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Health and Safety Policy: Statement of Intent

This should be read in conjunction with our own Health and Safety Policy and Procedures document

Through the way we work and behave, all our people and stakeholders will be protected from risks of occupational injury or ill health."

It is our intent to demonstrate an ongoing and determined commitment to improving health and safety at work throughout our organisation.

We will ensure the health and safety at work of all our people and any other people who may be affected by our work activities. We will comply with the requirements of health and safety legislation.

We will promote best practice and exceeding the guidance of the Health and Safety Executive and other regulatory bodies.

This policy reflects our commitment to ensuring that health and safety at work is paramount to the school, and that effective health and safety actively contributes to our success.

AWARENESS:

1.1 Health and Safety Policy statement

Adequate resources will be provided to ensure all our people, the sub-contractors and stakeholders are aware of this policy and committed to its effective implementation.

1.2 Communication and consultation.

There will be active open communication and consultation between all our people, the sub-contractors and stakeholders. Health and safety will be integrated into our communications, wherever appropriate.

Emphasises the role of behaviour

Pledge for a sustainable approach

Applies to all people who come into contact with the school

Recognition of the connection between health and safety and school performance

Recognises knowledge necessary for behaviour change

Pledge for proactive two-way communication with the workforce/stakeholders

Pledge to go beyond raising awareness to secure commitment

1.3 Management Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities for Health and Safety will be defined, as necessary, within job descriptions. Senior Management will ensure that:

- Adequate resources are provided for Health and Safety
- Health and Safety is adequately assessed, controlled and monitored
- Our staff are actively involved in matters that affect Health and Safety

1.4 Hazard Identification

We will identify our workplace Health and Safety hazards.

We will inform our people, the subcontractors and stakeholders , as appropriate, of these work place hazards.

We will require our sub-contractors and stakeholders to identify health and safety hazards that may impact on our work activities.

2. COMPETENCE: “All our staff and stakeholders have the competence to undertake their work with minimum risks to health and safety.”

2.1 Health and safety training.

All our people will be adequately instructed and trained on the health and safety issues that affect them, and the safe working practices that should be followed.

We will ensure the health and safety competence of our sub-contractors and stakeholders.

2.2 Behaviour and culture

Senior management will demonstrate leadership in health and safety. Senior management will undertake tours to ensure that health and safety issues are identified, assessed and managed. Systems will be in place and people will be empowered to raise health and safety concerns with management.

2.3 Risk assessment and management

We will assess the risks associated with health and safety hazards in the workplace. All our people will be informed of the health and safety hazards and risks that affect their work. We will take action to prevent, reduce or control risks to an acceptable level and reduce the potential for incidents and accidents. We will require our sub-contractors and stakeholders to identify health and safety risks that may impact on our work activities.

3. COMPLIANCE: “Our work activities achieve compliance with legislation, and our people are empowered to take action to minimise health and safety risks.”

3.1 Incident investigation

We will report and investigate accidents, incidents and near misses to drive improvement in our health and safety management. Any lessons learned from such events will be used to take corrective action to prevent recurrences.

3.2 Measuring performance

We will actively and openly, review and report on our health and safety performance against published objectives and targets. Improvement plans will be developed to support the delivery of these objectives and targets.

3.3 Health and safety management system.

We will implement management systems to ensure we:

- comply with health and safety legislation;
- continually improve our health and safety performance.

3.4 Sub-contractor improvement (provided by DBE, through The Diocese of Liverpool or Cunliffe’s - Consultant)

We will engage and collaborate with our sub-contractors to ensure their: health and safety capability and competence fulfil our expectations;

- health and safety performance is monitored and reviewed; and
- work activities have minimal health and safety impacts on our activities.

4. EXCELLENCE: Glazebury CE Primary School is recognised for excellence in the way it manages health and safety.”

4.1 Developing innovative practices.

We will constantly encourage, develop, review and share “health and safety good practice” both internally and externally.

4.2 Influencing stakeholders

We will only work with joint venture partners and clients who are willing to meet and achieve our health and safety expectations. We will engage and influence stakeholders to drive improvements in health and safety.

4.3 Work-related health

We will assess our occupational health risks. All our people will be informed of the occupational health risks that affect their work. We will take action to prevent, reduce or control occupational health risks to an acceptable level and reduce the potential for ill health, including assessing all our people’s fitness for work. Health surveillance will be conducted to satisfy health and safety legislation.

Delivering our policy

Our policy will be delivered by:

Mrs Jenny Hindley, Headteacher and the schools H&S team. These are:

(Health & Safety Team – Jenny Hindley, Kathryn Holcroft, Julie Patterson and Maintenance Officer)

Our Health & Safety Governor is Mrs Danni Heath

Generating a culture that does not tolerate threats to health and safety; and
Ensuring the real involvement of all our staff, and stakeholders.

Signed by Headteacher: Date:

Signed by Chair of Governors: Date: