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Health, Safety and Welfare Policy – Organisation and Responsibility

Overall responsibility for health and safety in schools rests with the employer that in the case of Paulet High School is the Staffordshire County Council. Governors of schools like Paulet have an obligation to ensure that the County Council health and safety policy is implemented.

Regardless of anything stated above, all school governing bodies have health and safety responsibility as the **occupier** of the premises.

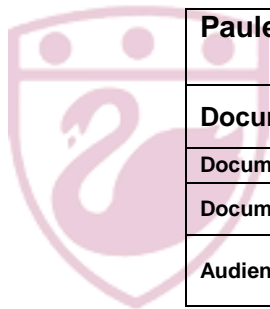
Headteachers must make arrangements for ensuring the implementation of the health and safety policies of their employer and/or any Governing Body arrangements arising out of their health and safety responsibilities.

The County Council's delegation scheme includes provision to ensure that schools meet their health and safety responsibilities and that necessary work is carried out.

Organisation and Responsibilities for Health, Safety and Welfare

Duties and responsibilities for health and safety have been assigned to Staff and Governors based upon the following roles outlined in the County Council's Health, Safety and Welfare Policy

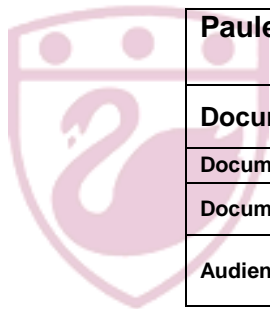
Policy-makers	Devise and produce policy on health, safety and welfare at a strategic level. Preserve, develop, promote and maintain the School's and the Council's health and safety management system. Ensure that health and safety matters are taken into account when organisational decisions are made.
Planners	Develop the local plans to achieve corporate/school health & safety objectives. Develop management arrangements for the identification of hazards and control of risks within their area
Implementers	Ensure that workplace precautions and safe systems of work are developed in order to identify hazards and control risks. Ensure all the systems are working effectively
Assisters	Have the authority, independence and competence to advise Directors, Managers and Employees (or their representatives). They may also be technical or specialist employees who have achieved a certain level of health and safety competency within their specialised field
Employees	Irrespective of their position within the County Council's structure, everyone is regarded as an employee and therefore the employee duties within the H&S Policy apply to them.



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Who are the Policy-makers, Planners, Implementers, Assisters and Employees in schools?

	Policy-makers	Planners	Implementers	Assisters	Employees
School Governors					
Headteacher					
School Leadership Team					
Deputy/ Assistant Headteacher					
Business Manager					
Health and Safety Coordinator					
Heads of Dept					
Teachers					
Managers					
Premises Managers					
Teaching and Classroom Assistants					
Learning Support Staff					
Admin Staff					
Site Supervisor or Caretaker					
Council Health and Safety Policy Group					
Health and Safety Adviser					
County Council Officers e.g. C&LL Directorate Staff Occupational Health Staff Specialist Technical staff HR Adviser					



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The responsibilities of Policy Makers, Planners, Implementers, Assisters and Employees within the Policy

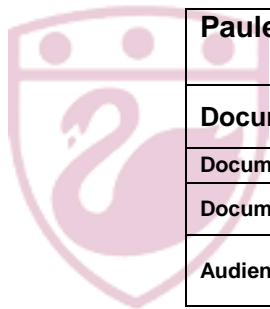
Policy-makers	
School Governors	Devise and produce policy on health, safety and welfare at a strategic level.
Headteacher	Preserve, develop, promote and maintain the School's and the Council's health and safety management system.
SLT	Ensure that health and safety matters are taken into account when organisational decisions are made.
CC H&S Policy Group	
H&S Advisers	

The Policy makers;

- Will be familiar with the overall responsibilities laid down for **Policy Makers** in the County Council Health, Safety and Welfare Policy.
- Must ensure that the school has a structure in place to manage health and safety which includes; planning, implementation of these plans, monitoring, and reviewing and auditing. This must be integrated into general day to day management.
- Will ensure that plans for continuous improvement in health and safety management are developed and reviewed regularly.
- Must ensure that all school activities are organised and have sufficient arrangements and resources; to ensure that health and safety can be managed effectively.

As Policy Makers the Governing Body;

- Must ensure that those who have been assigned specific responsibilities in school for H&S have been identified, this has been communicated, and adequate training or instruction has been given.
- Must ensure that sufficient competent persons are in place to advise the school on H&S issues.
- Will set H&S targets (with Planners) to improve H&S performance.
- Is required to monitor that the H&S targets are being met and the school is meeting health and safety obligations by checking that policies and procedures are implemented in accordance with requirements, and by reviewing Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of health and safety performance on a regular basis.
 - School KPIs are
 - First Aider incidents - annual total
 - Accident reports Students- where student hospitalised – annual total
 - Accident reports Students- resulted in time off school – annual total
 - Accident reports Staff – annual total
 - The H&S Coordinator will collate these KPI's on the Headteacher's behalf (see **Assisters** below)
- Seek advice from and receive reports from the County Council H&S Advisers and



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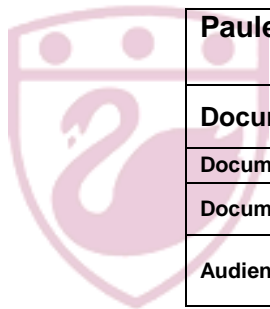
their School H&S Coordinator as appropriate and take actions as necessary.

- Ensure that the auditing of H&S takes place and that action plans are developed as a result of audit.
- The GB will ensure that all their decisions reflect the commitment of this policy and promote a positive culture towards health, safety and welfare issues.
- The GB will inform the Children and Lifelong Learning Directorate of any issue which has significant health and safety implications which cannot be resolved satisfactorily without their support and involvement.

Planners	
Headteacher School Business Manager Members of the School Leadership Team School Governors Health and Safety Coordinator Heads of Dept Managers Premises Manager	Develop the local plans to achieve corporate/school health & safety objectives. Develop management arrangements for the identification of hazards and control of risks within their area

The Planners will;

- Be familiar with the overall responsibilities laid down for Planners in the County Council Health, Safety and Welfare Policy.
- Take overall responsibility for the day to day health and safety management of the school and school activities taking place outside school premises.
- Determine the resources and arrangements needed to manage health and safety effectively as part of the school planning process.
- Delegate to other members of staff any or all of the duties associated with the management of health and safety. (It is clearly understood by everyone concerned that the delegation of certain duties will not relieve the Headteacher from the overall day to day responsibilities for health and safety within the establishment.)
- As part of their management of health and safety;
 - appoint a Premises Manager (see **Implementers** below)
 - identify a member of staff who can act as a Health and Safety Coordinator (see **Assisters** below)
- Ensure that these staff receive appropriate H&S training.
- Ensure that all staff within the school are aware of their responsibilities with regard to Health and Safety issues. Where staff have specific duties in health and safety matters (e.g. First Aid/Fire Marshal), this should be identified clearly to everyone in the premises.
- Keep up to date with changes or updates in health and safety management by using the County Council or other resources and communications.
- Ensure that suitable and sufficient training, instruction and information is provided when required
- Set health and safety objectives as part of the school planning process.



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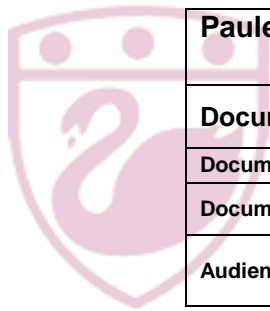
- Include health and safety in staff objectives where appropriate and assess their performance against these objectives regularly.
- Advise Governors of the resources and arrangements needed to manage health and safety effectively as part of the school planning process.
- Communicate any health and safety actions outlined in the school planning process to relevant staff and governors.
- Develop management arrangements for the identification of hazards and control of risks (risk assessments), ensure these take place and that results are communicated to staff.
- Develop local policies and procedures as necessary for health and safety and ensure they reflect the overall CC Policy.
- Seek help from the CC H&S Adviser or other specialist to ensure that H&S Policy can be implemented effectively and advise the GB and/or the County Council (as necessary) where issues arise which cannot be managed at a local level, need additional resources or require external support.
- Ensure that an annual H&S Evaluation (inspection) of the premises is carried out, in line with the County Council Audit arrangements. (This duty may be delegated to other members of school staff by means of self evaluation checklists and resultant action plans)
- Ensure that an Annual Self Audit of the management of H&S is carried out, in line with the County Council Audit arrangements. (This duty may be shared with other staff such as SLT)
- Draw up any Action Plans required from the results of the Premises H&S Evaluation and Annual Self Audit and monitor these regularly.
- Take part in and cooperate with any Internal Health and Safety Audit which may be carried out by the Directorate H&S Team.
- Advise the GB and others of the results of any H&S monitoring (including KPI information) which takes place and of any actions required as a result of this.
- Consult with staff as necessary on matters of health and safety which may affect them at work.

Health and Safety Committee

The school has established a Health and Safety Committee which will meet on a termly basis to:

- consider health and safety planning and organisation,
- the implementation of policies and
- to review and monitor performance.

An annual report to the Governing Body outlining achievements against the H&S plan and annual KPI's should be considered by Planners and Implementers, the school's Health and Safety Coordinator will be responsible for collating this information (see Assisters) for their consideration. As a minimum, the report will contain a summary of accident and ill health statistics for the current year and will suggest health and safety targets and priorities for the forthcoming year.

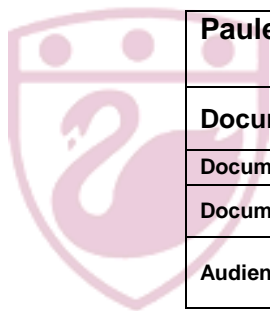


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Implementers	
<i>Headteacher (also Policy maker, Planner)</i> <i>School Business Manager (also planner)</i> <i>School Leadership Team (also policy makers/planners)</i> <i>Heads of Department (who may also be planners)</i> <i>Teaching Staff [Including supply teachers]</i> <i>Managers</i> <i>Premises Managers</i> <i>Teaching Assistants</i> <i>Learning Support Staff</i> <i>Admin Staff</i> <i>Site Technicians</i>	Ensure that workplace precautions and safe systems of work are developed in order to identify hazards and control risks. Ensure all the systems are working effectively

The Implementers will;

- Maintain an understanding of the Health and Safety Policies of the County Council and those developed within school
- Demonstrate commitment to the management of health and safety by:
 - Setting a good example to others
 - Promoting good practice
 - Identifying H&S problems and rectifying them if possible
 - Challenging poor H&S performance or attitudes
 - Communicating regularly about H&S
- Be responsible for and take the lead on implementation of health and safety policies and any arrangements which have been developed by the Policy makers and Planners.
- Understand and own the plans in place for H&S as part of the overall school planning process monitor progress in these areas and advise planners of the results or any deficiencies.
- Ensure that any personal targets set by Planners are achieved, feedback any issues identified in this process.
- Ensure that individuals have health and safety objectives as part of their annual review process (these may reflect the overall H&S plans)
- Encourage participation in H&S and ensure that communication about H&S issues takes place.
- Assess new and existing work activities for hazards, ensuring that risk assessments are in place, control measures implemented (safe methods of work/Personal Protective Equipment etc) and the results of risk assessments communicated.
- Ensure that, where responsibilities for health and safety have been delegated to staff members, these roles are properly assigned and understood by employees in their teams/areas.
- Ensure that staff in these roles have received appropriate training.
- Ensure that there is sufficient information, instruction and training and resources available for staff in order for them to do their job
- Consult with staff as necessary on matters of health and safety which may affect



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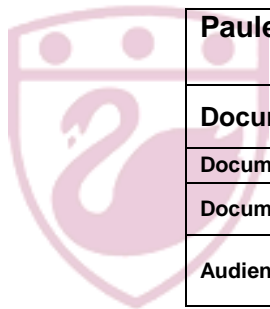
them at work and receive health and safety reports from Health and Safety Representatives, responding as necessary.

- Supervise work adequately to ensure that good health and safety standards are maintained.
- Ensure that adequate monitoring of H&S takes place e.g. by taking part on Premises H&S Evaluations and carrying out own inspection of work areas.
- Carry out any reactive monitoring required such as investigation of accidents, near misses and occupational illness and ensure the information gained is used to improve H&S in the future.
- Avoid allocating “blame” to individuals who report accidents, illness or near misses, and ensure that all reports of this nature are managed effectively.
- Monitor H&S standards at the local level by retaining statistics to identify patterns and trends in events.
- Seek advice from the CC H&S Adviser or other specialist as required.
- Make use of other resources provided by the County Council to promote H&S at work (e.g. intranet/Newsletters)
- In addition to the above, teaching staff are responsible for the health and safety of all students under their control whilst involved in organised work activities both on site e.g. classrooms, laboratories, workshops etc., and off site e.g. school trips.

Premises Managers

In addition to the responsibilities above Premises Managers have specific duties laid down in the County Council Health, Safety and Welfare policy. These are reproduced here;

- To maintain an understanding of County Council health and safety policy arrangements and the premise manager responsibilities detailed within them, and an awareness of relevant premise related health and safety legislation, issues and procedures and operating within these requirements;
- To control contractors working on the premises, and ensure that hazard information has been exchanged and suitable risk control measures implemented;
- Ensuring adequate security arrangements are maintained;
- Ensuring the general cleanliness of the premises and that adequate welfare facilities are provided;
- Arranging for regular inspection of the areas of the premises for which they are responsible to monitor that workplace health and safety standards are in effective working order and that a safe means of access and egress is maintained;
- Ensuring that adequate fire safety arrangements and emergency procedures are implemented and maintained;
- Ensuring that plant and equipment is adequately maintained;
- Arranging for the regular testing and maintenance of electrical equipment;
- Maintaining records of plant and equipment maintenance, tests, fire evacuation drills, fire officer inspections and fire extinguisher maintenance;
- Ensuring adequate first aid requirements for the premises are formally assessed and adequate provision is made;
- Ensuring that all premises related hazards are adequately identified, assessed and suitable and sufficient control measures implemented and monitored;



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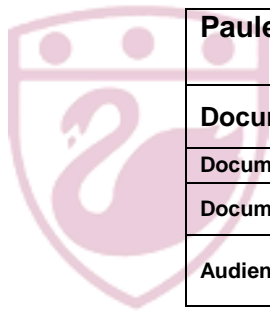
- Undertaking thorough investigation of all premise related accidents/incidents. Ensure the availability of an accident book at each premise ;
- Ensuring the adequate provision of health and safety notices and warning signs are prominently displayed and comply with the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations;
- Ensuring that a copy of the Health and Safety Law Poster is displayed in an accessible location and the information on the poster kept up to date;
- Maintaining a health and safety file on the premises in relation to any construction work covered by the Construction (Design and Maintenance) Regulations and make this available to contractors upon requests;
- Ensuring that adequate systems are in place for the management of asbestos and control of legionella and excessive water temperatures;
- To respond promptly to 'D1 Notifications' that is notification of a defect that could affect the health and safety of building occupants/visitors, informed to them by County Property Services as a result of a maintenance contact visit.

Assisters	
<i>Health and Safety Coordinators</i> <i>Health and Safety Advisors</i> <i>Occupational Health Professionals</i> <i>Specialist Technical Staff</i>	Have the authority, independence and competence to advise Directors, Managers and Employees (or their representatives). They may also be technical or specialist employees who have achieved a certain level of health and safety competency within their specialised field

Assisters act in a supportive role to managers and may use their authority, independence and competence to advise when required to do so
 The Health and Safety Coordinator;

- Is familiar with the responsibilities of Assisters laid down in the County Council Health, Safety and Welfare Policy.
- Has the core duty to ensure that there is a system established for the management of health and safety – this planning and organisation must take place with the Planner(s) and Policy makers as necessary.
- Will keep up to date with Health and Safety issues and changes by making use of resources provided by the County Council to promote H&S at work (e.g. intranet/Newsletters)
- May take on certain functions such as communication, collation of statistics, coordination of H&S Evaluation/Audits as directed, but the overall responsibility rests with the Head of Establishment.
- May collate and produce an **annual report on Health and Safety performance including essential KPIs** (see Part 4) for Governing Bodies to view as part of their monitoring process. A template is available for this on the SLN/Health and safety Intranet site at

<http://education.staffordshire.gov.uk/SchoolAdministration/HS/KeyDocuments/>



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Employees
Irrespective of their position within the County Councils structure, everyone is regarded as an employee and therefore the employee duties within the H&S Policy apply to them.

Employees [including temporary & volunteers]

Employees – Irrespective of their position within the County Council’s structure, All staff are employees and therefore all the employee responsibilities within the County Council Health, Safety and Welfare Policy apply to everyone. All employees in the establishment are aware of the responsibilities of Employees laid down in the County Council Health, Safety and Welfare Policy.

All employees have general health and safety responsibilities both under criminal and civil law. Staff must be aware that they are obliged to take care of their own safety and health whilst at work along with that of others who may be affected by their actions.

Employees must also co-operate with the governing body and senior leadership of the school so that they may fulfil any legal requirements placed on them as employers and/or persons in control of premises.

Students [This section should be drawn to attention of all students]

All students must be encouraged to follow all safe working practices and observe all school safety rules.

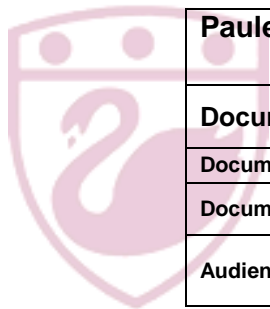
All students will:

- follow all instructions issued by any member of staff in the case of an emergency;
- ensure that they do not intentionally or recklessly interfere with equipment provided for safety purposes e.g. fire extinguishers etc.
- inform any member of staff of any situation which may affect their safety.

Staff Safety Representatives

Health and safety at work law provides for the appointment of trade union appointed safety representatives from amongst the employees. Where the governing body is notified in writing of such an appointment, the safety representative shall have the following functions:

- to investigate potential hazards and to examine the causes of accidents in the workplace;
- to investigate complaints by any employee s/he represents relating to that employee’s health and safety or welfare at work;
- to make representations to the Headteacher via the Deputy Headteacher on general



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- matters affecting the health, safety and welfare of employees;
- to carry out workplace health, safety and welfare inspections;
 - to attend any safety committee meetings;
 - to co-operate with employers in promoting health and safety at work.

None of the above functions given to a safety representative impose any legal duty or liability whatsoever on that person. A safety representative is in no way obliged to carry out any or all of the above functions.