



HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

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1. STATEMENT OF SAFETY POLICY

1.1 General Requirements

The Governors of Chadsgrove School recognise their responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974), so far as is reasonably practicable, to:

- a) provide safe systems of work, plant and equipment;
- b) provide for the safe use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances;
- c) provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary for staff and pupils to undertake their work safely;
- d) provide a safe place of work with safe means of access and egress for all persons using the premises;
- e) provide a safe and healthy working environment with adequate welfare arrangements;
- f) provide for the health and safety of persons not employed by the school, but who may be affected by its activities;
- g) encourage all staff to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and to co-operate with the management of the school in the carrying out of their statutory duty;
- h) require all staff to report through the appropriate channels, any problem, defect or hazard likely to lead to a lack of safe or healthy conditions for themselves or others.

1.2 Staff Responsibilities

The Health and Safety at Work (HSW) Act also puts a responsibility upon employees to take care of their own health and safety, within the limitations of the training, instructions and equipment provided for them. This is acknowledged by clause (g) above.

1.3 Staff Rights

The Governors recognise the need to consult staff on matters of health and safety and will recognise the right of the staff to appoint Safety Representatives, through their recognised trade unions or professional associations. The Governors will accommodate the establishment of a School Safety Committee on which the Staff Safety Representatives, amongst others, may serve, should it be requested by staff or their representatives.

1.4 The Role of The Local Authority

The Governors recognise the Statement of Safety Policy of Worcestershire County Council, together with its organisation and arrangements and undertake to comply with its requirements and procedures in respect of maintaining safe and healthy places of work for the staff and pupils of the school.

The Governors recognise that it may, on occasions, be necessary to seek advice on specialist matters pertaining to health and safety and will consult the Health and Safety Advisor of Worcestershire County Council or such other persons as may be necessary.

1.5 Local Management of Schools and Delegated Funding

The Governors recognise the need to ensure that sufficient funds are reserved for safe practice throughout the school and, in particular, the inspection and maintenance of those items of premises and equipment where financial responsibility has been delegated to them.

1.6 Risk Assessment

The Governors recognise their responsibilities to ensure that any significant risks arising from work activities, equipment or premises are assessed, as required under the:

- the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 amended 2006,
- the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002,
- the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 as amended,
- the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 and
- the Display Screen Equipment Regulations 2002

1.7 Acknowledging Responsibility

Agreed/Ratified by	Printed Name	Signature	Date
Chair of Governors	Lorraine Petersen		
Health & Safety Officer	Jacqueline Pitt		
Headteacher	Deb Rattley		
Author of this Policy	Jacqueline Pitt		

2. THE ORGANISATION OF HEALTH & SAFETY

2.1 Organisation of Health & Safety – List of Named Persons

Local Authority:	Sandra Sandon, Health & Safety Team Leader 01905 846802
The Governors:	Lorraine Petersen, Chair Mrs Julia Boonnak, Vice Chair
Headteacher:	Deb Rattley
Deputy Headteacher:	Angela Macvie Rebecca Gayden Nic Ross Anna Mugridge (School Support Service)
School Health & Safety Officer:	Jacqueline Pitt
Assistant Headteachers:	Rebecca Sabel Melanie Bullivant
Phase Leaders:	Angela Macvie/Rebecca Sabel (2LS, 3LS & 5LS, 6LS & 8LS) Melanie Bullivant (4LS, 7LS, 10US & P14) Rebecca Gayden/Nic Ross (9US, 11US & 12US) Rebecca Gayden/Jemma Watkiss (P13 & P15)
Subject Leaders:	Art – Nicola Taylor English & Phonics – Lucy Lucas Food Technology – Nicola Taylor Forest Schools – Lisa Price Humanities – Helen Khambay ICT – Jemma Watkiss Maths – Jemma Watkiss Creative Arts – Steph Wellings PE – Carina Taylor PSHCE – Valerie Harley RE – Melanie Bullivant Science – Eliza Andrews
Medical & Therapy Staff:	Staff working in school have their own guidelines for Health & Safety. Regular consultation with the Headteacher is essential
Medical Interventions Manager:	Jen Lacey
Site Managers:	Mark Perry & James Ingram

Appointed First Aiders:	A list of First Aiders is displayed in all classrooms
Catering/Kitchen Manager:	Samantha Wain
Minibus Responsibility:	Deb Rattley
Fire Officer:	Jacqueline Pitt
Manual Handling Trainers:	Rebecca Gayden (College/SLT), Emma Gilbert, Glenda Kelleher, Rachel Burton, Susan Parkes, Steve Eccles, Ciara Porter (College), Claire Stoodley & Rosie Painter (Outreach)
Educational Visits Leader (EVL):	Rebecca Sabel

2.2 Employer's Responsibilities -

Worcestershire County Council

- a. has overall responsibility as the employer for all aspects of health and safety of employees, pupils and other persons at Chadsgrove School (under sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974)
- b. has responsibility for appointing competent principal contractors where building or plant maintenance work is done which is the financial responsibility of the Local Authority under its Scheme for Financing of Schools
- c. has responsibility for appointing a competent person as Planning Supervisor in those works which fall within the scope of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 unless the school has initiated the building work, in which case this will be the responsibility of the Governing Body.

2.3 Governors' Responsibilities

The Governing Body, through the Headteacher, is responsible for:

- a. ensuring that the school's safety policy is implemented, monitored, regularly reviewed and revised as necessary
- b. ensuring that sufficient funds are reserved for meeting their responsibilities for Health and Safety, in particular for the maintenance of those items of premises and equipment for which they have financial responsibility under the Scheme for Financing of Schools
- c. monitoring the (health and safety) need for building maintenance in the school and implementing repairs as necessary
- d. advising the WCC Property Client Team of structural defects that could adversely affect the health and safety of staff, pupils and other persons

- e. the safe condition, storage and maintenance of equipment, vehicles and plant at the school, and ensuring that such equipment can be used safely in the normal running of the school
- f. ensuring that the premises, the means of access and exit, and any plant or substance on the premises are safe and without risks to health
- g. ensuring that safety rules concerning the use of premises and equipment are displayed at appropriate locations in the school and are enforced
- h. the adoption of safe working practices by staff and pupils, and by contractors on site
- i. acting to deal with potential hazards to health and safety, liaising where appropriate with representatives of Worcestershire County Council and contracting organisations

2.4 Headteacher's Responsibilities

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- a. the implementation of the school's Health & Safety policy
- b. advising the Governing Body of the need to review the school's Health & Safety policy
- c. The day to day responsibility for health and safety in the school
- d. Ensuring that risk assessments are carried out in accordance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 2006 in all areas of significant risk, as well as those required under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002, the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 as amended, the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 and the Display Screen Equipment Regulations 2002
- e. ensuring that staff receive appropriate health and safety training
- f. carrying out the six monthly safety audit required by the LA
- g. ensuring that all problems or defects affecting the health and safety of staff, pupils or other persons in the school are dealt with
- h. notifying the LA Health and Safety Co-ordinator of any serious accidents to pupils or **any** accidents to staff or other persons and any "near miss" situations, in accordance with the Reporting of Incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR)
- i. notifying the LA Health and Safety Co-ordinator of any hazards or problems affecting the health, safety or welfare of staff, pupils or others that cannot be resolved by appropriate local action
- j. emergency and lockdown procedures, including evacuation in case of fire or bomb threats
- k. ensuring that adequate provision is made for the administration of First Aid
- l. ensuring that all new material on health and safety matters, supplied by the LA or the Health and Safety Executive, is brought to the attention of any relevant persons promptly
- m. facilitating the meeting of a School Safety Committee, if it is requested by staff or approved trade union safety representatives, and for attending such meetings

- n. consultation with approved trade union safety representatives on matters affecting the health, safety or welfare of any members of staff and for facilitating the carrying out of their duties, including safety inspections and attendance at training courses

2.5 Phase Leaders/Subject Leaders are responsible for:

- a. all matters of health and safety in their department or subject area
- b. bringing to the notice of the Headteacher (or the School Health and Safety Officer) any problems or defects affecting the health, safety or welfare of staff, pupils or other persons in their department or subject area. Making sure the defect is logged in the Health & Safety Defect book in the school office.
- c. having a working knowledge of regulations, guidance materials and codes of practice in their subject areas
- d. ensuring that staff have received adequate training on health and safety aspects of their specialist areas (particularly where use of potentially hazardous equipment or substances is undertaken)
- e. ensuring that necessary personal protective equipment (ie. eye protection or protective clothing) is available, used as necessary, and kept well maintained.
- f. ensuring that any risks specific to their area of work are adequately assessed (eg. risk assessments for the use of tools or equipment, COSHH assessments for the use of hazardous substances)
- g. ensuring that relevant safety signs and notices are displayed (eg. signs requiring use of eye protection, restricting use of teacher only machines to named individuals, positions of gas, water or electrical isolators etc.)

2.6 Other Teaching/Teaching Assistant and Support Staff are responsible for:

- a. ensuring that they are familiar with and comply with the school and, where applicable, the departmental or subject safety policy. (This includes staff working in the Arts, Music, Design and Technology, Environmental Education, Physical Education or Science)
- b. reporting any defects or problems affecting the health and safety of themselves, their pupils, other staff or any other person, through their Phase Leader or Subject Co-ordinator to the Headteacher (or School Health & Safety Officer) and writing in the Health & Safety Defect book situated in the school office.
- c. co-operating with their employer (LA or Governing Body) to enable them to comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974)

2.7 The Site Managers are responsible for:

- a. ensuring that they are familiar with and comply with the school Health & Safety Policy
- b. bringing to the attention of the Headteacher (or School Health & Safety Officer) any problems or defects affecting the health and safety of any person on the school premises and also writing the defect in the Health & Safety Defect book in the school office.

- c. bringing the school safety policy and risk assessments to the attention of any cleaning or other staff (including grounds staff) working under their direction, in so far as it affects the work of those persons (e.g. in use and storage of equipment and materials)
- d. ensuring that any staff under his/her direct control (i.e. non contract staff) receive adequate training and instruction in the use of any equipment or materials that they are expected to use
- e. ensuring that all equipment and materials received have adequate health and safety information (e.g. safety data sheets to allow COSHH assessments to be carried out)
- f. ensuring that safe procedures are laid down and used when work of a potentially hazardous nature is undertaken by themselves or others working under their direction (NB. This will include such things as working at heights on steps, ladders or scaffolds, use of electrically powered cleaning machines, use of chemicals (including correct use of protective clothing), carrying out of repair or maintenance work)
- g. ensuring that due warning is given of any caretaking/cleaning operations that could constitute a hazard to other users of the premises (e.g. use of signs to warn of slippery floors, clearance of leaves, ice or snow etc.)
- h. informing the Headteacher (or School Safety Officer as appropriate) of the arrival (or expected arrival) of contractors for maintenance work (no matter how minor)
- i. informing contractors of any hazards that could affect their health and safety while working in the school (particularly in the light of risk assessments carried out)
- j. the safe use and maintenance of all plant and equipment (e.g. boilers, swimming pool filtration and treatment plant) and the safe use and storage of all materials used for that maintenance (e.g. boiler descalers, swimming pool chemicals etc.)

2.8 The Medical Interventions Manager is responsible for:

- a. the day to day responsibility for medical interventions (adhering to the Medical Interventions Policy at all times) across the school, liaison with health professionals and contributing towards policy reviews
- b. maintaining the First Aid boxes in line with the guidance given in the LA's Handbook of Safety Information and controlling and maintaining any other First Aid supplies as may be kept separately.
- c. ensuring that any first aiders receive adequate training and instruction in First Aid and the use of any equipment or materials that they are expected to use
- d. co-ordinating Infection Control in liaison with the School Nurses

2.9 Safety Representatives (Appointed by Staff/Trade Unions/Professional Associations) have the right to:

- a. carry out termly inspections of the premises and submit a written report to the Headteacher

- b. receive any reports of inspections or accident investigations made by the Health and Safety Executive
- c. represent their membership to the Headteacher (as representative of the employer) on matters affecting the health, safety or welfare of staff
- d. represent the staff / union membership on school safety committees
- e. receive such training as may be necessary for them to perform their duties

2.10 School Health & Safety Officer is responsible for:

- a. the day to day responsibility for health and safety on site
- b. management of fire safety
- c. management of the hydrotherapy pool
- d. ensuring that any first aiders receive adequate up to date training

2.11 Assistant Headteacher (Rebecca Sabel) is responsible for:

- a. the management of all risk assessments in school

2.12 The Catering/Kitchen Manager is responsible for:

- a. ensuring that he/she is familiar with and complies with the school Health & Safety Policy
- b. ensuring that all kitchen staff receive such training, instruction and information as they need to undertake their duties safely and without risk to themselves or others
- c. ensuring that they are familiar with the requirements of the Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended) and that they and staff working under them comply with these requirements
- d. bringing to the attention of the Headteacher (or School Health & Safety Officer) any problems or defects affecting the health and safety of any person in the area for which they have responsibility

3 ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

3.1 Access & Egress, Housekeeping, Cleaning & Waste Disposal

Site Managers have the responsibility to ensure that outside areas likely to be dangerous for pupils and staff due to frost, ice or snow are salted and/or cleared as necessary. During heavy snow falls, 4 Seasons, the Grounds Contractors, may visit Chadsgrove as a priority to assist with snow clearing. It is unlikely that school will be open following very heavy overnight snow. Minibus firms, Passenger Assistants and parents/carers are advised not to attempt the journey to school in severe snow conditions. The Headteacher telephones transport contractors if school is closed, notifies the Local Authority and a text is sent to parents/carers. A notice is also displayed on the school website. Site Managers regularly clear leaves to avoid slippage.

All designated fire exits are identified with suitable signs and must never be locked or obstructed whilst school is in session.

The Site Staff and cleaning staff ensure that all bins and rubbish is disposed of daily outside of the premises. Outside bins are kept away from the building and are locked or in a secure place at evening and weekends.

Signs are clearly displayed identifying wet floors.

Obsolete computers and other ICT equipment are collected by a reputable recycling company and a data destruction certificate obtained.

3.2 Accident Reporting, Recording and Investigation

All serious accidents that occur on the school site should be notified to the School Health & Safety Officer who will record the information via the WCC County Council accident/incident online reporting system (My Cority)

All minor accidents should be recorded in the schools Accident Book or on My Cority and, where necessary, parents/carers or other persons should be notified of the accident.

If the accident is serious, the Senior Leadership Team should be made aware and immediate action taken to ensure the location of the accident is made secure and cordoned off until an investigation has been done. The Headteacher is responsible for conducting an investigation following the accident. If members of the public are involved, names and addresses should be taken (including any witnesses).

Accident Reports and investigation records to be kept for 3 years if the accident involved a member of staff, or if the accident involved a pupil until they reach the age of 21.

3.3 Blood-Borne Diseases

Precautions against infection by blood borne diseases should be taken whenever it becomes necessary to deal with any body fluids, including blood, urine and vomit. The main danger is of infection by HIV or Hepatitis B viruses, particularly the latter as the virus can remain active for long periods well below body temperature. Hepatitis A and C viruses can also cause serious infections. There is a spillage kit located in the Cleaners' Cupboard.

Disposable gloves and disposable aprons are to be worn by all staff having to deal with spillages of body fluids, no matter how small, including Class Teachers, Lunchtime Superintendents and Site Managers as well as First Aiders.

Chadsgrove will comply with the School's policy on Control of Infection, Policy No. 54.

3.4 Building Repairs and Contractors

Contractors are usually selected from the PR Associates Approved Jobbing Contractors booklet and will be chosen according to the job and their expertise/price. If PR Associates appoint the Contractor, a Pre Site meeting is arranged with the Headteacher and Business Manager to discuss safe working arrangements.

If the Headteacher/ Business Manager appoint contractors direct, they will check their relevant qualifications for competency and discuss safe working arrangements with them. Workmen and pupils are segregated whenever possible – ideally work is arranged when pupils are not present in school. Contractors are expected to report to the School Office and/or Site Manager on arrival at site. The office staff will arrange supervision of contractors if they are going to be working near pupils e.g. going into bathrooms to take water temperatures. All contractors will be asked to read a flier outlining health and safety and fire procedures on arrival.

There will be liaison with PR Associates (Chadsgrove has a SLA with PR Associates for property services) if required.

3.5 Contractors (Management of Asbestos)

The Asbestos Register will be shown to all contractors prior to work commencing. Contractors must sign to state they have seen the relevant sections of the asbestos register. The Register is kept in the Site Managers office and the Site Managers/School Safety Officer are responsible for ensuring it is signed.

It must be ensured that there is no asbestos in the building structure prior to intrusive work being carried out i.e. putting up shelving.

Only specific contractors provided by P R Associates are allowed to work with asbestos.

3.6 Contractors and Visitors on Site

All Contractors/Visitors (not parents) will be asked to sign in using the Inventory Signing in System and will be asked to provide DBS information. They will be provided with an ID badge as follows:

Red: No DBS provided and visitor/contractor must always be accompanied around school

Green: Contractors who have provided DBS information are able to walk around school unaccompanied

Blue: DBS information has been provided and the visitor can walk around school unaccompanied

All Contractors/Visitors will be asked to read the Health & Safety sheet on signing in which provides information on fire procedures, first aid information etc. Visitors to the school who are disabled will be allocated a member of staff to ensure they have adequate assistance to exit the building if the fire bell rings

3.6 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

The Handbook of Safety Information deals with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH). The COSHH regulations are strictly followed at school. The Worcestershire LA safety sheets relating to these substances are stored in the school office as is the list of COSHH substances and their application within the school site. Wherever possible less hazardous alternative substances are purchased and used. The Site Manager maintains the COSHH file, is responsible for the safe storage of COSHH products and provides instructions to staff on identifying COSHH materials and labelling decanted substances.

The Assistant Headteacher provides risk assessments for tasks using the most hazardous substances as per the Worcestershire County Council COSHH Policy.

There are separate regulations which apply to Science Laboratories as described in the Group Safety Policy on Science Teaching & Preparation Areas. These regulations will be complied with. The Leader of Science maintains up to date regulations and guidance although, in comparison to mainstream schools, we have very few hazardous chemicals.

3.7 Defect Reporting Procedures

Staff should report any problems or defects concerning Health & Safety matters to the Headteacher or School Health & Safety Officer and ensure that they write the defect in the Health & Safety Defect book. All defective items are taken out of use immediately. An 'out of use' label is displayed on any defective item that cannot be removed. The Headteacher will ensure that appropriate action has been taken and maintain an on-going file on Health & Safety matters.

A Pre-inspection, School Safety Audit, will be organised by the School Health & Safety Officer. Staff will be invited to complete the sections for which they have

responsibility e.g. the Food Technology Room. Any defects or problems will be addressed at the earliest opportunity. The Headteacher reports to the Governing Body on Health & Safety matters at least termly and any recent defects identified and outstanding work discussed.

The procedure for inspections by Union Representative(s) will be discussed between the Headteacher and the representative(s) to their mutual satisfaction.

3.8 Computers and Display Screen Equipment (DSE) in accordance with the Display Screen Regulations.

Chadsgrove School recognises that it has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy working environment and acknowledges that this includes ensuring the safe use of display screen equipment (DSE).

In accordance with the Display Screen Regulations all staff who are classed as DSE "Users" including teachers with laptops are trained in their safe use. This training is an online course to be completed on an annual basis and new starters complete prior to starting employment.

The ICT Co-Ordinator will monitor and arrange for any problems relating to display screen equipment and its use to be resolved.

3.9 Electricity at Work

Hardwiring checks are carried out every 5 years by a company recommended by PR Associates. The last check was carried out Summer 2022. The School Health & Safety Officer checks that this is carried out.

The ICT Technician has been trained and carries out the portable appliance testing (PAT) of equipment and keeps the records on an annual basis. All equipment is checked including those that have been donated. A green dated label is placed in a visible place on the item inspected. The ICT Technician also tests the microwaves. Any defective items are removed from site. The ICT Technician keeps a copy of the PAT register.

Equipment that is brought into school to be used by an external person should be checked by the ICT Technician before use.

If the premises are let out and hirers use electrical equipment we will ensure that this equipment has been PAT tested within a twelve month period.

Reporting of defective equipment should follow the procedures under 3.7.

3.10 Fire Precautions and Emergency Plans

The Fire Officer is responsible for ensuring a Fire Risk Assessment is carried out annually either by an external company or internally. An external company is used to complete a Fire Risk Assessment every 3 years or if there has been major structural/refurbishment works to the building carried out. The Fire Officer will update the Fire Risk Assessment annually if this is not the case.

A copy of the Emergency Management Plan should be held by all SLT, the Chair of Governors and the School Office.

The Fire Officer has responsibility for the arrangements for fire practices (at least termly), alarms, appliances and fire prevention in conjunction with the Headteacher. The fire bell is checked on a weekly basis by the Fire Officer. Copies of the Fire Orders are distributed to all members of staff and are clearly displayed throughout school and this is brought to the attention of students, volunteers and work experience trainees present in school. (Visitors/parents/carers will always be with a member of staff familiar with these procedures. For Contractors please see Section 3.4).

Fire Orders will be revised from time to time following discussions with visiting inspectors. Training in the use of Fire Appliances will be available periodically. All staff will complete an online training module annually. Copies of Fire Orders are included in Appendix B. The 'Fire Book' details records of fire practices, equipment inspections, alarm bell tests etc and is maintained by the Fire Officer. The book is kept in the Fire Officer's office.

To Aid Roll-Call: Staff leaving the school site with children will be expected to 'sign-out' and 'sign-in' on return using the Inventory system.

Chubb Fire inspect and maintain the fire extinguishers in school.

When the fire bell sounds the Fire Officer will be responsible for calling the emergency services and co-ordinating the evacuation. The Fire Officer will wear a fluorescent jacket for identification by staff and emergency services. Before evacuating, the school office will print off registers of staff on site using the Inventory system and pupils on site using the Scholarpack system. Office staff will also take out an iPad which has Inventory and Scholarpack pre-loaded to use.

Fire Safe Services check bi-annually the emergency lighting and fire alarm system.

As well as completing fire drills we are now required, following guidance from Worcestershire County Council, to complete Lockdown drills. These are completed at least termly. There are 3 boxes situated around school (1 in the school office, 1 off the hall entering Upper School and 1 as you enter the middle area). The boxes are coloured blue as opposed to the red fire boxes. In the event of an incident a member of staff will press the box to set off the lockdown alarm.

3.11 First Aid

There are 7 appointed First Aiders for adults and 8 appointed Paediatric First Aiders. There are 3 First Aiders for Adults and Pupils. A list of these members of staff is displayed in each classroom and around the school. Refresher training is carried out every three years and the Business Manager ensures that staff training is kept up-to-date. First Aid boxes are placed in highlighted areas around school and the Medical Interventions Manager ensures that these are maintained. The school office are responsible for taking out a first aid box during a fire bell evacuation.

The First Aiders take responsibility for any emergency situation and decisions.

3.12 Health and Safety Advice

Competent Health and Safety Advice and Guidance is accessible via the WCC Health and Safety (Schools) Service Level Agreement

3.13 Lettings (Policy No. 65) /Shared Use of Premises/Extended Services

Chadsgrove School Pool is let by WaterBabies on a weekly basis. A written lettings agreement is signed by the hirer and details of Public Liability Insurance is declared.

Chadsgrove School operate a Chestnut Club twice weekly during term time only and a Saturday Club once a month. We also hold a Summer Playscheme and Easter Playscheme. A Site Manager is on always on site during these sessions and Health & Safety guidelines operate the same as during normal school hours.

3.14 Epilepsy (Policy No. 69)

A significant number of children at Chadsgrove have epilepsy. Information regarding the incidence and nature of epileptic seizures is obtained from parents before a child starts at Chadsgrove and updated, as necessary. Details of any medication, if applicable, are also noted. This information is passed onto staff dealing with the child as appropriate including the Nurses Manager, Medical Interventions Manager, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Therapists, Lunchtime Superintendents and possibly voluntary helpers and students (the last two groups would not normally expect to be left with individual children far away from school staff). Staff are regularly epilepsy awareness trained.

On school trips or residential visits, one member of staff will usually be designated to give medication. Emergency medication including Buccal Midazolam will only be administered

- i. where staff are willing to do this and
- ii. where staff have been appropriately trained

When travelling on a minibus a decision will be made by the member of staff whether to stop, phone for an ambulance, or go direct to the local Accident Department of a hospital.

It is the responsibility of WCC to train Passenger Assistants on epilepsy. Specific advice will be given by education staff if requested. If a child has a severe or prolonged epileptic seizure on the minibus the Passenger Assistant should follow First Aid guidelines, try to get the child into the recovery position (this may not be possible) and make a decision whether to stop and phone for an ambulance or go direct to the local Accident and Emergency Department of a hospital.

3.15 Medicines and Medical Interventions (Policy No. 91)

From October 2012 the management and delivery of all medical interventions is managed by Chads Grove. The School Nurses will convey necessary and appropriate medical data gained from clinics and/or correspondence with professionals and/or parents and carers, to the Medical Interventions Manager and the School Nurses have a duty to ensure school is kept updated, although parents/carers increasingly deal with school rather than School Nurses.

The Medical Interventions Manager, in liaison with the School Nurses, ensures that at least one member of staff in each class are trained to administer medication and their training is kept up-to-date. There is a medical room at the front of school, area opposite 6LS and in Upper School where medication is locked away. Medication is only given to pupils once a signed consent form has been received from parents/carers.

Staff notify the Headteacher or Medical Interventions Manager of any observations of possible infectious diseases in pupils or if they have any concerns themselves about exposure to the same. The Medical Interventions Manager have access to current guidance which includes a help telephone number to the Health Protection Agency's department of Infection Control.

3.16 Information Dissemination Procedure

Employees

Information and instructions on health and safety matters is available to all staff at Chads Grove as follows:

A copy of the Health and Safety Policy is held on the Staffshare for all staff to read. Staff are asked to sign to say they have read, understand and will follow this policy on an annual basis.

New employees receive a copy of the Health and Safety Policy in their Induction Pack and they are provided with a form to sign to confirm they have read, understood and will follow the Policy.

New information is disseminated to staff via the morning briefing. Minutes are taken and emailed to all staff.

Pupils

It will be the responsibility of teachers and support staff to ensure that pupils are made aware of existing and new health and safety information. This should be done during morning registration or afternoon reflection time.

Visitors/Contractors

The Receptionist/Site Manager will be responsible for informing visitors/contractors of any health and safety arrangements which may affect them during their visit. The Site Manager/Business Manager will alert contractors to any Asbestos on site via the Asbestos Register.

Upon arrival, visitors will receive a leaflet, which gives health and safety information as well as instructions printed on the back of visitors' badges and notices displayed around school.

Governors

Governors are notified on at least a termly basis of any health and safety issues and the Health and Safety Governor will be updated on the bi-annual Health and Safety Audit.

Trade Unions

The Business Manager will ensure that Trade Union health and safety representatives are informed of any existing and new health and safety information.

3.17 Lifting Equipment (hoists & tail hoists)

The hoists are serviced on an annual basis on a manufacturers' service contract which covers malfunction call outs. All staff are trained to use the hoists by the Manual Handling team. All staff commencing employment at Chadsgrove receive manual handling training. All hoisting equipment and slings held by school are also checked six monthly by Lloyds British Insurers. School arrange for Prism to check slings coming into school from home to ensure they are safe to use.

The tail hoists on school and County owned minibuses are serviced at 6 monthly intervals by an appointed agent arranged by WCC.

3.18 Lone Working & Personal Safety

Chadsgrove School supports the WCC Guidance for All: Lone Working. All staff are asked to leave the building by 5.30/6.00pm latest when the Site Manager locks up unless the Headteacher is working beyond this time. Prior to leaving the bell is rung three times to alert anyone in school that they will need to leave the building. Lone working is limited to the Site Manager and SLT. Mobile phones should be on hand at all times for anyone alone in the building. Personal safety awareness information is discussed.

Staff entering the school during the holidays should notify the Site Manager on arrival and when leaving.

Risk assessments are carried out, shared with staff and stored in the Assistant Headteacher's office.

3.19 Machinery & Plant – Technology, PE, Hoists, Tail-Lifts

The school will follow guidelines concerned with the arrangements for guarding, inspection, adjustment and repair of machines and for other items across school e.g. the kitchen and laundry room.

Small appliances in the Food Technology Room and classrooms are PAT tested on an annual basis.

The PE fixed apparatus is also checked annually by Sportsfix. The boiler is subject to an on-going maintenance contract organised through PR Associates. The fire alarm and emergency lighting are serviced by Fire Safe Services Limited and all fire extinguishers are serviced by Chubb Fire & Security Limited. The intruder alarm is serviced and supported by Crimestop Security & Fire Limited

3.20 Manual Handling (Policy No. 49)

There are currently nine manual handling trainers accredited by Centaur Training. This accreditation is updated every 6 months. This training has been and will be passed on to all staff in organised sessions as well as staff receiving advice and support from these trainers as and when the need arises. Specific courses for cleaning and catering staff and minibus Passenger Assistants (the latter are the responsibility of the County's Environmental Services Section) will be considered, including attendance at the courses arranged for staff from other schools through our Outreach Service. Manual handling trainers will be responsible for risk assessments.

Up to 600 staff working with pupils with a physical disability in mainstream schools have been trained by the Chadsgrove team.

3.21 Minibuses

Chadsgrove School follow the Local Authority Minibus Guidelines. Assessments for minibus driving is mandatory for all staff with D1 on their licence wishing to drive children on school minibuses. Training is available for those requesting this which needs to be renewed every 3 years. Currently these assessments are provided by the Worcestershire County Council Road Safety Team. For staff who do not have D1 on their licence they are required to complete an application form for a provisional PCV/LGV licence, have a medical, pass a theory test and hazard perception test and then complete a 3 day practical driving training course. All drivers are required to complete training for smoke evacuation and wheelchair clamping. Training is also provided for the majority of Teachers and Teaching Assistants in the procedures for

smoke evacuation and restraining wheelchairs in the minibuses. Minibus Passenger Assistants receive training through their employer.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that the school owned vehicles are serviced and checked regularly. Maintenance checks are carried out every 10 weeks. The Site Manager has a leading role in carrying out cleaning and basic checks. Tyre pressures are taken daily and recorded. The tail hoists on all vehicles should be checked every six months and this is organised by WCC via Ringway.

There are up to thirty minibuses and taxis bringing children to Chads Grove School each day plus several parents/carers' cars. The afternoons especially are very busy and potentially dangerous. Drivers and Passenger Assistants are encouraged to be patient and courteous at all times. Reversing vehicles is strongly discouraged except in an emergency because of the grave risk to children in wheelchairs who may be hidden from view behind a high minibus and less able to move quickly from the dangerous situation (a Passenger Assistant must be at the rear of the vehicle to ensure safety and preferably one who has received Banksman training but this is not always possible).

A letter outlining procedures is distributed annually to all drivers and Passenger Assistants and during the year to new drivers. (See Appendix C). Reminders and specific instructions are given out periodically.

Staff are on duty from 9.00am and again at 3.30pm until the children have left the building to ensure children are properly supervised at these busy times.

In the event of a fire during drop off times, drivers are asked to divert to the Catshill Social Club Car Park and await further instructions. Staff will meet the buses as soon as is possible in order that buses can offload the pupils if they have to leave to go to other jobs. If necessary, either parents will be called or pupils and staff will be moved to a more convenient area e.g. Catshill Middle School/First School. If there is a fire during pick up times then drivers are asked to divert to the Catshill Social Club Car Park and await further instructions from staff.

3.22 Monitoring Arrangements

The Governing Body will ensure that regular reports of accidents and major incidents are provided by the Headteacher and that any necessary alterations to working practices and procedures are implemented. The Headteacher will periodically review the incidence of recorded accidents to staff and pupils. Any identifiable trends will be considered as necessary. Each individual recorded accident will be considered for its implications to the school as a whole. This also applies to consideration of "near misses".

The Governing Body recognise the importance of monitoring health and safety matters. The Headteacher reports to governors on health and safety issues in her Headteacher's Report at least termly.

The Headteacher/Governors will ensure that all reasonable inspection facilities and information are provided on request to officers of the LA, inspectors of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Trade Union Health and Safety Representatives and any other bona fide Health and Safety officials.

3.23 Offsite and Educational Visits (Policy No. 53)

We operate the EVOLVE offsite visit software system used by Visit Leaders. The Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel (OEAP) provides guidance, activities, training and support for outdoor learning and educational visits and can be found on website <https://oeapng.info/>. All Visit Leaders complete a Risk Assessment which is signed by the Educational Visit Leader and a copy sent to the Headteacher. All visits over 50 miles requires authorisation by the Headteacher via the EVOLVE software system. Pre site visits are carried out by the Trip Leader if necessary. Prior to any trip taking place signed authority from parents/carers is obtained. A large majority of our teaching and teaching support staff receive Evacuation and Wheelchair Clamping training which is reviewed every 3 years. All drivers receive this training.

All staff receive Visit Leader Training through B&S Educational Systems & Training. The Educational Visit Leader (EVL) has received Visit Co-ordinator Training which is refreshed every 3 years.

3.24 Outdoor Play Equipment

The Outdoor Play Equipment was inspected on the 22nd November 2023 by The Play Inspection Company Limited. This is an annual inspection. The report provides a list of all equipment inspected and any recommendations. All recommendations are either carried out by the Site Manager/Assistant Site Manager or an order placed with a relevant company. The Assistant Site Manager received Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) training in December 2022. This is due to be renewed every 3 years. Visual checks of the playground equipment are carried out every two/three weeks and an Operational Inspection is carried out every three months by the Assistant Site Manager in his role as Inspector. Risk assessments have been carried out for the use of the equipment. Daily visual inspections are carried out by the Site Manager/Assistant Site Manager/Teachers/Teaching Assistants.

3.25 PE Equipment

The PE fixed apparatus is inspected on an annual basis by Sportsfix. A qualified PE teacher/technician sets out the large fixed PE equipment in an appropriate and safe manner. All equipment is risk assessed independently by the qualified PE teacher prior to the beginning of the lesson. The safe use of the equipment in accordance with the Association for Physical Education (afPE) guidance on the safe use of the equipment published 2012 is followed/adopted.

3.26 Personal and Protective Clothing

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided free of charge for employees where it has been identified through risk assessment. There are many references to the use of protective clothing in the Handbook of Safety Information. These give guidelines for the correct use of gloves, goggles, overalls etc. School expects these guidelines to be observed and those staff responsible for the subject or work area concerned should ensure compliance.

Where necessary protective clothing will be purchased from the school budget allocation. Staff are expected to wear appropriate clothing and closed in footwear for the safe performance of their duties. Staff are expected to check the equipment regularly and notify school immediately of damaged/unusable equipment.

3.27 Pond

All pupils can only access the outside pond with a member of staff. There is a fence around the pond with a padlocked gate. Children wash their hands as soon as they re-enter the school building to ensure no infection. A risk assessment is in place for the use of the pond.

There is a pond at the front of school. All pupils are supervised around the area at all times. A risk assessment is in place and located in the Assistant Headteacher's office.

The ponds are maintained by the Site Manager.

3.28 Risk Assessments

This is dealt with in detail in Appendix A. A Risk Assessment is a way of measuring the likelihood of an accident happening and working towards reducing risk (A specific requirement of Regulation 3 in The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999). The Assistant Headteacher (RS) is responsible for all on-site risk assessments and keeps a record of these. RS meets with the Headteacher and the Health & Safety Governor annually and the Deputy Headteacher (NR) completes a Quality Assurance check. The Risk Assessments will be filed on the staff share in the Risk Assessment folder, disseminated as necessary and reviewed at suitable intervals, annually as a minimum. Any member of staff may discuss with the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher (RS) the details of a risk assessment. The Educational Visits Leader oversees this process for every trip off school premises and keeps records. Policy No. 53 is Educational Trips and Residential Visits.

3.29 Smoking

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school site including the car parks and school frontage. Signage is displayed on all main external doors used by the public/staff. Minibus drivers and Passenger Assistants are not allowed to smoke on the vehicles whilst conveying children.

3.30 Sports Pitches/Playing Fields

The PE Department will carry out daily visual inspections of the playing field. A company called '4 Seasons Grounds and Maintenance' are employed to cut the grass.

3.31 Consultation (Trade Union Safety Representatives)

The Handbook of Safety Information deals with this aspect of Health & Safety which the school will adhere to. For a Special School the current agreed number of Safety Representatives is 1.

Safety Representatives have the legal right to carry out the following functions amongst others:

- a) carry out safety inspections in their workplace (for which they should each be allowed half a day per term or one and a half days per year, with pay, during working time);
- b) inform their employer (or their Headteacher) of any unsafe or unhealthy working practices or conditions;
- c) represent employees at the establishment where they have complaints about safety matters;
- d) investigate any accidents, near misses or hazards;
- e) request to see Risk Assessments carried out at the establishment;
- f) request and attend meetings of Safety Committees
- g) receive reports from Enforcing Officers (normally HSE inspectors) following their inspections or investigations in an establishment.

3.32 Stress and Staff Wellbeing

Staff are invited to consult at an early stage with the Headteacher and/or other member of SLT if they feel under undue pressure arising from their work in school or from other circumstances. If necessary the Headteacher will make a referral to the Occupational Health Service. Individual risk assessments will be carried out by referral to the Occupational Health Service. Expectant mothers are required to notify the Headteacher as soon as possible in order that a risk assessment can be carried out and any necessary changes put in place for the wellbeing of the staff member. A room will be made available if requested for nursing mothers. A staffroom is available for all staff to use for break and lunchtimes and any other time during the day.

3.33 Swimming/Hydrotherapy Pool – Policy No. 67 & 68

A Hydrotherapy Pool Safety Audit was completed on the 28th June 2017 by the Local Authority.

Mark Perry, James Ingram, Rachel Burton, Katarzyna Zawiolkowska, Jacqueline Pitt, Clare Cutler completed Hydrotherapy Pool Operators Certificate in January 2023 and are responsible for the pool safety. This training is refreshed every 3 years. Chemicals are ordered on the instruction of the Site Manager and these are stored in a brick built

unit away from the school. Water tests are carried out on a weekly basis by Pathology Management Services.

During school time there is always a First Aider on site when anyone uses the school pool. The pool room has an emergency, low voltage bell-push and an alarm and a light flashes in the school office when pressed. Upon hearing this alarm immediate attention is raised and help sought. In the pool there is an evacuation board and staff are trained how to use this. During school swims there is always a high level of staff on hand in the pool and in the changing rooms. All staff operating the pool hoists do so having received manual handling training. New staff assist under strict supervision until manual handling training has been carried out.

The school pool is only available to outside users at the discretion of the Headteacher. Strict rules operate for the users as listed in the document.

We are currently looking into the pool being available again to be hired out by parents/carers during term time each Saturday. If this goes ahead a qualified Lifeguard/member of staff will supervise poolside. The poolside individual will have received either first aid training or lifeguard training.

3.34 Training and Development related to Health & Safety

The Fire Officer/School Health & Safety Officer completed Health and Safety in the Workplace Level 2 in May 2015, Asbestos Awareness training 07/06/2023 and Fire Marshall training 04/09/2017. The Site Manager/Assistant Site Manager received Fire Marshall training in 26/10/2023. The Fire Officer/Health & School Safety Officer is responsible for establishing minimum health and safety competencies for certain activities and roles. The Site Manager/Assistant Site Manager also received Asbestos Awareness Training on the 07/06/2023.

New staff inductions are carried out by Angela Macvie for new teachers and Helen Phillips for support staff.

All training records are recorded and filed in the individuals personnel file. Each individual is responsible for refresher training.

3.35 Vehicles on Site/Car Park arrangements

Vehicles on site are parked at employees own risk as are visitors to school. There are 3 reserved parking spaces for SLT and 3 reserved parking spaces for Outreach Service. All full time employees are asked to park on the rear carpark, which has gates and is locked between the hours of 9.00-3.30pm. There is also the gravel car park and majority of the time parking is also available at the Catshill Social Club.

Home to school transport receive a letter outlining procedures on the carpark (see 3.21). Where possible, deliveries are asked to be made either before 8.00am, after 4.00pm or between 9.15am and 3.15pm so as to avoid congestion.

3.36 Violence to Staff/School Security

All visitors to school are asked to sign in using the Inventory system and a photograph is taken. Photographic ID is required and a DBS if necessary. We operate a badge system whereby any visitor wearing a red badge should never be left on their own to walk around school. Anyone wearing a blue badge has shown their DBS and school are happy they can be left on their own around school.

The doors at the front of school are linked. Visitors can only enter one door, wait for it to close before the other door will open.

In the event of any incidents of verbal and physical violence by a visitor, staff are to contact a member of SLT whereby the visitor will be escorted off the premises. The police will be called if necessary.

3.37 Water Hygiene

The Site Manager checks the water on a weekly basis as per the WCC Legionnaires and Water Hygiene Policy. Records are kept in the Site Manager's office.

3.38 Work Experience

Policy No 16 Careers Education and Guidance and Policy No 76 Work Related Learning. Chadsgrove pupils are currently not attending college but if this resumes during the year they will have adequate staffing levels and risk assessments will be compiled.

Policy No 47 Volunteer Policy deals with all students attending Chadsgrove on placement.

3.39 Working at Height

Chadsgrove have ladders and a scaffold tower. The Site Manager/Assistant Site Manager receives online training on the use of ladders and working at height and is aware of the safety aspects. Ladders are kept in the Boiler Room and the scaffold tower in one of the garages. Risk assessments are available and have been signed by the Site Manager/Assistant Site Manager. Contractors in school are not allowed to use Chadsgrove ladders or the scaffold tower. It is advised not to use ladders during school time. Any member of staff who wish to use a ladder to put up displays for instance should request to complete an online course before using any ladders.

3.40 Information/Publications

The Governors' Policy on Health & Safety and other relevant policies relating to these issues are available on the Staffshare drive of the school network and a hard copy can be found in the school office. Copies of all or parts of these documents have been distributed to relevant staff. Health & Safety is part of the induction process.

The records of the Audit of Health & Safety are kept in the main office. Minutes of Governors' minutes which often refer to Health & Safety matters are on GovernorHub. If you wish to see these please speak with Laura Slater, Clerk to the Governors.

Visitors in school including contractors are provided with Health & Safety information via the Invenry system and are issued with a visitors badge

3.41 Public Entertainment Licences and School Performances

A Public Entertainments Licence is not necessary if it is the school (i.e. not a PTA or equivalent) which organises the event to which staff, pupils and invited guests attend. Fire Exits are pointed out to the audience prior to an event.

For outside users the user would have to apply for a permanent or temporary Public Entertainments Licence from Bromsgrove District Council.

3.42 Record Keeping

The arrangements for the keeping of records concerned with Health & Safety matters have been detailed under the relevant section. These include:

Accidents – Major incidents are recorded online and minor incidents in the book in the school office

Boiler & Heating Inspection – School Office

Fire bells – Fire book in the school office

Machinery Inspection, LA generated for Art Room annually – N/A

Hoists – School office

Portable Electrical Appliances – ICT Technician's Office

Water Safety – Site Manager's office

Emergency Lighting – Fire box in the school office

A book exists for staff, parents/carers or voluntary helpers to register in writing any concerns or problems they may have in relation to Health & Safety. This book is situated in the school office and should be returned to the Business Manager, in her capacity as School Health & Safety Officer, upon completion of an entry who will bring any urgent matters to the immediate attention of the Headteacher.

The outcome and resolution of a matter will be recorded and reported as necessary.

3.43 Stage Lighting

The school's disco lights are also used as fixed lights for Christmas performances and visits by external companies working within school. The installation is tested under the electrical equipment regulations.

3.44 Cleaning

The Handbook of Safety Information offer clear guidelines on Health & Safety issues which school will adopt and support cleaners and the Site Managers to follow at all times. Meetings will be held from time to time with the School Business Manager and/or Headteacher and the Site Managers.

Warning signs (and verbal reminders) should be in place when floors are wet and slippery.

APPENDICES

A: Risk Assessment

B: Fire Orders

C: Letter to Drivers and Passengers

D: First Aiders

Risk Assessment

Hazard	People Affected	Risk	Risk Potential ie. low, medium, high	Reasons i.e. numerical assessment	Precautions or Remedial Measures	Training Needs

Date of Assessment :

Carried out by:

Signed

Head's Signature

Occurrence:

Probable likelihood rating estimated as:
 1 = Improbable, probability close to zero
 2 = Possible, remote chance
 3 = Occasional, has been known
 4 = Frequent, annual/bi-annual
 5 = Regular, 3-6 month occurrence
 6 = Common, 1-3 month occurrence
 7 = Continuous, daily/weekly event

Harm:

Hazard severity rating estimated as
 1 = Trivial
 2 = Minor
 3 = Lasting more than 3 days
 4 = Major injury to one person
 5 = Major injury to several persons
 6 = Death of one person
 7 = Multiple deaths

Risk rating = Occurrence x Harm, 1-14 = Low, 15-24 = Medium, 25-49 = High

IF YOU SEE OR SUSPECT A FIRE:

1. Break the glass on the nearest fire alarm.
2. Evacuate the pupils through the main **EXIT FIRE DOORS LOCATED IN THE COMMUNAL AREA BETWEEN 3/5LS**
3. Make sure there is no-one left in the room and then close the door behind you as you leave.
4. If it is safe, and only if it is safe to do so and everyone is out of the building, should you attempt to use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire.
5. Move quickly and calmly to the assembly point situated in the **Upper School Playground**. There will be markers on the playground showing the names of the classes and pupils should line up by their class marker.
6. Once outside the Teacher/TA to take the register. This can be either by using Scholarpack if the member of staff has taken an iPad outside or waiting for a member of the office team to bring around a hard copy of the register.
7. Ensure that all staff in your classroom are accounted for.
8. If there are any staff/pupils missing notify a member of the office staff located in the playground
9. Any visitors to the classroom should go outside with the class but wait in the area marked visitors on the playground to enable the office team to quickly identify them.
10. Do not re-enter the building until told to do so by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Things to Remember:

- *The position of the nearest fire alarm*
- *The location of the nearest fire exit -*
- *Keep fire exits clear at all times!*
- *How to operate the fire extinguishers and fire blankets. (NB last resort after pupils have been evacuated*
- *Don't panic, stay calm and act decisively*
- *People before buildings*
- *Treat the continuous ringing of the fire bell as the real thing!*





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TO ALL PARENT CARERS, DRIVERS & PASSENGER ASSISTANTS

Dear All,

GUIDELINES FOR MINIBUSES AND CARS PLEASE READ TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOURSELVES

Please follow the directions of the Site Manager if he is on the car park. In the event that no-one is directing you on the car park please follow the guidelines below:

1. Please make your way around the roundabout **anti-clockwise** as far as possible. **Please fill up the spaces as far around the roundabout as possible leaving enough room for the bus in front to unload/load but no more than that.** If gaps are left in the parking of buses around the roundabout some buses will not be able to get in to park which is very dangerous. (There are no exceptions for any buses unless prior authorisation has been given). Families to park at the side of school by the side of the pool or gravel car park.
2. Only buses/cars/taxis who have one child on board may park in the bus lay-by. You must park in one line nearest to the hedge leaving the exit space large enough for a bus to get through at either end.
3. **NO** pupil will be allowed in school, unless arrangements have previously been agreed, until the bell goes at 9.00a.m. This applies to pupils arriving with parent carers and pupils travelling on minibuses. You may arrive earlier than this, **but DO NOT unload pupils before the 9.00a.m. bell.** Car/Bus doors must remain closed and pupils should continue to wear a seatbelt and wheelchair clamps should be left on until the bell goes. **Any equipment e.g. standing frames must remain on the bus until the bell goes.** This ruling is for health and safety reasons. If the fire bell rings in school before or at 9.00a.m. all school staff will congregate outside school and buses and cars must move from the front of school to the Catshill Social Club carpark or another safe place within the vicinity of school – hence buses/cars must be ready to leave the front of school immediately. Children are the responsibility of parent carers/PA's/Drivers prior to 9.00a.m.
4. No vehicles should reverse once the pupils have started to offload their vehicle at 9.00am and at the end of the day at 3.30p.m. and drivers should be aware that pupils will now be leaving via the Chestnut Centre. **Vehicles may reverse in an emergency only** – however, a Passenger Assistant must be on hand at the rear of the vehicle to guide the driver. Reversing in high side vehicles is particularly dangerous because pupils in wheelchairs, young pupils etc. are not visible behind these vehicles. **Please do not compromise the safety of our children by reversing to leave the site quickly, it is not permitted.**
5. Can we please ask that whilst on Chadsgrove School premises you uphold the values of respect and tolerance to all.
6. In the event of a fire/severe weather conditions either in the morning or afternoon before you arrive, can you please ensure that your company details are up to date with school so that we can contact you. If you arrive, we suggest that you find a suitable place to park within the vicinity of school whilst we investigate and provide further guidance.

Our rules are stringent to maximise safety for the pupils of Chadsgrove School. I know that the pupils will be your priority as they are ours. Should there be an emergency in school once you have arrived e.g. a fire, the buses would have to leave the front car park immediately so school staff can exit the building. The only way we can guarantee everyone's safety is by following these guidelines.

There are some reminders about the pupils safety. Failure to comply with these rules will result in referral to the County Council.

- a. Don't lift pupils up and down the front steps – use the lift. If a pupil can use the steps with just a little help make sure someone stands nearest the ground to assist him/her on or off the minibus.
- b. Ensure that all the pupils are restrained properly in seat belts, or harnesses or their wheelchairs are correctly fixed with an additional independent passenger restraint appropriately fitted.
- c. Only the driver or Passenger Assistant should operate the lift or push wheelchairs in or out of school.
- d. **Pupils must never be left unattended** whilst buses are being loaded/unloaded. Please do not leave pupils outside the bus in bad weather whilst others are being unloaded. Tail lifts and doors can be put away/closed after the pupils are in school at the end of the unloading as opposed to being done whilst the pupils are waiting to be taken into school.
- e. Please keep your lists of emergency phone numbers and routes updated and let the office have any changes.
- f. Please switch off your engine whilst loading/unloading pupils.
- g. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school premises at any time (this includes the roundabout area!) as our pupils are particularly susceptible to asthma and breathing problems.
- h. Pupils with epilepsy: A list is available from the school office. It is your responsibility to be aware of pupils who may be at risk. Angela Macvie will be happy to chat with you if you have any concerns. Also, the parent carers of the child will be able to help with information about epilepsy which is, thankfully, a rare event, on the minibuses.
- i. The giving of gifts, sweets, chocolate or biscuits etc. is not permitted. This is best avoided because of allergies, diets, and the risk of a pupil choking.
- j. Please do not hug or kiss the pupils.
- k. Pupils should be ready for the minibuses in the morning. Exceptionally, you may need to wait for 1 or 2 minutes. If a particular pupil is frequently not ready, please could the Passenger Assistant have a quiet word with the parent carers, and if the situation is still not resolved then let me know.
- l. Thank you for your help with passing on Newsletters etc. to parent carers, this is much appreciated. If a pupil is away on a particular day just put his/her name on the item and give it to the parent carers when they return. If it is a long absence, hand it to the office and we will deal with it. Please note that the Home/School Diary is for parent carers to read only.

Please contact me if there are any queries or problems about transport arrangements. You know I will do all I can to assist.

Thank you all for your help in these matters.

Yours faithfully

Deb Rattley
Headteacher

FIRST AIDERS



MAIN FIRST AIDERS (ADULTS & CHILDREN)

Karen Day
Rachel Burton
Jennifer Lacey

PAEDIATRIC FIRST AIDERS

Jennifer Lacey
Aimee Smith
Carole Wyatt
Emma Allen
Maureen Burrell
James Ingram
Karen Day
Rachel Burton
Val Harley

FIRST AIDERS FOR ADULTS

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Maureen Burrell
Karen Day

ALWAYS CHECK FOR ALLERGIES!!!

Please regularly check the contents of your first aid box and ask Jen for refills