



Premises Management Policy

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Our Mission Statement

At St Anne's RC Primary School, we work together, learn together, play and care together in God's love to enable each unique person to achieve their full potential.

We aim to meet the needs of every child through a challenging, enriched curriculum, where everyone feels valued and respected. Providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment through an inclusive partnership between children, parents, our school, our church and the wider community.

Aims

Our school aims to ensure that it:

Manages its buildings and equipment in an efficient, legally compliant way

Inspects and tests buildings and equipment regularly, taking into account statutory requirements and best practice recommendations

Promotes the safety and wellbeing of our staff, pupils, parents and visitors through effective maintenance of buildings and equipment in accordance with the [Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#)

Complies with the requirements of the [School Premises \(England\) Regulations 2012](#)

Complies with the requirements of the [Statutory framework for the EYFS](#)

2. Guidance

This document is based on the Department for Education's guidance on [Good estate management for schools](#)

3. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board, the headteacher, school business manager and the site manager will ensure this premises management policy is properly implemented, and that tests and inspections are carried out in accordance with this policy.

The headteacher and site manager are responsible for ensuring relevant risk assessments are conducted and for reporting to the governing board, as required.

The site manager is responsible for:

Inspecting and maintaining the school premises

Conducting repairs and maintenance

Being the first point of contact for any issues with the premises

Conducting and keeping a record of risk assessments and incident logs related to the school premises

Liaising with the headteacher and school business manager about what actions need to be taken to keep the school premises safe. This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

4. Inspection and testing

The school maintains accurate records and details of all statutory tests which are undertaken. This includes relevant paperwork and certificates.

All requirements and recommendations highlighted in inspection reports and certificates are reviewed and acted on as necessary.

As part of the records of completed works, the school includes the dates when the works were undertaken and the details of the individual or company who completed them, along with their qualifications/certifications and/or experience.

The table below sets out the issues to inspect, the inspection frequency and the person responsible for checking each issue.

ISSUE TO INSPECT	FREQUENCY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Portable appliance testing (PAT)	Variable, according to risk and how the equipment is constructed. Regular visual inspections where PAT is not required. We will refer to HSE guidance on maintaining portable electric equipment for suggested intervals and types of testing/inspection.	All staff to visually inspect before using electrical equipment Health and Safety Team HT Compliance (Bradburys SLA)
Fixed electrical installation tests (including lightning conductors)	Variable, according to the number and severity of faults found at last inspection. Inspection and testing always carried out by a competent person.	Health and Safety Team HT Compliance (Bradburys SLA)
Emergency lighting	Monthly flash test. 6-monthly condition test (including 3-hour battery test) by a competent person.	Paul HT Compliance (Bradburys SLA)
Gas appliances and fittings	Routinely, in accordance with manufacturer recommendations (or other professional advice if unavailable). Annual safety checks (in line with good practice / required if the premises are used for residential accommodation). All work carried out by a Gas Safe Registered engineer.	Fletchers (Bradburys SLA)
Air conditioning systems	Inspections by an energy assessor at regular intervals (not exceeding 5 years). Annual certificated inspection to ensure no refrigerant leakage. Bi-annual checks and an annual maintenance schedule (in line with good	Celsius (Bradburys SLA)

	practice).	
Pressure systems	No fixed maintenance requirement (our programme takes account of the list on page 44 of the HSE's Safety of Pressure Systems guidance , and an examination of the system is carried out by a competent person by the date set at the previous examination – see pages 35 to 37 of the HSE guidance).	Fletchers (Bradburys SLA)
Legionella checks on all water systems	Risk assessment of each site carried out and reviewed regularly by a competent person. The frequency of monitoring checks varies for evaporative cooling systems, hot and cold water systems and other risk systems – specific details can be found in guidance for each type from the HSE .	Cleartech (Bradburys SLA)
Asbestos	Regular inspections as part of the asbestos register and management plan. Reviews of the asbestos register annually. Refurbishment and demolition surveys before any refurbishment or demolition work.	JPR Asbestos (Bradburys SLA)
Equipment used for working at height	Inspected before use, and at suitable intervals appropriate to the environment it's used in and how it's used. In addition, inspections after anything that may affect the safety or stability of equipment, e.g. adverse weather or accidental damage.	All staff
Fire detection and alarm systems	Weekly alarm tests, with a different call point tested each week where applicable. Quarterly and annual inspections and tests by a competent person. Annual fire risk assessment by a competent person also includes the maintenance of fire detection and alarm systems.	Paul Fire Queen (Bradburys SLA)
Fire doors	Regular checks by a competent person.	Paul / Fire wardens
Firefighting equipment	Most equipment – extinguishers, fire blankets, hose reels, fixed systems (such as sprinkler systems) and fire service facilities (such as dry risers and access for emergency vehicles) – inspected annually (by a competent person where required) unless manufacturers' guidelines suggest	Fire Queen (Bradburys SLA)

	differently.	
Extraction systems	Regular removal and cleaning of grease filters and cleaning of ductwork for kitchen extraction systems. Local exhaust ventilation systems (such as those for working with hazardous substances) examined and tested at least every 14 months by a competent person. More routine checks also set out in system logbooks.	Fletchers (Bradburys SLA)
Chemical storage	Inventories are kept up-to-date. Risk assessments for the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) are reviewed on a regular basis, plus whenever it's considered that the original assessment may no longer be valid, or where the circumstances of the work change significantly and may affect employees' exposure to a hazardous substance (in line with HSE guidance on COSHH assessment).	Paul / Sandra
Playground and gymnasium equipment	Regular inspections – at least annually, and more regularly where any equipment is used more frequently than normal (e.g. where community use increases how often equipment is used). Outdoor fixed play equipment – periodic and annual inspections by a competent person.	Sports Inspection Services (Bradburys SLA)
Tree safety	As part of risk assessment responsibilities, periodic visual checks for stability are carried out, with more detailed assessments if suspected structural faults or other risks are found.	Paul Wharmby Garden Services

5. Risk assessments and other checks

Please refer to our risk assessment policy for information about the school's approach to risk assessment.

In addition to the risk assessments the school is required to have in place (please refer to our risk assessment policy and health and safety policy for more information*), we ensure we have risk assessments in place, regularly updated, to cover:

Car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation

Traffic management

Radon

Tree safety

The school also ensures further checks are made to confirm the following:

Correct and up-to-date information is displayed in all notices

Compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 on letting of a construction project

Contractors have the necessary qualifications to carry out the specified work

Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 when making changes or alterations to a building or the external environment

6. Monitoring arrangements

The application of this policy is monitored by the site manager and the headteacher through, among other things, visual checks of the school site and equipment, and checks of risk assessments.

Copies of risk assessments and paperwork relating to any checks are kept in the school office.

This policy will be reviewed by Headteacher every three years. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board and approved by the Governing Body.

7. Links with other policies

This premises management policy is linked to:

Health and safety policy

Risk assessment policy