

# Health & Safety Policy

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#### Statement of intent

1. Lytham St Annes High School (LSAHS) is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff, volunteers, visitors, and contractors on site to share this commitment.

The school is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all students and adults on site.

This policy reflects the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated Health and Safety and safeguarding Legislation.

The Governing Body of Lytham St Annes High School is responsible for the use of the premises. The Head Teacher is responsible for the day-to-day implementation and management of health, safety, and welfare within the school. The Governing Body and the Head Teacher work in partnership to meet these responsibilities.

The Health & Safety Co-Ordinator, on behalf of the Governing Body and Headteacher, as far as is reasonably practicable:

Provides adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from work activities.

Provides and maintains safe plant and equipment and provides instruction and supervision for employees and the opportunity for them to consult on matters affecting their health and safety.

Seeks to prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health by complying with appropriate directions given by the County Council on Health & Safety requirements.

Ensures all employees are competent to carry out their tasks and provides adequate training to maintain safe and healthy working conditions including the safe handling and use of substances.

Acts in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire and the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document".

Reviews and revises this policy and arrangements as necessary at regular intervals, and, as a minimum, following each 5 yearly reviews by the county council

#### 2 Responsibilities

| The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls   | Headteacher   |
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| within the school is that of:   |   |
| The authorised member of staff with day-to-<br>day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put<br>into practice is:                                | Health & Safety Co-ordinator                                      |
| To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have  | Assistant Business Manager  |
| responsibility in their specific areas e.g., premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-  | Site Staff (Including Snr First Aiders)                           |
| hours arrangements, educational visits  | Health & Safety Co-ordinator                                      |
|   | Heads of Departments  |
|   | Educational Visits Co-ordinator                                   |
|   | Lancashire County Council<br>School and Residential Care Catering |
|   | TBC June 24 (Cleaning Contractor)                                 |
|   | All staff   |
| The Health & Safety plans for the school (as identified by accident/incident investigation,   | Headteacher   |
| consultation, review of risk assessments, H&S   | Assistant_Business Manager  |
| management support and audit visits; advice from<br>the county council etc. or other sources e.g., D f<br>E, Teacher net, other schools, HSE) will be | Health & Safety Co-ordinator                                      |
| developed and monitored by:<br>All employees within the school have a responsibil   |   |

All employees within the school have a responsibility to:

1. Co-operate with the Head Teacher 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; and

4. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement).

5. The Conditions of Employment of Teachers provide that teachers' professional duties include maintaining good order and discipline among the students 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.

#### **3 Health and Safety Risks Arising from Work Activities**

So far as is reasonably practicable, all areas of risk will be assessed and adequate control measures put in place to ensure the health and safety of all employees, students, contractors, non-employees, and anyone else affected by the school's activities.

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| Risk assessments will be undertaken by:   | Heads of Department   |
|   | Senior Support Managers   |
|   | Health & Safety Co-ordinator  |
| The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported, as required, to:   | Headteacher   |
|   | Senior Leadership Team  |
|   | Safeguarding Team/Health &  |
|   | Safety/Resources Committee  |
|   | Full Governing Body   |
| Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:  | Headteacher   |
| The responsibility for ensuring the action  | Headteacher   |
| required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:   | Assistant Business Manager  |
|   | <i>Head of Department/Senior Support<br/>Manager or another nominated person<br/>as appropriate</i> |
|   | Health & Safety Co-ordinator  |
| Checking that implemented actions have  | Headteacher   |
| removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:   | Assistant Business Manager  |
|   | <i>Head of Department/Senior Support<br/>Manager or another nominated person<br/>as appropriate</i> |
| Risk Assessments will be reviewed regularly or<br>when an element of the work activity changes<br>significantly, whichever is sooner, or when<br>advised by the Local Authority. Risk<br>assessments will be undertaken prior to the<br>introduction of a new element of work activity. | Head of Department<br>Senior Support Manager<br>agreed by the Health & Safety Co-<br>ordinator.     |

#### 4 School's Commitment

To meet their Health & Safety obligations, the /Governing Body/Head Teacher and/or his/her/their nominated representative(s) will:

Draw up and implement appropriate health & safety procedures for the school.

Share appropriate elements of these procedures with all employees, students, visitors and anyone else who may be affected by them.

Arrange for risk assessments to be completed for all areas of work and review them on a regular basis; 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; and,

Identify adequate resources for the implementation of the health and safety policy and arrangements with the school and 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.

The school will upon request make available for general inspection specific, procedures and documentation and will regularly review its arrangements in respect of the applicable topics and activities below.

#### **Consultation with employees**

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

| Employee representative(s) for the school are: | Union based representatives  |
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| Consultation with employees is provided via:   | Staff training sessions<br>School Staff Bulletin<br>Daily briefing document<br>Weekly staff verbal briefing (Wednesday am)<br>All staff emails<br>Health & Safety notices<br>School notice boards<br>Face to face verbal communication |

#### 5. 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 Head Teacher/Governing Body on the above investigations, and on general matters affecting the health and safety of the employees they represent.

Inspect the workplace.

Represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors. Attend meetings, as appropriate, where Health & safety are discussed.

#### 6 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.

| Is responsible for identifying all<br>equipment/plant needing maintenance  | Senior Leadership Team<br>Site Manager/Team<br>Heads of Departments/Senior Support<br>Managers<br>Health & Safety Co-ordinator<br>All staff       |
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| Is responsible for ensuring effective maintenance procedures are drawn up  | Property Building Surveyor<br>LCC Contractors   |
| Is responsible for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out | Senior Leadership Team<br>Site Manager/Team<br>Heads of Departments/Senior Support<br>Managers<br>Other qualified/responsible members of<br>staff |
| Any problems found with equipment should be reported to                    | Senior Leadership Team<br>Site Manager/Team<br>Heads of Departments/Senior Support<br>Managers<br>Health & Safety Co-ordinator                    |

| Will check that new equipment meets any<br>required health and safety standards before it<br>is purchased | Assistant Business Manager<br>Site Team<br>Heads of Departments/Senior Support<br>Managers<br>Health & Safety Co-ordinator |
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## 7 Information, instruction and supervision

| The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at:   | Main Reception   |
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| Health and Safety advice is available from:   | Headteacher<br>Assistant Business Manager<br>Health & Safety Co-ordinator<br>Site Manager/Team<br>Heads of Department/Senior Support<br>Managers<br>LCC Health & Safety Team |
| Induction, supervision of trainees/work<br>placements etc, will be arranged/<br>undertaken/ monitored by: | Heads of Departments/Senior Support<br>Managers<br>HR Manager  |

|  | The Head Teacher/Deputy Head or<br>nominated representative will ensure that<br>any employees working at locations under<br>the control of other employers are<br>provided with relevant information to<br>ensure their health and safety. |
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#### 8 Competency for tasks and training

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. Specific on the job and job specific health and safety training will also be provided if needed to achieve the required competency. Training provision will include regular refresher training where appropriate.

| Induction training will be provided for all | HR with Heads of Department/Senior Support |
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| employees by:                               | Manager                                    |
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| Job specific training will be provided by:              | Heads of Department/Senior Support Manager<br>Other qualified/responsible members of staff   |
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| Jobs requiring specific health & safety training are:   | Staff Recruitment<br>Risk Assessments<br>Educational Visits Co-ordination<br>First Aid<br>PEEP Assessments<br>Evacuation Chair Users<br>Workplace assessments and DSE assessments<br>Site Staff & Cleaning<br>Science Staff<br>Technology Staff<br>PE Staff<br>Art Staff<br>EPA Staff<br>Catering (LCC)<br>Cleaning (United Cleaning Solutions)<br>Use of reasonable force |
| Training records are kept at/by:                        | HR Manager/Assistant<br>Catering and Cleaning records are held by the<br>appropriate contractors   |
| Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by: | Statutory Notices/Changes in Legislation<br>LCC Health & Safety Team<br>Senior Leadership Team<br>Safeguarding Team<br>Heads of Departments/Senior Support Managers<br>Staff Appraisal System<br>Schools' Portal<br>Post-incident feedback   |

#### 9 Accidents, first aid and work-related ill health

School acknowledges the legal requirement to:

Ensure that there is a recognised system in place to deal with the reporting, recording and investigation of incidents and accidents.

Ensure that there is a recognised system 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.

Provide health surveillance for any employees who may be at risk of ill-health as a direct result of work activities and made appropriate arrangements to deal with this issue.

| The first aid boxes are available:   | Can be sourced in key locations around the school   |
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| The first aiders and appointed persons are:  | An up-to-date list is in the Health & Safety section on the schools x drive   |
| All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported to:                        | Any qualified first aider<br>Note<br>Senior First Aiders are P Tozer & L Hill   |
| Health surveillance* is required for<br>employees doing the following jobs within<br>the school: | Any employee who requires a specific risk<br>assessment to be completed (including a<br>PEEP) recognising that their duties may<br>need to be modified to take account of their<br>changing capabilities. |
| Health surveillance will be arranged by:   | The Headteacher, with responsibilities delegated to nominated, suitably trained, qualified and experienced persons  |
| Health surveillance/records will be kept by/at:  | HR Dept./Personnel files  |

\* E.g., DSE user with a history of upper limb disorder, CDT technician working with wood with history of chest problems

# **10** Performance Monitoring

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.

| To check our working conditions, and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will: | Name(s) and contact details:  |
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| Conduct workplace inspections. These are carried out by:  | Health & Safety Co -Ordinator |
| Review all risk assessments regularly (three yearly   |                               |

| ) And in the event of any significant changes. This function is carried out by: | Risk Assessment authors (Heads<br>of Department/Senior Support<br>Managers)<br>Health & Safety Co-ordinator |
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| Who is/are responsible for investigating accidents -<br>e.g., road traffic accidents, slips, trips and/or falls<br>accidents etc. before requesting assistance from the<br>corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team if<br>necessary | Headteacher (or someone<br>nominated by the Headteacher)<br>Health & Safety Co-ordinator   |
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| Who is/are responsible for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences?   | Heads of Department/Senior<br>Support Managers<br>HR Manager<br>Health & safety Co-ordinator<br>Headteacher  |
| Who is/are responsible for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences?  | The Headteacher, with<br>responsibilities delegated to<br>nominated, suitably trained,<br>qualified and experienced<br>persons   |
| Those responsible for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness absence are:   | Health & Safety Co-<br>Ordinator/Senior First Aiders<br>HR Manager<br>Attendance Team/ Heads of Year<br>/Pastoral Leader<br>Heads of Department/Senior<br>Support Managers |

#### 11 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<br>assessment is undertaken and<br>implemented rests with: | Headteacher & Governors delegated to the Health & Safety Co-ordinator  |
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| Escape routes are checked:   | All staff daily  |
| Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:  | Site staff member with additional<br>responsibilities for fire compliance,<br>and the designated qualified and<br>approved contractors employed to<br>carry out inspections, and<br>maintenance and repairs as required. |
| Alarms are tested by/every:  | Site staff on a weekly basis and by<br>approved contractor during<br>maintenance periods   |

| The emergency evacuation procedure is tested every:  | Termly (Min 3 per year, and after every<br>activation caused either by a smoke, heat<br>detector or manual call point being set off<br>in a potential emergency. |
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| Responsibility for ensuring arrangements is in place to deal with other emergency situations e.g., bomb threat, flood etc. | Headteacher & Governors<br>Safeguarding Team (and Critical<br>Incident Team)   |

# **APPENDIX A**

| Occupational Health & Safety Topic/Activity<br>Information and Guidance is available on the<br>Lancashire Schools Portal | (□) | Details of where<br>information about the<br>school's arrangements can<br>be found                 |
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| Accident Reporting, Recording and Investigation  | Y   | H & S File Accident Reporting & Records  |
| Bodily Fluids (urine; blood; faeces; vomit) &<br>Biological Agents   | Y   | Safe Systems of Work & Risk<br>Assessments   |
| Catering   | Y   | LCC Catering Department  |
| Cleaning/caretaking  | Y   | United Cleaning Solutions<br>Cleaning Risk Assessments   |
| Control of contractors   | Y   | Contractors on Site/Fire<br>Evacuation Procedures  |
| Disability access – H&S implications   | Y   | PEEP Records   |
| Display Screen Equipment and eye tests   | Y   | Use of I.T. Equipment<br>Risk Assessment DSE<br>assessments  |
| Electrical Safety  | Y   | PAT Testing records  |
| Emergency Procedures other than fire e.g. flood, services failure  | Y   | Critical Incident Plan   |
| Extended school and community use  | Y   | Site Managers Documentation  |
| Falling Objects/Safe storage   | Y   | Site Risk Assessments  |
| Fire Safety  | Y   | Fire Evacuation, Fire Risk<br>Assessment Procedures  |
| First Aid  | Y   | First Aid Risk Assessments &<br>Procedures   |
| Gas safety   | Y   | Site Manager Documentation   |
| Hot surfaces, scalds and burns   | Y   | Risk Assessments   |
| Induction  | Y   | H/R Induction Policy   |
| Information communication  | Y   | Staff Bulletins, Staff and Pupil Notices etc.  |
| Lettings to non-school groups  | Y   | School Bookings terms &<br>Conditions  |
| Management and other Health and Safety responsibilities  | Y   | Head teacher/Business<br>Manager/Department Head or<br>another nominated person as<br>appropriate: |
| Manual Handling  | Y   | Risk Assessment for manual<br>Handling   |
| Minibuses  | Y   | Minibus users Policy   |
| Mobile phones – use of   | Y   | Behaviour Management<br>Policy   |
| Needles and needle stick injuries  | Y   | Risk Assessment  |
| Performance Monitoring   | Y   | Appraisals Policy  |
| Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression   | Y   | Risk Assessment Lone<br>Working  |

| Playgrounds and external areas         | Y | Playground & External Areas |
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|  |   | Risk Assessment             |
| Ponds and Water features               | Y | Science Risk Assessments    |
| Premises Management                    | Y | Site Manager Documentation  |
| Pregnant employees and nursing mothers | Y | New and Expectant Mothers   |
|  |   | Assessments                 |
| Reporting of H&S concerns/faults       | Y | Emailing & Verbal Reporting |

| Risk Assessment and hazard identification     | Y | Site Risk Assessment          |
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| Shared use of buildings                       | Y | Fire & Departmental Risk      |
|   |   | Assessments                   |
| Slips and trips                               | Y | Risk Assessments              |
| Stress  | Y | School Stress Policy          |
| Substances – COSHH                            | Y | Schools X Drive Site Risk     |
|   |   | Assessment                    |
| Temporary and supply staff                    | Y | Visitors on Site and Other    |
|   |   | Adults on Site Policies       |
| Training                                      | Y | Training Records              |
| Transporting and storing chemicals            | Y | Schools Site Risk             |
|   |   | Assessment                    |
| Vehicle and pedestrian traffic                | Y | Warning Systems and           |
|   |   | Signage                       |
| Visitor and volunteers' safety                | Y | Other Adults on Site Policy & |
|   |   | Induction Policy and Signage  |
| Waste storage and disposal                    | Y | Site Risk Assessment          |
| Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc.)         | Y | Site Risk Assessment          |
| Work equipment and machinery                  | Y | Site Risk Assessment          |
| Working at height – ladders, access equipment | Y | Site Risk Assessment          |
| etc.  |   |                               |
| Workplace Inspection                          | Y | H & S File Risk Assessment    |
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## APPENDIX B

| ble Details of where<br>information about the<br>school's arrangements can<br>be found |
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| Medical Policy   |
| Educational Visits Policy  |
| Food safety & Hygiene<br>Procedure L.C.C & Food<br>Technology Risk<br>Assessments      |
| PE Risk Assessments  |
| Equipment Maintenance<br>Records   |
| Use of reasonable force policy   |
| Contractors own Risk<br>assessments for use of<br>vehicles and<br>equipment.           |
| Student Movement & Flow<br>Risk Assessment   |
| Minibus Risk Assessments   |
| Science Risk Assessments   |
| Behaviour Policy   |
| Student Care Plans   |
| School Plays & Presentation<br>Risk Assessment   |
| Behaviour Management<br>Policy   |
| Technology Risk<br>Assessments   |
| School prospectus / PE risk<br>Assessments   |
| Careers Coordinators Risk<br>Assessments   |
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The school will also consider the risks, and make health and safety arrangements for, nonroutine, out of hours, 'one-off', seasonal or sporadic activities for example special school and community events such as school fetes, etc.