



Wyvern Academy

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HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

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Members of staff responsible: Head Teacher & Assistant Head Teacher

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Description of Policy Formation and Consultation Process

People involved:
Assistant Head Teacher
Manual Handling Officer
Health and Safety Committee
FTB

Signed by Chair of Trustees: _____

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Health and Safety Policy for Wyvern Academy

Statement of Intent

Wyvern Academy recognises its legal and moral responsibilities to persons who may be adversely affected by school activities.

The Law

Health and safety in schools is governed by legislation and associated regulations, which are enforced by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

In Academies statutory health and safety responsibilities fall on the board of trustees (as the employer) and on the Head Teacher and other school staff (as employees).

As the management body, the board of trustees must ensure that school staff and premises comply with the LA's health and safety policies and practices (e.g. reporting accidents, first aid provision), and:

- Develop and regularly update a health and safety policy and advise employees of it;
- Have a critical incident/emergency contingency plan;
- Ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and wellbeing of teachers and other education staff; the health and safety of pupils in school and on off-site visits; and the health and safety of visitors to the school including volunteers involved in any school activity and contractors working on the school site;
- Assess the risk of all activities, both in school and off-site; introduce measures to manage the risks, and instruct employees about the risks and the measures to control them;
- Ensure that staff are competent and trained in their responsibilities (including written records of training); and are actively involved in health and safety;
- Take reasonable steps to make sure that the buildings, equipment and materials are safe and do not put the health of users and visitors at risk.

In practice, the board of trustees may delegate specific health and safety tasks to others at the school.

The board of trustees, and the Head Teacher, must comply with any direction given to them by the LA concerning health and safety of persons on the school's premises or taking part in any school activities elsewhere.

In practice, the board of trustees may delegate specific health and safety tasks to others at the school. However, the board of trustees retains the ultimate responsibility no matter who carries out the tasks.

Responsibilities

It is recognised that individuals and groups of individuals have responsibilities for the health, safety and wellbeing in the school. The individuals and groups identified below are expected to have read and understood the school's policies and procedures for ensuring health, safety and wellbeing and to conduct their duties in accordance with them.

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that mechanisms and procedures are in place for health, safety and wellbeing. The trustees will receive regular reports to enable them, in collaboration with the Head Teacher, to prioritise resources for health, safety and wellbeing issues.

The trustees have appointed a Health and Safety Committee to receive information, monitor the implementation of policies, procedures and decisions and feedback to the board of trustees on health, safety and wellbeing issues.

The trustees of: Wyvern Academy will

- make itself familiar with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and any other health and safety legislation and codes of practice which are relevant to the work of the school
- ensure that there is an effective and enforceable policy for the provision of health and safety throughout the school
- Provide as far as reasonably practicable a safe and healthy environment for all persons who work at, attend or visit the school.
- Ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of pupils, staff and volunteers on off-site visits and activities.
- Endorse and support the safety policies of Dorset County Council (DCC)
- Seek improvement to working conditions according to priorities within existing resources.
- Recognise their responsibilities when they make available premises or equipment for hire, and will ensure that risks to the safety or health of hirers and other persons are adequately controlled as far as possible.
- Ensure that risk assessments are carried out within the school using DCC risk assessment policy and forms and to ensure the assessments are reviewed at least annually.
- Encourage informal meetings and ensure time is made available in staff meetings where health and safety issues can be raised.
- Ensure that staff can access training to ensure their competence for their task.
- Accept the duties they may hold as a client when they arrange for work through contractors or volunteers. Follow DCC guidance for the selection of competent contractors and will seek assistance from the schools Property Surveyor or DCC Property Management Division when necessary. Ensure that volunteers receive adequate instruction and supervision to work safely.
- Ensure all staff accidents, significant pupil accidents and third party accidents are reported to the County Health and Safety Team in accordance with the DCC accident reporting policy and procedure.
- Review on an annual basis, all accidents and incidents reported to identify trends.
- Consult with the school council and inform pupils of their responsibility for health and safety.

- Recognise the role of safety representatives appointed by recognised trade unions and co-operate with them so they may undertake their health and safety related functions, including reasonable paid time off for consultation, inspections and investigations.

Head Teacher

The head teacher has responsibility for:

- Day to day management of all health and safety matters in the school in accordance with the health and safety policy.
- Ensure regular workplace inspections are carried out in accordance with the following list:

Area	Check list	Completed by	Monitored by	Updated & checked
Outside areas	All grounds Fences Playground equipment	Site team /Site Manager	HT	Daily Daily Monthly
Fire	Fire alarm Fire door exits Fire extinguishers Fire blankets Emergency lighting	Site team /Site Manager	FBM/HT	Weekly Weekly Monthly Monthly Monthly
Water	Legionella Flushing outlets	Site team/ Site Manager	FBM/HT	Weekly
Minibus	Books Weekly health and safety check 10 weekly check at the garage	Site team/ Site Manager	FBM/HT	Monthly
Changing rooms	Shower heads Twice yearly water hygiene check and de-scaling by external company.	Site team/ Site Manager	FBM/HT	Quarterly
Caretaking	Ladders/stepladders	Site team/Site Manager	FBM/HT	Quarterly
Whole School	Termly internal and external inspections	Site team/Site Manager	FBM/HT	Termly
Kitchen	Kitchen Documentation	Weymouth College	Andy Pye (AP)	Termly
Whole School	PATS	Site team/Site Manager	FBM/HT	Yearly
Equipment Compliance	PUWER LOLER	Health Safety MH Officer		Yearly & 6 monthly

- Ensuring action is taken on health, safety and wellbeing issues.
- Passing on information received on health and safety matters to appropriate people.
- Carrying out accident investigations.
- Identifying and facilitating staff training needs.
- Maintaining an up to date register of risk assessments.

- Liaising with trustees and/or the LEA on policy issues and any problems in implementing the health and safety policy.
- Co-operating with and providing necessary facilities for trade union safety representatives.
- Providing necessary facilities for all employees to be consulted on health and safety matters.
- Where contracts are negotiated directly between the school and the contractor, the Head Teacher is also expected to monitor purchasing and contracting procedures, to ensure that the employer's health and safety policy is complied with.

The finance and business manager and site manager are responsible for liaising with contractors undertaking major works and for ensuring that the risk due to having contractors on site is monitored and controlled.

The finance and business manager and site manager are appointed with the authority of the Head Teacher to request action from the contractor where conditions are considered to be unsafe.

Whilst the responsibility for the above cannot be delegated, the function of carrying out these tasks can be delegated to other members of staff (i.e. the school's safety co-ordinator / manager, site manager).

Staff with special responsibility

The following staff have special responsibility:

- the Finance and Business Manager,
- the site manager,
- the Deputy Head Teacher (Personnel, IT, CPD)
- the Assistant Head Teacher (behaviour management)
- the school nurse (health plans and protocols and health based risk assessment)
- Department heads
- the health safety and moving and handling officer (moving and handling, the MOVE programme, training, return to work assessments, new and expectant mums, specialist equipment service and maintenance, and compliance LOLER, PUWER), DC H&S audit.
- the Senior IT technician (IT),
- the educational visits co-ordinator (off site activity risk assessments),
- the PE gatekeeper (PE curriculum risk assessment),
- the Design technology gatekeeper (DT curriculum risk assessment),
- the Science gatekeeper (Science curriculum risk assessment)
- the Cleaner in charge (COSSH)

These job holders will be responsible for:

- The local arrangements to ensure the effective control of risks within the specific areas under their control.
- The local arrangements for the purchase, inspection and maintenance of equipment and its specification.
- The coordination of the school's health and safety policy in their own department or area of work, directly responsible to the Head Teacher for the application of the health and safety procedures and arrangements.
- Establishing and maintaining safe working practices including arrangements for ensuring, as far as is reasonably practicable, the absence of risks to health

and safety in connection with the use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances, e.g. chemicals, hot water, sharp tools and machinery.

- Resolving health, safety and wellbeing problems referred to them by members of their staff or referring to the Head Teacher or line manager any problems they are unable to resolve within the resources available to them.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are carried out when necessary and reviewed, and on a regular basis within the overall programme for the school, on the activities and equipment for which they are responsible.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are communicated to all staff that will be engaging in the assessed activity.
- Ensuring, as far as reasonably practicable, that sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision is provided to enable employees and pupils to avoid hazards and to contribute positively to their own health and safety.
- Obtain relevant advice and guidance on health and safety matters.

Employees

All Wyvern Academy employees are directly responsible for:

- Taking reasonable care for the health safety of themselves and of other people who may be affected by their acts and / or omissions.
- Co-operating fully with their manager or responsible person on all matters relating to their health and safety at work.
- Not recklessly or intentionally interfering with, or misusing any equipment, safety devices etc. that have been provided in the interest of health and safety.
- Reporting promptly, in the first instance to their manager or responsible person, any accidents, injury, significant near miss, incident of violence and aggression or cases of work-related ill health.
- Report to the relevant manager, any defects, hazard, damage or unsafe practices or other items that could give rise to an unsafe place of work or cause injury or ill-health to others. Any defective equipment should be labelled to ensure other employees cannot use the item.
- Wearing any protective clothing or equipment and using any safety devices that have been provided for their health and safety while at work.
- Observing safety rules, complying with codes of practice and health and safety policy and procedures, and adhering to safe working procedures at all times.
- Acquaint themselves with, and comply with, the procedure to follow in case of a fire or other emergency.
- Attending health and safety training as directed and undertaking their work activities in accordance with any health and safety training provided to them.

Volunteers

Volunteers (such as parent helpers etc.) have a responsibility to act in accordance with the school's policies and procedures for health and safety and to report any incident or defective equipment to a member of staff immediately.

Volunteers are also expected to act only under the supervision of a qualified member of staff.

School health and safety representatives

Safety representatives are appointed by recognised Trade Unions.

At present there are no safety representatives. A safety representative is employed at The Wey Valley School and has been involved in providing advice/information to Wyvern staff.

Under the requirements of the Safety Committee and Safety Representative Regulations 1977, where safety representatives are appointed they will be given adequate time and facilities to fulfil their functions.

Contractors

All contractors under school control will be appropriately selected and competent in terms of health and safety.

- Contractors must be made aware of and abide by the school's health and safety policy and not endanger pupils, staff or other visitors to the site.
- The finance and business manager, site manager and HSMHO are responsible for the co-ordination of the contractors' activities on site.
- The Head Teacher must ensure that any temporary rules, such as exclusion from parts of the premises, are known to all staff, pupils and visitors to the premises. This might be achieved by the posting of suitable notices by the Head Teacher, or by the contractor, in consultation with the Head Teacher. All contractors must report to the responsible person named above before any work takes place and prior to each working session. The responsible person should then inform the contractor of any conditions which may affect his safety and that of others.

Visitors and other users of the premises

Where the facilities are shared, ensure that there are suitable and sufficient arrangements for communicating and co-ordinating health, safety and security policies and procedures with other occupiers, e.g. youth service, leisure centre, catering and cleaning contractors and outside staff based in schools.

- All visitors to the school must comply with the school and DC health and safety policy and procedures.
- Head Teachers must ensure that a suitable system is implemented whereby visitors are required to record their visit to the school (visitor's book) and the time they leave. This should include all visitors to the school including Trustees, Property Surveyor, Contractor's etc.
- Where applicable visitors will be required to wear a 'visitors' identification badge which will be supplied by the school.
- All visitors will be provided with a Wyvern Academy safeguarding and health and safety leaflet prior to entering the school.
- Where reasonably practicable, visitors will be accompanied at all times by a responsible employee.
- Should a fire / emergency occur or the fire alarm is activated whilst visitors are on the school's premises, the person who is accompanying the visitor will take him / her to the fire assembly point.
- Should an incident / accident occur involving a visitor it must be reported using DCC accident reporting policy and procedure and form and sent to the County Health and Safety Team. An investigation must be undertaken as soon as possible by the relevant responsible person.

- If the incident is of a serious nature or fatal the Head Teacher should contact the County Health and Safety Team immediately on 01305 225019.
- Persons hosting visitors including meeting arrangers must ensure:
 1. Visitors are alerted to the establishment fire procedures.
 2. Visitors adhere to the 'no smoking' policy.
 3. Visitors park their vehicles in such a way so as not to obstruct fire escape routes, roads, access or other vehicles.
 4. Visitors record time of arrival and departure in the visitor's book.
 5. Where applicable visitors are provided with and wear identification badges.
 6. Visitors are accompanied or authorised to enter the premises.
 7. Visitors remain within authorised areas and do not enter any restricted area unless permission is granted and the person is accompanied.
 8. Visitors do not take anything with them from the premises, or bring anything onto the premises that may create a hazard or risk unless authorised.
 9. Visitors report all accidents, incidents and near misses to the host.
 10. Visitors wear protective clothing that is supplied when necessary.

Lettings

The Head Teacher will ensure that the hirer of the premises, for any event, is aware of his / her obligations under health and safety legislation and the school and DC health and safety policies where appropriate. All of this information is contained within the school's lettings policy. Any organisation operating out of the school premises or through an out sourced arrangement will be responsible for ensuring all health and safety requirements associated with their activity are in place. The lettings policy stipulates that the school has sight of, and approves the required measures.

Neptune Aquatics SLA

Neptune are currently supporting school activities as a part of their contract with the school. Neptune staff are required to follow school policies and procedures while supporting school led activities.

Pupils

Pupils will be reminded that they are expected to:

- Exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others.
- Observe standards of dress consistent with safety and / or hygiene, as detailed within the appropriate curriculum safety guidelines.
- Observe all the health and safety rules of the school and, in particular, the instructions of staff given in an emergency.
- Use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with things provided for their health and safety.

All pupils and parents will be made aware of this section of the policy through school/class rules, social stories and curriculum reinforcement.

Arrangements

Monitoring and Inspection

The school buys in to the Service Level Agreement for Health, Safety and Wellbeing. As part of this service the County Health and Safety Team conduct an audit or review of the school's health and safety systems. A copy of the latest audit is available on the health and safety group One Drive files section.

The school completes written termly premises inspections in accordance with DC guidance. A copy of the latest form is available in the site manager's office.

First aid

The school has assessed the need for first aid provision and ensures that the guidelines given within the latest DCC First Aid Code of Practice are complied with.




















An up to date list of all first aiders is displayed in the main entrance, in the staffroom and more widely around the school.

First aid kits are located at strategic points in the school (swimming pool, outside site office, outside aqua class, outside blue class, outside green class, in the sixth form corridor) and portable kits are available for lunchtimes, PE lessons and school trips and visits. The contents of the kits will be checked on monthly basis and the kit will be labelled with the date of checking and signature of the person who has checked the kit.

For further information, please see the school's First Aid Policy.

The school will record all accidents in accordance with DCC Accident reporting policy and procedure.

*Any accidents reportable to the HSE under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) will be completed by the County Health and Safety Team on the school's behalf

 Current First Aiders 28 November 2022		
Paed First aid	First aid @ work	Emerg FA@work
		
Martin Bibby	Anne-Marie Lane	Karen Senior
		
Amanda Borland	Amber Matthews	Gemma Price
		
Nicola Clements-Danton	Tracy Matthews-Belcher	Lisa-Marie Condliffe
		
Marion Dove	Linda Rogers	Jodie, Lumb
		
Naomi Ford	Allison Weild	Nadia Dailey
		
Jess Gwyther	Heather Fosdike	
		
Chloe Hunt	Ceili Pegg	

Administration of medicines

The school follows DfES guidance on the dispensing of medicines within school. For further details, please see the schools Medical policy.

Oxygen

Oxygen is stored in Teal and Burgundy classrooms, each location has clear signage indicating that oxygen is stored in that area.

Off site visits

The school follows DC Children's Services Off Site Events and Adventurous Activities Policy.

Further information can be found within the school's Educational Visits policy.

Work experience

Health and safety requirements of work experience providers are detailed in the school's work experience policy.

Fire

The school will ensure that a fire evacuation drill is completed at least 3 times a year and record the date in the fire log.

The fire log will be kept up to date with entries for weekly fire alarm checks and fire door checks, monthly emergency lighting checks and fire extinguisher checks and any contractor visits or false alarms.

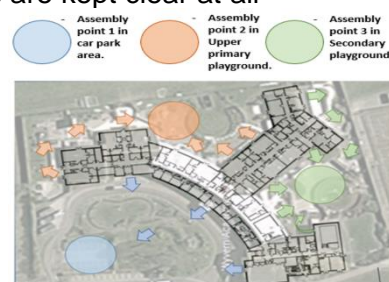
Arrangements are in place for evacuating disabled people and pupils whose behaviour places them at addition risk during evacuation procedures. (a personal emergency evacuation plan PEEP and group emergency evacuation plans (GEEPs).

The Head Teacher/board of trustees will ensure a fire risk assessment is completed and updated at least annually or more frequently if there is a significant change to the building.

All staff are responsible for ensuring that pupils and visitors evacuate in an orderly and timely fashion in the event of the alarm sounding.

All staff are responsible for ensuring evacuation routes and doors are kept clear at all times.

For further details, please see the school's procedure for fire.



Electricity

The school will undertake to inspect and test all portable appliances by a competent person on an at least two yearly basis with a written annual visual check in between the years of PAT test.

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The competent person will produce an inventory of test which will be kept by the site manager.

All staff will visually inspect electrical equipment before use for obvious defects.

Defective equipment will not be used, will be labelled and reported as defective for replacement/repair.

The school will ensure that the fixed wiring inspections are completed on a 5 yearly basis by a competent contractor.

* If personal items of electrical equipment are required to be used in school then permission must be sought from the Head Teacher and the equipment must have a current portable appliance test completed on it.

* delete as appropriate

Work equipment

All work equipment will be purchased from a reputable supplier.

Before purchase the following considerations must be given:

- The installation requirements
- The suitability for purpose
- The positioning and or storage of the equipment
- Maintenance requirements (contracts and repairs)
- Training and use of the equipment.

Staff must not use new items of work equipment unless appropriate training has been given. A risk assessment must be completed for the work equipment and staff using the equipment must have access to and comply with the risk assessment.

All plant and equipment that require statutory inspection, testing and maintenance for example, steam boilers, pressure cookers, lifting equipment, local exhaust ventilation will be completed by a DC approved contractor (if the school does not use an approved contractor they must ensure a competent contractor is used).

Any personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the use of the work equipment will be supplied free of charge by the school. All employees will be expected to wear the PPE when operating the equipment.

Access equipment (kick-stools, ladders, tower scaffolds and mewps etc)

All access equipment must be purchased from a reputable supplier.

Before purchase the following considerations must be given:

- The installation requirements
- The suitability for purpose
- The positioning and or storage of the equipment
- Training and use of the equipment.

Staff must not use access equipment unless appropriate training has been given. A risk assessment must be completed for the access equipment or task and staff using the equipment must have access to and comply with the risk assessment.

The access equipment should be visually checked before each use. An inventory is required for all access equipment with a formal written 6 monthly check (tower scaffolds and mewps will require specialist and more frequent checks).

Control of hazardous substances

All substances that may be considered hazardous to health have been assessed (except in science – these are covered by CLEAPSS hazcards).

A copy of the health and safety data sheet and COSHH assessment will be available in the location of where the chemicals are used / stored.

Any person using these chemicals must ensure they have seen and follow the information given on the COSHH assessment (including the wearing of any identified PPE).

Staff must not bring any hazardous chemical onto the school site unless prior permission has been sought and a COSHH assessment has been completed.

Asbestos

The school has an asbestos statement displayed in the reception foyer.

Please note there is no asbestos on the school site.

Legionella

The school has a legionella survey which is located in the site manager's office in the Wey Valley building. The site manager is responsible for ensuring that any monthly temperature checks are completed and the weekly flushing records are completed. Jason Greatbanks, Dorset Council completed a full legionella survey in 2018. Further information of legionella can be obtained from Jason Greatbanks on 01305 221908.

Transport on site

Responsibility for the health and safety of pupils travelling to and from school remains with the local authority unless transport is provided by school staff.

Risk assessments are in place for the movement of vehicles on the school site and associated risks.

Violence

The school follows DC policy and guidance for violence at work. For further information, please refer to the DCC Violence at Work Policy (schools).

All incidents of verbal and physical abuse will be recorded on the accident / incident report form and sent to the County Health and Safety Team.

Protective equipment.

Personal protective equipment is supplied as a result of COSHH assessments and workplace danger assessments.

Protective equipment is also supplied to staff in relation to personal care and particular behaviour types. This includes bite resistant sleeves, bite resistant jackets, shin pads, arm guards and ear plugs. There is a policy statement attached to the school's

behaviour policy with details the rationale behind their use and procedures relating to their use.

Manual Handling

The school complies with the DC Manual Handling Policy and Procedure and completes risk assessments on any significant manual handling tasks. Employees who complete manual handling tasks will have suitable and sufficient training. For further information, please refer to the DC and school policy Manual Handling Policy.

Lone working

The school complies with the DC Lone Working Policy and completes risk assessments for any lone working scenario. For further information, please refer to the DC Lone Working Policy.

Risk assessments

Risk assessments are completed for any significant risks in accordance with the DC Risk Assessment policy. These risk assessments are working documents and must be viewed by staff carrying out the activity and updated/reviewed on an at least annual basis or whenever there is a significant change to the activity / task / personnel / or following an accident. For further information, please refer to the DC Risk Assessment Policy.

Training and records

The school will ensure that all staff has suitable and sufficient training to complete the tasks required of them. The school will ensure all training is recorded and up-date training is completed where required.

Hydrotherapy

Procedures relating to health and safety in the pool area are contained within the Pool Safety Operating Procedures. Staff receives Aquatic Therapy Shallow Pool Rescue Award training (ATSPRA) please refer to the PSOP for further guidance.

Other sections to consider which will be school specific are: Swimming pool, lettings, selection and control of contractors and school security.

This policy/procedure is to be read in conjunction with all others that come under the Wyvern Safeguarding family of policies.

These are: Child Protection, Behaviour (including anti-bullying), Staff Code of Conduct, SRE, Intimate Care, Medical, Whistle-Blowing, Health and Safety, E-Safety, Safer Recruitment, Complaints, Allegations Procedures, Attendance (pupils), Data Protection, Looked after Children, Lone Working, Manual Handling, Pool Safety Operating Procedures, and Violence at Work.

As such, reference is made to the key guidance documents: Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021 and Guidance for Safer Working Practice 2015.