



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Incorporating the Local Health and Safety Arrangements for:

- **Edisford Primary School**
- **Maintained School**
- **888/2391**
- **Edisford Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 2LN**

This policy is based on the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated health and safety and other legislation. It should be read in conjunction with the Lancashire County Council's Health and Safety Management System which is held on the School's Portal.

*As a Community or Voluntary Controlled School the county council is the employer. The governing body is responsible for the use of the premises. The headteacher is responsible for the implementation and management of health, safety and welfare within the school. The county council, the governing body and the headteacher should work in partnership to meet these responsibilities.

As the person(s) with responsibility for the implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school, I/we will, as far as is reasonably practicable:

- provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work activities;
- provide and maintain safe plant and equipment;
- ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks and ensure the provision of adequate training;
- maintain safe and healthy working conditions;
- ensure safe handling and use of substances;
- review and revise this policy and arrangements as necessary at regular intervals, and, as a minimum, following each 5 yearly review of this template by the county council;
- consult with employees on matters affecting their health and safety;
- provide information, instruction and supervision for employees;
- prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health;
- comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements;
- act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the "Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire" and the "School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document".

Signed: E. Hamilton-Thorpe	Signed: On behalf of the Governing Body
Headteacher's name: Elizabeth Hamilton-Thorpe	Chair of Governors name: Rene Calitz
Date: 20/10/25	Proposed Review date: September 2026



Responsibilities

<p>The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school is that of eg headteacher:</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i></p>
<p>The delegated member of staff with day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is eg school business manager, health and safety co-ordinator etc:</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i></p>
<p>To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in their specific areas eg premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-hours arrangements, educational visits:</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher Premises – V. Wilson and D. Burgess, Site Managers Fire Safety – Elizabeth Hamilton-Thorpe, Headteacher Emergency Plans – E. Hamilton-Thorpe/Headteacher Educational Visits – A. Colvin and E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i></p>
<p>Health and safety objectives for the school (as identified by accident/incident investigation, consultation, review of risk assessments, health and safety management support and audit visits; advice from the county council etc, or other sources eg DfE, Teachers.Net, other schools, the HSE) will be developed and monitored by:</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i></p>
<p>Documented health and safety objectives and any associated action plan(s) can be found:</p> <p>Note: Any actions arising from those objectives should be documented eg as an action plan, and monitored to ensure they are achieved.</p>	<p><i>Location: School office (Mrs C McManus and E. Hamilton-Thorpe) within the School Development Plan or in the minutes of Governors or Staff meetings.</i></p>
<p>All employees within the school have a responsibility to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-operate with the headteacher and his/her nominated representatives on all matters relating to health and safety; 2. Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety; 3. Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and not knowingly place anyone who may be affected by their work activities at risk; 4. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement); and, 5. Adhere to the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document which state that teachers' professional duties include maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere. 	



Health and safety risks arising from work activities

I/we will ensure that so far as is reasonably practicable, all areas of risk are assessed and adequate control measures are put in place to ensure the health and safety of all employees, pupils, contractors, non-employees and anyone else affected by the school's activities.

Risk assessments will be undertaken by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Risk assessments will be undertaken prior to the introduction of any new work tasks / activities that pose a significant risk to health and safety.	
The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported to:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
The responsibility for ensuring the action required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Checking that implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Risk assessments will be reviewed regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes. Responsibility for this rests with:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>



School's Commitment

To meet the requirements of this Policy Statement, the headteacher/governing body and/or his/her/their nominated representative(s) will:

- a) draw up and implement appropriate health and safety procedures for the school;
- b) share appropriate elements of these procedures with all employees, pupils, visitors and anyone else who may be affected by them;
- c) arrange for risk assessments to be completed for all areas of work and review them on a regular basis;
- d) as part of the risk assessment process, produce safe systems of work where necessary and arrange for their implementation including any appropriate training, resourcing, auditing and monitoring;
- e) identify adequate resources for the implementation of the health and safety policy and arrangements within the school;
- f) comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements; and,
- g) act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire and the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

The school will:

- make health and safety procedures and documentation available for inspection upon request
- regularly review its arrangements in respect of the applicable topics and activities listed in the table at the end of this Policy document.

Consultation with employees

The school recognises and accepts its duty to consult with employees and will do so via a union-appointed safety representative and/or through elected employee representatives where union appointed representatives are not available.

Employee representative(s) for the school are:	<i>Alison Knight (NEU)</i>
Consultation with employees is provided via:	<i>Individual staff appraisals, Review of documents, Team meetings, Circulation of draft documents for consultation, Monthly/Annual Health & Safety meeting etc.</i>



Safety Representatives

The school recognises and accepts that safety representatives must be given the paid time necessary to carry out their functions, and paid time as is necessary to undergo training in those functions, as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Safety representatives' functions are to:

- investigate potential hazards and dangerous occurrences at the workplace, and complaints by employees relating to health, safety and welfare at work, and examine the causes of workplace accidents;
- make representations to the headteacher/governing body on the above investigations, and on general matters affecting the health and safety of the employees they represent;
- regularly inspect the workplace;
- represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors; and,
- attend health and safety committee meetings.

Safe plant and equipment

The school will ensure that all plant and equipment that requires maintenance is identified, that maintenance is carried out and that new or second-hand plant and equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased.

Responsible person(s) for identifying all equipment/plant needing maintenance:	<i>V. Wilson to share with E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring effective maintenance arrangements are in place:	<i>V. Wilson to share with E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out:	<i>V. Wilson to share with E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Any problems found with equipment should be reported to:	<i>All staff report to E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) to check that new equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>

Information, instruction and supervision

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at: Note: It is a legal requirement to display the Health and Safety Law Poster in a prominent position in each workplace eg in the school's	<i>Location(s) Staff kitchen</i>
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reception area, or to give employees a copy of the Health and Safety Law leaflet.	
Health and safety advice is available from:	<i>Ask HR 01772 535353</i>
Induction, supervision of trainees/work placements etc will be arranged/undertaken/monitored by:	<i>A. Knight and A. Colvin</i>
Health and safety in shared premises (where applicable) is managed by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher Long term letting of an area of school, including classroom, toilets, kitchen, laundry and outdoor space to Right Start Day Nurseries</i>

Competency for tasks and training

The school has arrangements in place to ensure that all new employees are provided with appropriate health and safety induction training when they start work. This will cover basics such as first aid and fire safety. Job specific health and safety training will also be provided if needed to achieve the required competency. Training arrangements will include regular refresher training where appropriate. Write down your arrangements for training here, including arrangements for record keeping.

Induction training will be arranged/undertaken for all employees by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe, Headteacher E. Blockeel, Deputy Headteacher</i>
Job specific training will be provided by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Jobs requiring specific health and safety training are:	<i>List the training and method of provision National Capabilities Framework for Asthma – on the job training Asbestos Inspection & Awareness – H&S Team & on the job training Legionella & Water Monitoring – H&S Team & on the job training COSHH – H&S Team & on the job training Management of Contractors – H&S eLearning & on-the-job training DSE – H&S eLearning Working at Height – H&S eLearning & on-the-job training Manual Handling of people - H&S Team & on-the-job training</i>
Training records are kept by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe, Headteacher E. Blockeel, Deputy Headteacher</i>



Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
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Accidents, first aid and work-related ill health

The school acknowledges the legal requirement to:

- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for the reporting, recording and investigation of incidents and accidents;
- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for reporting work related injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences under the RIDDOR Regulations;
- provide appropriate first aid arrangements for employees and anyone attending the premises that may be affected by the school's activities;
- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place to provide health surveillance for any employees who may be **at risk** of ill-health as a direct result of their work activities.

The first aid box(es) is/are available:	<i>Staff corridor Reception porch area Maintained by L.Jackson</i>
The first aider(s) and appointed person(s) is/are:	<i>See staff list by FA box</i>
All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported to:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
*Health surveillance is required for employees doing the following jobs within the school: *Health surveillance is not required for any job roles within the school.	<i>Pregnant employees will require a specific Risk Assessment to be completed and their duties may need to be modified to take account of their changing capabilities</i>
Health surveillance will be arranged by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
Health surveillance/records will be kept by/at:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>

Performance monitoring

The school acknowledges its requirement to monitor the health and safety of employees and anyone who may be affected by its work activities and has appropriate arrangements in place to fulfil this requirement and to keep records.

To check our working conditions and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will conduct workplace inspections. These are carried out by:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe Headteacher</i>
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Review all risk assessments regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes.	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe, Headteacher</i> <i>E. Blockeel, Deputy Head</i>
Responsible person(s) for investigating accidents eg road traffic accidents, slips, trips and/or falls etc before requesting assistance from the Health, Safety and Quality team if necessary:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness absence:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher</i>

Emergency procedures - fire and evacuation

The school acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that appropriate emergency procedures are in place and that these are communicated to all concerned, including other users of the premises, and monitored on a regular basis.

Responsibility for ensuring the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented rests with:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher</i>
Escape routes are checked by/every:	<i>V. Wilson and D. Burgess</i> <i>Site supervisor (daily)</i>
Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:	<i>Vicky Wilson & Donna Burgess</i> <i>Site Supervisor & Assistant Site Supervisor Half termly</i> <i>County Prop Scheme</i>
Alarms are tested by/every:	<i>Vicky Wilson & Donna Burgess</i> <i>Site Supervisor & Assistant Site Half termly</i>
The emergency evacuation procedure is tested by/every:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher half termly</i>
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place to deal with other emergency situations eg bomb threat, flood, etc., rests with:	<i>E. Hamilton-Thorpe</i> <i>Headteacher and the</i> <i>Governing Body</i>



Table of occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Occupational health and safety topic/activity (Note: This is not a comprehensive list. Please add any further topics/activities relevant to your school.) Information and guidance is available on the Health, Safety and Quality team website :	Applicable (√)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Accident reporting, recording and investigation	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Asbestos management plan	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Bodily fluids (urine; blood; faeces; vomit) and biological agents	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Cleaning/caretaking tasks	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Control of contractors	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Disability access (health and safety implications)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Display screen equipment and eye tests	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Driving at work		
Electrical safety, for example, installations, PAT tests, visual checks, local policy on bringing electrical items into school etc	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Emergency procedures other than fire, for example flood, services failure	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Extended school and community use	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Finger traps (internal and external)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Fire safety	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
First aid	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Gas safety, for example, installations, servicing, tests, visual checks, local policy on use of gas items in school etc	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Health and safety induction (a checklist is available on the health safety	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk



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Infection control, including needles and needlestick injuries	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Lettings to non-school groups	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Manual handling	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Minibuses	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Mobile phones (the use of)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Play equipment installations inspections	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Playgrounds and external areas	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Ponds and water features	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Premises management (see premises management guidance on the Health, Safety and Quality team's website)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Pupil moving and handling (special needs)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Pregnant employees and nursing mothers	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Reporting of health and safety concerns/faults	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Severe weather including winter gritting	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Shared use of buildings	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Sharps, for example, broken glass in the school building or external grounds	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Stress	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)



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Swimming pools	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Transport safety/vehicle movement – arrangements for vehicle movement, car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation on site	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Visitor and volunteers' safety	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Waste storage and disposal	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc) – a Legionella Risk Assessment should be in place as part of your premises management arrangements	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Work equipment and machinery	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Working at height – ladders, access equipment etc	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Workplace inspection (internal and external)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)



Table of non-occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Curriculum and other non-occupational activities (information and guidance is available in various parts of the Schools Portal)	Applicable (✓)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Administration of medication	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
*Educational visits	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Food safety and hygiene	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Outdoor activities	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
PE equipment	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Pupil handling and restraint	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Grounds maintenance activities	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Pupil movement and flow	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
School transport	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Science (only where not covered by curriculum safety procedures set down in CLEAPSS)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Smoking	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Special needs of pupils (health and safety issues)	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Stage and drama activities	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Supervision of pupils	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Technology rooms and equipment	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Wearing of jewellery	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)
Work experience	✓	Risk Assessments on Office desktop – shared drive/school Risk assessments and in folder in supervisor's office)



The school will also take into account the risks, and make health and safety arrangements for, non-routine, out of hours, 'one-off', seasonal or sporadic activities for example special school and community events such as school fetes, etc.

*Note: Educational Visits have a separate intranet site on the Schools Portal at [Educational Visits](#).