreen washer fluid levels; damage to windscreen).

# **ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

## **COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College acknowledges its' responsibilities to ensure risks from electrical work, both in fixed and portable equipment are assessed and reduced to the lowest practicable level.

## **PROCEDURES**

The College has undertaken risk assessments of all work activities and adopted safe systems of work based on regulatory compliance and best practice. All work on electrical equipment and installations is carried out by qualified electricians. Other staff are clearly instructed that they are not permitted to undertake any electrical repairs.

Electrical standards are applied as set out within the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 and for new works, the standards applied follow current requirements of BS7671 (the IEE Regulations for Electrical Installations and the current Building Regulations).

It is the College's policy that live working is prohibited although voltage detection testing is permitted where essential by qualified and experienced staff with appropriate controls and suitable equipment.

The College's installations, including all educational and domestic premises, will be tested and inspected at least every five years by a competent electrician and improvements implemented as necessary for safety.

## **ELECTRICAL WORK**

Any electrical works requiring wiring or the changing of light fittings and plug sockets must be overseen and signed off by a competent person (certificated to BS7671 (sixteenth or seventeenth edition)).

No electrical alterations to any property can be made without authorisation from the Maintenance Department and in order to protect staff from injury from electricity, all high risk contract work will be subject to the Maintenance Manager issuing a permit to work.

## **PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND APPARATUS**

It is College policy that all portable electrical appliances and apparatus, regardless of operating voltage should be subject to at least a visual inspection before use.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that electrical appliances supplied for use within the College are in good condition and subject to the 'Rules for Electrical Appliances in Pupils' Houses'. Domestic staff have responsibility for being alert to the presence of electrical equipment that may be in need of repair or that is being used without authorisation. However, random Portable Appliance Tests of pupil equipment will be carried out and the data recorded and analysed. Where trends appear to be developing, additional testing may be initiated as required. Records of these random tests are to be retained by the College Health, Safety and Security Manager.

All other items in Boarding Houses and the College are subject to regular checks as arranged by the Maintenance Manager and visual checks as arranged by Departments and Houses.

Items found to require repair or disposal must be handed-over to the Maintenance Manager so that the necessary action can be taken.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Portable Appliance Testing will be carried out according to the following schedule:

Equipment	Random Termly Sampling	Regular Visual Check	Annual PAT Test	Two-yearly PAT Test
Pupils personal items in Boarding Houses	✓	✓		
Boarding Houses (Other items)		✓		✓
Classrooms (Low Risk)		✓		✓
Classrooms (High Risk – DT, Sciences, Music)		✓	✓	
Administrative Equipment		✓		✓
High Risk non-academic Departments (Grounds)		✓	✓	

## TESTING OF RESIDUAL CURRENT DETECTORS (RCDs)

The Maintenance Manager is responsible for maintaining all RCDs fitted to College installations and for instigating regular tests. Any remedial actions necessary following the monthly tests should be completed as a matter of urgency by a competent person as previously described.

# CONTROL OF CONTRACTORS

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College recognises that when contractors are engaged to work on College premises, there is a clear obligation to plan, monitor and control work for the safety of everyone who could be affected by their activities. The contracting organisation also holds similar responsibilities and it is College policy to work together with contractors to ensure that the workplace remains safe and without risk to health.

Some contract work will fall within the definition of 'construction work' (as defined under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM) and as a client the College recognises the responsibilities under these regulations for:

- verifying the competence of all external contractors
- ensuring suitable management arrangements for the project including the provision of welfare facilities for use by contractors / staff
- allowing sufficient time and resources for all stages of the project
- Providing pre-construction information to designers and contractors.

## PROCEDURES

When planning work to be undertaken by contractors, a single person is appointed to take overall responsibility for planning and coordinating the work. This individual is normally the Estates Manager or Capital Projects Manager, who will undertake a thorough evaluation of the work required. All work carried out by contractors is monitored periodically to:

- review progress
- check quality of workmanship
- check that the workers on site are those expected and who have signed in
- identify any problems or unanticipated risks at an early stage
- check that work is restricted to the areas anticipated and not creating additional risks by spreading beyond the agreed area or involving unauthorised work
- check that method statements are being followed, that the contractors are complying with site rules and that they are generally working in a safe manner.

## COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT

Contractors are selected based on technical competence, experience and suitability for the work to be done. In particular, our assessment process involves a review of requested information from the contractor including:

- track record of experience in similar contracts
- membership of reputable trade bodies or approved contractor schemes
- legally required registrations (e.g. Gas Safe Register)
- health and safety policies and practices
- recent health and safety performance (number of accidents, etc.)
- qualifications, training and skills of their staff and manager
- selection procedures for sub-contractors
- example safety method statements and risk assessments for similar work
- supervision arrangements
- arrangements for consulting their workforce
- references from previous clients.
- Details of all contractors are retained on the College Intranet, along with an approved list to ensure all staff are aware of those who are suitable to be appointed.

# LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to ensure water systems are managed suitably so as to prevent the growth of legionella bacteria in water systems in accordance with the HSE's 'Approved Code of Practice (L8) – Legionnaires Disease: The Control of Legionella Bacteria in Water Systems'.

## PROCEDURES

The arrangements for managing the risks associated with Legionella bacteria include:

- assessment of Legionnaires' disease risk and preparation of a scheme for preventing or controlling the risk, conducted by a competent contractor.
- appointment of the Estates Manager as 'responsible person' with authority and responsibility for day to day implementation of the universal precautions and testing specified in the HSE's ACoP and any particular precautions specified in the risk assessment. An external specialist has been engaged to carry out physical testing under this arrangement
- the maintenance of records of all applicable maintenance and testing which are held in the Estate Office and on the College Intranet together with a copy of the risk assessment and details of the competent person who conducted it
- monitoring by the College Health, Safety and Security Manager to check the records and confirm that the precautions have been implemented.

In the event of difficulties in implementing the risk control programme, or test results falling outside of the required limits, the external consultant reports this immediately to the Estates Manager and additional resources, water treatment contractors or plumbing specialists are employed as necessary to resolve the causes.

Trained plumbers carry out all plumbing alterations in order to ensure compliance with water regulations and byelaws.



# ASBESTOS

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to ensure the location, type, quantity and condition of all asbestos containing materials (ACMs) are known in order to ensure safe management within all buildings.

## PROCEDURES

The College has many buildings that were constructed or refurbished during the periods when ACMs were used commonly. All College buildings have been subject to a Management Survey and the records of surveys retained in the College's Asbestos Management Register.

Where work is to be undertaken where disturbance of ACMs may be possible which have not been inspected as part of a survey due to being previously concealed, the College will ensure that the materials are examined and where materials are suspected of containing asbestos, or are of unknown construction, samples will be collected and tested by a UKAS accredited surveyor. Before any refurbishment or demolition work is undertaken a refurbishment or demolition survey will be undertaken to detect any potentially inaccessible asbestos before such works take place.

The condition of all asbestos-containing materials is reviewed through ongoing vigilance of the Maintenance team and also formally, on an annual basis by the appointed external Asbestos re inspection survey company.

The asbestos management register and plan are reviewed at least annually and updated when there are changes in the matters to which they relate.

Any person whose work may disturb the ACMs, is notified of the location of the materials and made aware that no work may be carried out in the immediate vicinity. Adhesive labels are applied to some materials where asbestos is known to be present and could possibly be accidentally disturbed.

Licensed work and notifiable licensed work on ACMs is only carried out by licensed contractors. All of the College's internal Maintenance Staff and regular contractors have received annual asbestos awareness training and specific familiarisation with the ACMs in College buildings.

## EMERGENCIES

In the event that asbestos materials are discovered or accidentally disturbed, work in the area will cease immediately and arrangements made to make the area safe, before additional surveying, sampling and cleaning works are carried out.

## TRAINING

All operatives who could reasonably be affected by ACMs as part of their daily activities will receive annual refresher training to ensure familiarity with correct procedures. All training records will be retained by the Human Resources Department.

# HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities under statutory requirements to ensure all substances that could potentially cause harm are suitably assessed, controlled or eliminated. College activities involve the use of many potentially hazardous and dangerous substances including cleaning substances, paints, lubricants, glues, sealants and chemicals, for maintenance purposes and in educational capacities. The College also undertakes activities which generate hazardous or dangerous substances such as welding and wood preparations producing dusts.

## PROCEDURES

All products in use which contain hazardous or dangerous substances are listed on an inventory and a current safety data sheet is obtained from the supplier. Heads of Department undertake risk assessments of the use of each substance and exposure to any hazardous by-products and are responsible for applying the recommended risk control measures.

When storing hazardous and dangerous substances, Heads of Department are responsible for ensuring that storage areas are suitable and that only compatible substances are stored together. Where required, substances are stored in fully labeled containers which include hazard warning labels where appropriate. All containers including aerosols are stored in a cool dry place, away from the sun and any flammable liquids are stored separately in a specially designed fire resistant flammables store.

Where dusts are produced through an activity and the assessment indicates the need for additional controls, local exhaust ventilation (LEV) will be installed as close to the source as is practicable. All LEV systems will be subject to regular inspection by a competent person and additional dust monitoring undertaken to ensure effectiveness.

Substances are locked away so far as is practicable so that they are only accessible to authorised persons who have been trained in their safe use. Employees are particularly reminded of the need for good personal hygiene and the prohibition of eating, drinking or smoking, when using such substances. Employees are also provided with any necessary personal protective equipment and instructions for its use, maintenance, storage and replacement.

Substances that become surplus to requirements are disposed of via licensed waste contractors. Spillage and emergency procedures are determined as part of the risk assessment process.

Records of risk assessments for hazardous and dangerous substances are held by the Head of Department and records of training are held by Human Resources.

## TRAINING

All members of staff who are regularly exposed to substances with the potential to cause harm will receive training to ensure they are familiar with the safe systems of work for these substances.

# WORK AT HEIGHT

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities defined under various statutory requirements to manage work at height as this remains a key hazard in the workplace. Whilst the College aims to avoid work at height, there are many features within the buildings where work at height remains necessary, due in part to the historic nature of the buildings.

## PROCEDURES

Where work at height is required, a risk assessment will be carried out in order to identify the risk control measures needed to minimise the risks, so far as reasonably practicable. The risk assessment process takes into consideration the hierarchy of controls as set out within the Work at Height Regulations, the effects of weather conditions and covers the risk of falling objects in addition to the risks of falling. Where applicable, risk control measures include arrangements for rescue.

The hierarchy of controls which will be applied to all work at height are as follows:

1. avoid work at height where it is reasonably practicable to do so;
2. where work at height cannot be avoided, prevent falls using either an existing place of work that is already safe or the right type of equipment;
3. minimise the distance and consequences of a fall, by using the right type of equipment where the risk cannot be eliminated.

The College will endeavour to:

- do as much work as possible from the ground;
- ensure workers can get safely to and from where they work at height;
- ensure equipment is suitable, stable and strong enough for the job, maintained and checked regularly.

## EQUIPMENT

Ladders and step ladders are permitted for work at height where the risk is low, the work is of short duration and the nature of the work also enables three points of contact to be maintained throughout.

Where work involves difficult access or work at height where work cannot be carried out safely from ladders or steps, special access arrangements will be made which may include the use of access equipment or mobile scaffold towers.

All ladders and stepladders used by College employees meet BSEN131 standards or British Standard Industrial class, have a maximum static load capacity of at least 150kg and are inspected on at least an annual basis. Steps used for heavy industrial applications will always have a maximum static load capacity of 175kg. All work at height equipment including kick stools, step ladders and ladders, are subject to regular inspections in addition to pre-use inspection by the employee.

Two roofs have operational running line systems in place (Music School and Blackburn Science Centre); access to these roofs will only be carried out using persons deemed to be competent to use harnesses and with suitable equipment in place. Restraint harnesses are used on these roofs, rather than fall arrest. The running lines are inspected and tested on an annual basis by an approved contractor.

Several buildings have serviceable attics and loft spaces. Access to these areas will be via a suitable access ladder, secured or footed to avoid movement.

The College also has several buildings with fragile roofs and skylights; clear warning signs are displayed on all sides of the respective buildings. In the event that repairs are required or access is needed for any other reason, this is undertaken by competent roofing contractors using safety equipment and applying a safe system of work. Such work is only permitted after the Health, Safety and Security Manager has approved a risk assessment and method statement submitted in advance. The work is also subject to a permit to work.

## **WORK AT HEIGHT**

Should work be necessary on a flat roof, the access route and the work area will be suitably protected with perimeter edge protection.

### **TRAINING**

All operatives who are regularly involved in work at height will receive appropriate training to ensure they remain aware of the hazards associated with work at height and the precautions required. Where specialized equipment is used, training may be carried out by an external, suitably accredited body.

# LONE WORKING

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all those who need to work alone as part of their activities.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) defines lone workers as ‘those who work by themselves without close or direct supervision.’ The College has identified the following lone working situations:

- Grounds Staff working on Golf Course or secluded areas of Grounds
- Cleaners working in College buildings late at night or during quiet periods
- Workers on College business away from College without a companion
- Maintenance staff working in isolated buildings or properties
- Security staff
- Reception staff

## PROCEDURES

The College has undertaken risk assessments of these lone working activities and put in place risk control measures including:

- Manager awareness and monitoring – ensuring all members of staff who work alone inform their manager and a means of contact is established
- Use of Radios
- Working in teams / pairs
- Personal Alarms – to alert management and the emergency services to an incident where a person is threatened or taken ill
- Security messages – for those who may need to discreetly raise the alarm

The College will continue to inform staff when tasks may not be undertaken as a lone worker.

Should any member of staff feel uncomfortable about a situation they find themselves in, they must immediately leave and return to a place of safety and / or raise the alarm. Such action has the support of management.

## TRAINING

Where the risks associated with lone working are high risk, training in the procedures required to mitigate risks will be carried out to ensure familiarity with the required procedures.

# **PRESSURE SYSTEMS**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College acknowledges the responsibilities to ensure this equipment is well maintained and regularly assessed to ensure hazards contained within pressurised equipment are not realised. The College has several items of plant and equipment which fall within the requirements of the Pressure System Safety Regulations 2000.

## **PROCEDURES**

A written scheme of examination has been prepared for each piece of equipment and that written scheme is held in a location readily accessible to the plant. Examination and testing is carried out by a competent person in accordance with the written scheme.

The Maintenance Department and various Heads of Department and Technicians operate the pressure systems on a day-to-day basis. This includes undertaking regular checks and the planned preventative maintenance schedule. All maintenance on pressure systems is deemed to be specialist so will only be undertaken by competent contractor.

Appropriate emergency response procedures will be prepared to take into account the additional risks posed by pressurised equipment, as advised by specialist contractors.

Records are retained of all inspections, testing, examinations and maintenance which takes place and of any other correspondence or report relating to the system. The Maintenance Department also record any abnormal operating conditions and these records are made available to the competent person during the next examination.

# LIFTING OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges the responsibilities to ensure all lifting equipment is duly assessed and adequately maintained in accordance with statutory requirements. The College's activities involve the use of lifting equipment including passenger and goods lifts and hydraulic working platforms.

## PROCEDURES

All lifting equipment including lifting accessories is identified on a schedule which is used to ensure that each item has received the maintenance and inspection required.

Equipment is clearly marked with its 'safe working load' (SWL). As appropriate, equipment is also signed to indicate its prohibition for the carriage of persons or, where applicable is marked to indicate the maximum number of persons which it is designed to carry.

Suitable storage is provided for lifting accessories to prevent accidental damage or corrosion.

Equipment is subject to a maintenance regime in accordance with good practice and taking into account manufacturers instructions. Equipment is also subject to periodic Thorough Examination and Testing to a schedule meeting the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) and an inspection report is issued. Pre-use inspections are carried out by operators of lifting equipment and the results recorded. Defective equipment is taken out of service whilst awaiting repair or replacement.

Lifting equipment is only used by persons that have had suitable and sufficient information and training on their safe operation and use and any precautions or safeguards required. Operators must also be trained and competent and authorised to use the equipment.

## EQUIPMENT

Passenger lifts under our control are subject to a maintenance contract with a specialist contractor and receive a thorough examination and test by a competent person every 6 months. Improvements identified through inspections are undertaken and any defects repaired as required.

The College monitors to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that our lift maintenance contractors operate safe systems of work for the protection of building users including the use of barriers at lift landings when the doors are open to the shaft, warning signs when lifts are out of use and the protection of tools and equipment from unauthorised access, especially in Boarding Houses.

The College also requires external contractors to operate safe systems of work for their own protection and periodic monitoring takes place to check that they appear to be working safely including use of props or other safety devices when working beneath the lift car and work at height controls when working above.

Lift cars clearly display safe working loads and the maximum number of passengers.

Lift cars are also equipped with emergency lighting and with a passenger alarm/emergency telephone. Lift release procedures would be initiated by an external contractor on an emergency call out contract.

Records of maintenance and inspection are held by the Maintenance Department.

## TRAINING

Where specialized training is required to operate equipment involved in lifting operations, records of training will be held by Human Resources.

# IONISING RADIATION

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Ionising Radiation is radiation that has enough energy to cause ionisation in matter. Examples are alpha particles, beta particles, gamma rays, X-rays and neutrons. When these radiations pass through the tissues of the body they have sufficient energy to damage DNA.

The College is committed to ensuring that procedures and protocols are in operation such that all statutory duties are discharged and radiation doses are as low as reasonably practicable.

It is the duty of all employees, students, visitors and contractors to comply with all aspects of this policy that are relevant and appropriate.

It is the intention of the College to ensure that the well-being of staff, students and visitors is protected from the potentially harmful effects of Ionising Radiation. All work carried out on College premises involving the use of Ionising Radiation must comply with the Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999, implemented and enforced by the HSE. The Regulations require that the College establish a suitable management structure to maintain radiation safety.

The holding and disposal of radioactive material is controlled by the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 and all work undertaken at the College must comply with this Act. The general duties in the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, and the requirements of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 2002 (as amended) also apply, and require, amongst other things, that risk assessments are carried out and appropriate measures to control exposure are put in place.

All exposures involving the use of medical X-rays will comply with the Ionising Radiations (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 (Amended 2006) implemented and enforced by the Department of Health. All work involving the use of ionising radiation must be justified. No practice shall be adopted unless its use produces sufficient benefit to the exposed individual or to society to off-set the radiation detriment it causes.

## PROCEDURES

Implementation of College policies on Ionising Radiation lies with the Head of Science, who should be satisfied that all relevant staff are aware of the College requirements.

### Radiation Protection Advisor

The College has appointed a Radiation Protection Advisor (RPA) (Dr Keith Bowker) under the terms of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999. The RPA, who is an external consultant, shall advise the College on all aspects of the use of ionising radiations and radioactive substances relating to the health and safety of workers, including the designation of workers and the classification of controlled areas.

### Radiation Protection Officer

The Radiation Protection Officer (RPO), (Mr C P Coghlan – Head of Physics) is responsible for the day to day implementation of this policy. The RPO is also responsible for liaison with external bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive and The Environment Agency in connection with the College's licenses for work with ionising radiation.

### Radiation Protection Supervisors

Departments within which ionising radiations are used are expected to nominate Radiation Protection Supervisors (RPS) to manage radiation safety within the department. Persons appointed to the role of RPS should be sufficiently competent through experience and/or qualification to carry out the role.



# **WORK EQUIPMENT**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the intention of Bradfield College that all machinery, whether static or mobile, academic or maintenance, will be operated, maintained, guarded according to the relevant assessed risks, in accordance with current legislation.

## **PROCEDURES**

All reasonable steps will be taken to secure the health and safety of employees who use, operate or maintain plant, machinery and equipment.

Assessment of equipment commences at procurement stage and the College will endeavor to procure equipment with the lowest potential hazard to the user or operator. Research will be undertaken by those responsible for procurement to ensure the equipment specified complies with all current legislation and does not expose employees to unnecessary risk, so far as is reasonably practicable.

## **EQUIPMENT**

All plant, machinery and equipment provided for use in the workplace will be subject to a system of inspection, service and maintenance as recommended by the manufacturer or competent engineer.

Records of the inspections, service and maintenance including statutory inspections will be maintained in accordance with current legislation. Where deficiencies have been identified, the relevant Manager is responsible for ensuring that remedial actions are completed within reasonable timescales according to the level of risk.

Isolation measures will be made clear on all machinery and equipment and will be the subject of a specific briefing before use of new equipment. Key control will be of particular importance in isolating machinery, especially where harm could be sustained through unsupervised use. All ignition keys will be removed from vehicles and equipment and securely stored so as to deny access.

## **TRAINING**

Training will be given to staff who use equipment where risks are present to ensure familiarity with the required safe systems of work. Records of training will be retained by the Human Resources department.

# MANUAL HANDLING

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Bradfield College will, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure arrangements are made to reduce the risk to employees' health caused by manual handling.

## PROCEDURES

Equipment is provided where possible to minimise or simplify handling of heavier objects and Line Managers will ensure that two persons are available where the risk assessment identifies the need.

Where reasonably practicable, loads are labeled with their weight and if necessary, centre of gravity. Where it is not reasonably practicable to mark the weight of individual loads we provide information to staff on the range of weights for certain types of load they are likely to encounter.

Specific manual handling risk assessments are undertaken by Heads of Department and by the College Health, Safety and Security Manager to identify tasks which present a risk of injury and the precautions required to reduce the risk to the lowest level reasonably practicable. Recommendations arising from the assessments are implemented by managers, employees are instructed in the outcome and copies of the assessments are provided to relevant employees.

Safety footwear and suitable gloves are supplied to all staff who require them and will ensure that it is used. When specifying protective clothing or uniform, the need to allow unrestricted movement for manual handling activities has been taken into account.

## TRAINING

Where the College has specified the use of equipment or safe systems of work to reduce manual handling risks, staff are trained in the safe system of work. Records of training are retained by Human Resources.

New and expectant mothers, those with health conditions which place them at additional injury risk, and workers below the age of 18, are generally prohibited from carrying out manual handling activities. Where an individual in these categories has duties which would ordinarily involve manual handling, their line manager is responsible for ensuring that they are not permitted to continue with these duties until the risks have been assessed.

For staff who are not expected to carry out significant lifting and therefore do not receive detailed manual handling training, we make it clear during induction training that they are not permitted to undertake these types of activities.

Records of manual handling assessments are retained for at least five years and master copies are retained by relevant Heads of Department and by the College Health, Safety and Security Manager.

Manual handling assessments are reviewed at least annually or more often if there have been changes in the matters to which they relate.

# DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to ensure all workers have sufficient space and a workstation that is not detrimental to health, as well as a generally safe environment.

## PROCEDURES

Suitable furniture is provided for our office staff including adjustable chairs at computer workstations. Sufficient space is provided for the needs of each user including the provision of storage space away from the desk where necessary.

Office environments have been designed for the comfort of display screen users taking into account the need to control nuisance noise, temperature, humidity and lighting and taking into account the age and nature of the buildings.

All DSE users are able to take regular breaks away from desks.

Workstation assessments conducted by the College Health, Safety and Security Manager to identify any particular improvements required to individual workstations. The outcome of assessments is shared with each user.

Mobile equipment is also used by members of staff who do not have a permanent workstation or who need to work in several locations.

Workstation assessments are reviewed regularly or whenever there has been a change to the workstation. Records of workstation assessments are retained for at least five years and master copies are retained by Human Resources.

Eye and eyesight examinations are provided by the College on request and where needed solely for the use of the equipment, the cost of a basic pair of spectacles is also reimbursed.

Employees who are designated users are provided with training in the hazards of display screen use. This training is provided on a regular basis and employees are encouraged to promptly report any problems including health concerns, to the College Health, Safety and Security Manager who is responsible for arranging a reassessment of the workstation and any corrective action required. If the matter is not easily resolved, assistance will be obtained from an occupational health specialist.

# **WELFARE AND HYGIENE**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to ensure all staff are provided with a workplace and associated facilities in order to comply with the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.

## **PROCEDURES**

Well-equipped sanitary and washing facilities are provided in sufficient numbers for the staff and pupils. Facilities are also provided for staff to obtain drinking water, for heating water and heating food. Staff are able to rest and eat food in a variety of areas around the College.

The College has also considered the needs of new and expectant mothers and will ensure rest rooms and other facilities deemed necessary will be provided when required.

All facilities are inspected on a regular basis to ensure they remain sanitary and in good working order.

All welfare facilities are ventilated, well lit and designed so as to be easily cleaned. All welfare facilities are cleaned daily.

# LPG INSTALLATIONS

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Commercial and domestic gas installations run from tanked LPG in several locations. The College acknowledges its' responsibilities to manage the use of pressured gas installations on the estate.

## PROCEDURES

The College uses external competent contractors to undertake all installation, maintenance and servicing work on LPG installations. All periodic inspections are recorded and the details held in the property files for each building within the Estates Office.

The Maintenance Manager may, at his discretion, initiate more frequent inspections depending on circumstances and use.

Above ground tanks are protected by locked compounds and underground tanks are fenced to protect them from accidental damage by mowers etc. Where there is potential for the tanks to be impacted by vehicles additional protection in the form of bollards has been installed.

Staff who live in properties where there are gas installation receive specific guidance notes including call out procedures and emergency numbers. Maintenance staff that may be called out to attend gas related incidents have been supplied with specific training and guidance notes.

All tanks and compounds will be checked for security and safety by Security Staff as part of their rounds. Inspections will also be made to ensure the compounds are clear of combustible materials, compounds and tank covers are locked and protective measures are safe and secure.

All gas pipework will be assessed annually and all gas appliances will be serviced and assessed bi- annually.

All properties with Gas installations will be fitted with Carbon Monoxide detectors.

## DELIVERIES

All deliveries are made by competent external suppliers. Deliveries are made via a top up service to College accounts and via private arrangement for domestic properties.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) without charge to its' employees. The College also recognises that the use of PPE as a risk control measure is a last resort as it protects only the user and is at risk of not being worn correctly.

## PROCEDURES

College employees are supplied, without charge, any PPE identified as a required risk control measure within risk assessments. An assessment is made to ensure PPE is suitable, i.e. it reduces the identified risk as intended, is CE marked, is a good fit, is suitable for the individual using it, is compatible with other PPE, and that suitable storage is provided to prevent damage and that instructions are provided in its' correct inspection, use, cleaning, storage and maintenance.

Employees who are required to use or wear PPE are provided with training on the circumstances in which it is used, the hazards against it will give protection, the importance of correct use, how to wear it to obtain the right protection and any limitations of the equipment. The training also includes how to inspect, clean, maintain and store the equipment and how to report defects and obtain replacements. Training records are retained by the Human Resources department.

Employees are expected to comply with the requirements to wear PPE and to ensure it is used as designed and not misused in any way.

PPE is checked regularly by line managers and Heads of Department and replacements are available on request in between inspections.

# **SAFETY SIGNS AND SIGNALS**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College acknowledges its responsibilities to assess areas where signage is required and to install signage that benefits users of the area and complies with all statutory requirements.

## **PROCEDURES**

Statutory health and safety notices are displayed around the College including no smoking signs, Health and Safety Law posters and the current Employers Liability Compulsory Insurance certificate. A copy of the Health and Safety Policy Statement, signed by the Warden is also displayed in all workplaces.

Signage is displayed to indicate fire escape routes, fire actions, fire extinguisher locations, first aid details and traffic safety instructions. Safety signs are also displayed where a risk assessment indicates that there are residual risks which cannot be adequately controlled by other means and are used to give warnings, prohibit certain actions and communicate mandatory safety rules.

Signs comply with the colour way and pictogram requirements of the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations.

Signage is checked regularly by means of workplace inspections to each building.

Audible signals including fire alarms and intruder alarms are tested regularly to ensure that they are clearly audible in relevant areas and that staff are familiar with the sound.

# DISABLED AND TEMPORARILY DISABLED

## INTRODUCTION

The College welcomes pupils and staff from all sectors of society and endeavours to accommodate the needs of each individual, so far as is reasonably practicable. The law requires that responsible bodies anticipate the requirements of staff, visitors or pupils with disabilities and to make reasonable adjustments to the workplace and to management arrangements to ensure their well-being.

The location, physical characteristics and topography of the College presents some challenges to those with impaired mobility; however, an assessment will be made in each individual case to establish whether reasonable adjustments can be made to allow practical use of the facilities.

This Policy sets out the College's commitment to disabled pupils, staff and visitors and provides a framework to ensure the College offers a supportive environment for all members of the College community.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

On an ongoing basis the College is committed to identifying the impact of disabilities on the structural, organizational and physical barriers that often hinder disabled people from achieving equality and inclusion within the workplace. The Estates Manager is responsible for ongoing assessment of any areas where access improvements can be made, where reasonably practicable and all new projects are designed in compliance with current legislation to ensure adequate disabled access is incorporated within new buildings.

The College ensures that the needs of disabled staff are taken into account within risk assessments for general activities. Where necessary an individual risk assessment for the work of the particular employee will be undertaken, taking into account abilities and disabilities. The risk assessment covers not only the risks to the individual but also any additional risks which may be created if the individual is unable to assist in anticipated emergency situations such as a fire or evacuation.

Should an employee become disabled during employment, either permanently or temporarily, an assessment will be made to establish the effects of their impairment and to confirm any reasonable adjustments that may be required.

## PROCEDURES

The College is subject to an internal Disability Access Audit every two years, in order to identify and confirm any areas where improvements can be made. This audit also highlights and records where circumstances may have changed during the period, for instance, due to deterioration, change of use or refurbishment. The audit results form the basis of an Action Plan for improvement, which includes targets for improvement over a defined period and is subject to regular review.

When required, the College will prepare a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) to cover areas where mobility may be potentially difficult in the event of an emergency without assistance.

Where the College employs persons with disabilities, or where existing employees become disabled, reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that the workplace is adapted for their needs including arrangements to ensure their health, safety and welfare.

In the case of temporary disability such as a broken limb, it may be necessary to exclude the individual from a workplace if adaptations are not reasonably practicable in the short timescales involved. When individuals have been issued with a fit note by a doctor, they are not permitted to work unless either the date to which they have been signed as unfit to work has been reached or, if the fit note indicates they may be fit to work subject to conditions, that those conditions have been assessed and relevant changes have been made to meet them, if necessary using occupational health advice. Relevant risk assessments will be reviewed regularly or when there is a change in the person's health condition.



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## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College acknowledges the duties placed upon it to reduce the exposure to noise and vibration to their employees.

The College will to make a suitable and sufficient risk assessment and introduce control measures to, in the first instance, eliminate noise and vibration at source or, where this is not reasonably practicable, reduce the vibration to as low a level as reasonably practicable.

## **PROCEDURES**

The College will ensure where practicable that noise and vibration levels will be maintained below the Lower Exposure Action / Daily Exposure Limits will undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment for all activities where there is a risk of employees being exposed above these levels.

The College will ensure all employees, contractors and visitors obey any instructions and warning notices with regard to wearing of hearing protection in designated areas and will ensure plant and equipment is selected and maintained to minimise noise and vibration levels. All employees will be instructed in the use of all equipment that may produce noise and vibration to excessive levels.

Suitable PPE will be provided where this will reduce exposure but only as a last resort.