



**Mater Ecclesiae**

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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# **SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**



**For Alston Lane Catholic  
Primary School**

This document has been approved for operation within:	<b>Alston Lane Catholic Primary School</b>		
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## 1. Scope and Purpose

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 well as MECMAT Health and Safety Statement and Estates policies.

As an academy school, the Directors of Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust are the employer and are 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 Local Governing Body will support the Headteacher to meet these responsibilities. They will as far as 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 3 yearly review of this template;
- 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;
- learn from accidents and foster a culture of speaking up;
- comply with appropriate directions given by the Trust on health and safety requirements;
- engage with the iAM Compliant system as instructed by the Trust.

Signed: 	Signed: <i>E Hollinghurst</i>  On behalf of the Governing Body
Headteacher's name: Mr M FitzGibbon	Vice Chair of Governor's name: E Hollinghurst
Date: 27.4.26	Proposed Review date: April 2027

## 2. Responsibilities

<p>The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school is that of e.g. Headteacher:</p>	<p>Mark FitzGibbon</p>
<p>The delegated member of staff with day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is e.g. School Business Manager, Health and Safety Co-ordinator etc:</p>	<p>Mark FitzGibbon</p>
<p>To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in their specific areas e.g. premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-hours arrangements, educational visits:</p>	<p>Premises – Mark FitzGibbon (HT)          Fire safety – Diane Singleton (site supervisor)          Emergency plans – Mary Birch (bursar)          Educational visits – Mark FitzGibbon (HT)          Asbestos safety- Mark FitzGibbon (HT)          Legionella safety - Mark FitzGibbon (HT)</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 Trust/county council etc., or other sources e.g. DfE, Teachers.Net, other schools, the HSE) will be developed and monitored by:</p>	<p>Mark FitzGibbon (HT)          Mary Birch (bursar)          Diane Singleton (site supervisor)</p>
<p>Documented health and safety objectives and any associated action plans can be found:</p> <p><i>Note: Any actions arising from those objectives should be documented e.g. as an action plan and sent to the Trust Estates Lead to include on the school's Estates 5 year Development Plan, and monitored to ensure they are achieved.</i></p>	<p>In the school's buildings development plan, which is reviewed at the Governor's finance committee each term.</p>
<p>All employees within the school have a responsibility to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and not knowingly place anyone who may be affected by their work activities at risk.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Co-operate with the headteacher and their nominated representatives on all matters relating to health and safety.</li> <li>4. Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety.</li> <li>5. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy).</li> </ol>	

### 3. Health and safety risks arising from work activities

The School 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>Risk assessments will be undertaken prior to the introduction of any new work tasks / activities that pose a significant risk to health and safety.</i>	Mark FitzGibbon and school staff
The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported to:	Headteacher Governors MAT H&S representative
Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:	Headteacher Governors MAT H&S representative
The responsibility for ensuring the action required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:	Headteacher Governors MAT H&S representative
Checking that implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:	Headteacher Governors MAT H&S representative
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 changes which affect the hazard or risk. Responsibility for this rests with:	Mary Birch (bursar)
Setting up and maintaining the school's Risk Assessment Register and Folder in school.	Mary Birch (bursar)
Uploading and maintaining the Risk Assessments on iAM Compliant ( <i>once this part of the system is in place for the Trust</i> )	Mary Birch (bursar)

### 4. School's Commitment

To meet the requirements of this Policy Statement, the Headteacher 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 as part of the Service Level Agreement and MECMAT Trust on health and safety requirements; and,

- g) act in accordance with the relevant regulations for finance and the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document;
- h) ensure that termly premises meetings are held between the Headteacher, Site Supervisor and School Business Manager where any health and safety requirements can be identified and documented. Meeting dates will be logged on iAM Compliant;
- i) ensure that a minimum of 95% of staff have completed their annual mandatory training issued by the Trust on Health and Safety;
- j) ensure that governors are provided with a termly Health and Safety report from the school;
- k) ensure that the Health and Safety Governor will carry out a Health and Safety inspection (using the defined checklist) and audit of school policies and procedures at least annually (preferably termly);
- l) ensure that Teachers carry out regular (preferably termly) Classroom Risk Assessments to identify any concerns they have about their classrooms. These assessments are to be reviewed by the Headteacher (or their representative) and any identified issues actioned.
- m) report all incidents and concerns to the Trust in line with this policy and all other Trust policies.

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.

## 6. 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:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Mary Birch (bursar)
Consultation with employees is provided via:	Senior leadership team meetings Staff meetings and briefings TA meetings

## 7. Safety Representatives

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

Safety representatives' functions are to:

- undertake any training necessary to ensure they are 'competent' in the role;
- 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 on the above investigations, and on general matters affecting the health and safety of the employees they represent;
- regularly inspect the workplace;
- report any issues/concerns/accidents to the Trust as instructed by the Estates Lead and the MECMAT estates policies;

- represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors; and,
- attend health and safety meetings (including at Trust level when implemented).

## 8. 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:	Mark FitzGibbon / Mary Birch / Diane Singleton
Responsible person(s) for ensuring effective maintenance arrangements are in place:	Mark FitzGibbon / Mary Birch / Diane Singleton
Responsible person(s) for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out:	Mark FitzGibbon / Mary Birch / Diane Singleton
Any problems found with equipment should be reported to:	Mark FitzGibbon / Mary Birch / Diane Singleton
Responsible person(s) to check that new equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased:	Mark FitzGibbon / Mary Birch / Diane Singleton
Logging any new 'assets' that require regular servicing and testing to iAM Compliant	Mark FitzGibbon / Mary Birch / Diane Singleton

## 8. Information, instruction and supervision

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at: <i>Note: It is a legal requirement to display the Health and Safety Law Poster in a prominent position in each workplace e.g. in the school's reception area, or to give employees a copy of the Health and Safety Law leaflet.</i>	Staff Room
Health and safety advice is available from:	<i>John Entwistle (Trust Estates Lead) and Paul Hood - LCC H&amp;S Officer</i>
Ensuring required Health and Safety training is undertaken by all staff: <i>To also maintain the H&amp;S training matrices on the National College website</i>	Mark FitzGibbon
Induction, supervision of trainees/work placements etc will be arranged/undertaken/ monitored by:	Mark FitzGibbon

## 9. 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:	Mark FitzGibbon Mary Birch
Job specific training will be provided by:	Mark FitzGibbon, Rachel Woodrow, Mary Birch, teachers
Jobs requiring specific health and safety training are:  <i>List the jobs, training, and method of delivery here. Alternatively, signpost to where this information is documented, for example, in your local health and safety training matrix for staff.</i>  <i>Please edit the following as needed (the ones listed are from the National College Trust Training Matrix):</i>	<b>Headteacher:</b> Asbestos Management, Legionella and Water Hygiene, COSHH, Management of Contractors, Working at Height, Fire Safety. <b>Site Supervisor:</b> Asbestos Management, Legionella and Water Hygiene, COSHH, Management of Contractors, Working at Height, Fire Safety. <b>Bursar:</b> DSE, Risk Management, Safer Recruitment, Asbestos Management, Accident Reporting, Fire Safety, Legionella Awareness, Working at Height <b>Office Staff and SLT:</b> DSE <b>Welfare/ Extended Provision Staff:</b> Food Hygiene <b>All staff:</b> Asbestos Management, general H&S training  These will be achieved via the National College website/on the job training.
Training records are kept by <i>(with support from the National College website):</i>	Mark FitzGibbon
Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by <i>(in addition to the Trust training requirements identified on the National College website):</i>	Mark FitzGibbon

## 10. 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:	Outside Music room Outside Year 6 classroom Outside Reception classroom Nursery building Kitchen
The first aider(s) and appointed person(s) is/are:	Most teaching assistants and welfare staff are trained in paediatric first aid (see list in school) First Aid at Work - Mark FitzGibbon
All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported as following: <i>See MECMAT Accident and Reporting Policy</i>	Bursar to advise staff
Health surveillance is required for employees doing the following jobs within the school:	One teaching assistant with disabilities
Health surveillance will be arranged by:	Mark FitzGibbon Mary Birch

## 11. 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:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Mary Birch (Bursar)
Review all risk assessments regularly ( <i>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</i> ) or in the event of any significant changes.	See Section: <b>Health and safety risks arising from work activities</b> for responsibility details
Responsible person(s) for investigating low level accidents (Category D in the Trust Accident and Reporting Policy) and near misses (Category E) as needed	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Mary Birch (Bursar)
Responsible person for investigating more serious Injuries i.e. those needing treatment off-site,	<b>MECMAT Trust Estates Lead, John Entwistle</b>

hospitalisation or a fatality (Category C or above in the Trust Accident and Reporting Policy)	
Responsible person(s) for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences:	<b>MECMAT Trust Estates Lead, John Entwistle</b>
Responsible person(s) for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Mary Birch (Bursar)
Responsible person(s) for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness absence in school:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Mary Birch (Bursar)
Responsible person(s) for reporting any investigations and findings to the Trust/Diocese as requested:	<b>MECMAT Trust Estates Lead, John Entwistle</b>

## 12. Emergency procedures – Fire, Evacuation and Lockdown

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:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Mary Birch (Bursar)
Escape routes are checked by/every:	Diane Singleton every month
Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:	Diane Singleton every month
Alarms are tested by/every:	Diane Singleton every month
The emergency evacuation procedure is tested by/every:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Termly
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place to deal with other emergency situations e.g. bomb threat, flood, etc. rests with:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT)
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place for locking the school down in case of an external threat to pupil and staff safety	Mark FitzGibbon (HT)
The emergency Lockdown procedure is tested by/every:	Mark FitzGibbon (HT) Termly

## Table of occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply in this school

<b>Occupational health and safety topic/activity</b> (Note: This is not a comprehensive list. Please add any further topics/activities relevant to your school.) Information and guidance is available on the <a href="#">Health, Safety and Quality team website</a> :	<b>Applicable</b> (√)	<b>Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found</b> <i>e.g. staff accessible drive/ folder, iAM Compliant</i>
Accident reporting, recording and investigation	✓	Portal
Asbestos management plan	✓	Contractor file
Bodily fluids (urine; blood; faeces; vomit) and biological agents	✓	Portal
Cleaning/caretaking tasks	✓	iAm Compliant
Control of contractors	✓	Contractor file
Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)	✓	iAm Compliant
Disability access (health and safety implications)	✓	Portal
Display screen equipment and eye tests	✓	MAT policy Hub
Driving at work	✓	Portal
Electrical safety, for example, installations, PAT tests, visual checks, local policy on bringing electrical items into school etc	✓	iAm Compliant
Emergency procedures other than fire, for example flood, services failure	✓	Emergency Plan
Extended school and community use	✓	Lettings Policy
Finger traps (internal and external)	✓	iAm Compliant
Fire safety	✓	iAm Compliant
First aid	✓	iAm Compliant
Gas safety, for example, installations, servicing, tests, visual checks, local policy on use of gas items in school etc	✓	iAm Compliant
Health and safety induction (a checklist is available on the health safety and quality website)	✓	School Induction procedure
Infection control, including needles and needlestick injuries	✓	Lettings policy
Lettings to non-school groups	✓	Portal
Manual handling	✓	Safeguarding policy
Minibuses	✓	Portal
Mobile phones (the use of)	✓	iAm Compliant
Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression	✓	iAm Compliant
Play equipment installations inspections	✓	Portal
Playgrounds and external areas	✓	Behaviour for Learning Policy
Ponds and water features	✓	Portal
Premises management (see premises management guidance on the Health, Safety and Quality team's website)	✓	Portal
Pupil moving and handling (special needs)	✓	Portal
Pregnant employees and nursing mothers	✓	Portal

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Reporting of health and safety concerns/faults	✓	Portal
Severe weather including winter gritting	✓	Portal
Sharps, for example, broken glass in the school building or external grounds	✓	Portal
Stress	✓	MAT policy Hub
Swimming pools	✓	Visitor policy
Transport safety/vehicle movement – arrangements for vehicle movement, car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation on site	✓	Portal
Visitor and volunteers' safety	✓	Visitor Policy
Waste storage and disposal	✓	Portal
Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc) – a Legionella Risk Assessment should be in place as part of your premises management arrangements	✓	iAm Compliant
Working at height – ladders, access equipment etc	✓	iAm Compliant
Workplace inspection (internal and external)	✓	iAm Compliant

## 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 <a href="#">Schools Portal</a> )	Applicable (✓)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Administration of medication	✓	Medicines policy
*Educational visits (Reportable and Local/Sporting events)	✓	Evolve
Food safety and hygiene	✓	Risk assessments
Outdoor activities	✓	Risk assessments
PE equipment	✓	Risk assessments
Pupil handling and restraint	✓	Behaviour for Learning policy
Grounds maintenance activities	✓	Portal
School transport	✓	Evolve
Science (only where not covered by curriculum safety procedures set down in CLEAPSS)	✓	Risk assessments
Special needs of pupils (health and safety issues)	✓	Portal
Stage and drama activities	✓	Risk assessments
Supervision of pupils	✓	Risk assessments
Wearing of jewellery	✓	Uniform policy
Work experience	✓	Portal

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](#).