

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

THIS IS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY STATEMENT OF

Sharow CE Primary School

Our statement of intent is:

- Implement the requirements of NYC's Health and Safety Policy;
- to make adequate arrangements for the health, safety and welfare of staff and pupils;
- to provide adequate control of health and safety risks arising from our work activities;
- to consult with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety;
- co-operate with NYC in matters related to health and safety;
- to provide and maintain safe plant and equipment;
- to ensure safe handling and use of substances;
- to provide clear instructions, information, and supervision for employees;
- to ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks, and to give them adequate training;
- to prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health;
- to maintain safe and healthy working conditions;
- provide personal protective equipment;
- implement emergency procedures, including evacuation in case of fire or other significant incident; and
- to review and revise this policy as necessary at regular intervals.

Signed: J Palmer Headteacher

Signed: M Paul Chair of Governors

Date: 11.12.25

Review date: Autumn 2026

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HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

RESPONSIBILITIES

Overall responsibility for health and safety within the establishment is that of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Head Teacher)

Mr Michael Paul (Chair of Governors)

Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Head Teacher)

To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in the following areas:

Name: Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Head Teacher)

Responsibility: Review policy, procedure and practice

Name: Olivia Elcombe- School administrator

Responsibility:

- Review policy, procedure and practice
- To prepare a termly report
- To meet with school HANDS advisor as appropriate
- To maintain training records for all staff

Name: Mr Jonathan Redhead

Responsibility: Health & Safety Governor

All employees have to:

- co-operate with supervisors and managers on health and safety matters;
- not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety;
- take reasonable care of their own health and safety and of others; and
- report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement).

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The school has appointed a designated competent person as required by Regulation 7 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. The designated competent person is:

Dale Barton NYES Health and Safety Service 07788 564533

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HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS ARISING FROM OUR WORK ACTIVITIES

Risk assessments will be undertaken by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer and the staff member undertaking activity

The findings of the risk assessments will be reported to:

All staff

Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer and the staff member undertaking activity

The person responsible for ensuring the action required is implemented is

Mrs Jacqui Palmer and the staff member undertaking activity

Checks that the implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks will be carried out by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer and the staff member undertaking activity

Assessments will be reviewed:

In the event of an accident, annually or when the work activity changes, whichever is soonest.

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CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

Employee Representative(s) are:

N/A
Consultation with employees is provided by:
Agenda item on staff weekly meetings
Staff briefing and noticeboard
Training Days
Emails

SAFE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Identifying equipment/plant, which will need maintenance is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

Olivia Elcombe (School Administrator)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Ensuring effective maintenance procedures are drawn up is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

The person responsible for ensuring that all identified maintenance is implemented is:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Problems with plant/equipment should be reported to:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Checking plant and equipment health and safety standards before purchase is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

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SAFE HANDLING AND USE OF SUBSTANCES

Identifying substances which need a COSHH assessment is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Grounds Maintenance

The person(s) responsible for undertaking COSHH assessments is/are:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Grounds Maintenance

Ensuring that all actions identified in the assessments are implemented is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Grounds Maintenance

The person responsible for ensuring that relevant employees are informed about COSHH assessments is:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Grounds Maintenance

Checking that substances can be used safely before they are purchased is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Property Solutions

NYES Cleaning

NYES Catering

Grounds Maintenance

Assessments will be reviewed:

In the event of an accident, annually or when the work activity changes, whichever is soonest.

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INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at:

Staff Room

Supervision of young workers and trainees will be arranged/ undertaken/monitored by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

Ensuring that our employees working at locations under the control of other employers, are given relevant health and safety information is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

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COMPETENCY FOR TASKS AND TRAINING

Induction training will be provided for all employees by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) and Olivia Elcombe (School Administrator)

Job specific training will be provided by:

NYC training dept.

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

NYES Health and Safety Service

Health and Safety Training Requirements:

Asbestos/Legionella training

First Aid training

Fire Awareness / Fire Warden training

Working at Height / Safe Ladder use

Manual handling

Educational Visit Training

Training records are kept:

On Sharepoint in the Health & Safety folder

Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:

Olivia Elcombe (Identified and arranged) and Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Monitored)

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ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS, FIRST AID AND WORK-RELATED ILL HEALTH

Locations of First Aid Boxes:

Kitchen Windowsill Early Years Breakfast club

Each class has a first aid kit with contents likely to be needed on a regular basis.

The first aiders are:

First Aid at Work - Jacqui Palmer Paediatric first aid – Early Years staff Emergency First Aid – all staff

All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be recorded in the accident book. The book is kept:

In the office

The person responsible for reporting accidents, diseases and dangerous occurrences to the NYC Health and Safety section is:

All staff to report to the Oliva Elcombe (School Administrator). Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) to sign off and ensure reporting to county is complete.

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MONITORING

To check our working conditions, and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will undertake:

Legionnella testing
Asbestos inspection
Termly Visual H & S inspection
Establishment Hands Service Inspection
PAT testing
Fixed appliance electrical testing
Extraction fans maintenance
NYES Property Solutions Condition Survey
Prioritised programme of risk assessment
Boiler room annual inspection
Gulleys and Gutters checked and cleaned
Pest control
Sports and Gym equipment maintenance

The person responsible for investigating accidents is:

All staff to report to the Oliva Elcombe (School Administrator). Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) to sign off and ensure reporting to county is complete.

The person responsible for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences is:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) NYC Occupational health

The person responsible for acting on investigation findings to prevent a recurrence is:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) NYC Occupational health

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ASBESTOS RISK MANAGEMENT

The Responsible Officer for asbestos management is:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

The Asbestos Risk Management file is kept in:

Admin Office

Site plans showing the location of asbestos containing materials (ACM's) are kept in:

Admin Office

Ensuring that contractors are made aware of the location of ACM's and that they sign the relevant permit to work is the responsibility of:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) and Olivia Elcombe the Establishment Administrator

Asbestos risk assessments will be undertaken by:

NYCC

Visual inspections of the condition of ACM's will be undertaken by:

Olivia Elcombe

Records of the above inspections will be kept in:

Office

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LEGIONELLOSIS MINIMISATION

The two 'Nominated Persons' for Water Management at the premises are:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)
Mrs Olivia Elcombe (School Administrator)

Risk assessments detailing on-site tasks for the minimisation of *Legionellosis* risk are kept in:

Water Management Arrangements Folder

The person responsible for carrying out the on-site tasks set out in the above assessments is:

County Cleaning Service Staff

Record showing that the above on-site tasks have been undertaken are kept in:

Water Management Arrangements Folder

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WORK AT HEIGHT

All work at height in the establishment must be authorised by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

Risk assessments for working at height are to be completed by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)and all members of staff

Equipment used for work at height is to be checked by and records kept in:

Headteacher	Establishment Management File

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MANUAL HANDLING

All manual handling tasks in the establishment must be authorised by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

Risk assessments for manual handling tasks are to be completed by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)and all members of staff

Equipment used for manual handling is to be checked by and records kept in:

Headteacher Establishment Management File

Risk assessments for manual handling tasks are to be completed by:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher) and all members of staff

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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Off-site educational visits must be authorised by:

All visits: Gemma Hart (EVC)

Residential and adventurous visits: NYC, Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)

Monitoring this process: Governors

The Educational Visits Co-ordinator(s) is/are:

Miss Gemma Hart

Risk assessments for off-site visits are to be completed by:

Group Leader

NYC Policy, Procedures & Guidance for Educational Visits are kept in:

On Evolve to ensure most up to date

Details of off-site activities are to be logged onto Evolve by:

Group Leaders

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – FIRE AND EVACUATION

The person responsible for ensuring that the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented is:

Mrs Jacqui Palmer (Headteacher)	

Escape routes are checked by/every:

All staff	Daily

Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:

Walker Fire	Annually
Visually Inspected	Termly

Alarms are tested by/every:

Mrs Olivia Elcombe	Weekly
Monks	Bi-Annually

Emergency evacuation will be tested:

Termly

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APPENDICES

List here any other policies relevant to health and safety e.g. Medicines Policy, Educational Visits Policy etc.

CYPS Policy and Guidance Handbook

Emergency Response Guide

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding Audit

Lockdown Procedure

Disaster Recovery Procedure

Educational Visits Policy

Display Screen Equipment Procedure

Emergency Procedures

Events Procedure

Fire Safety Procedure

First Aid and Medicines Procedures

First Aid at Work Procedure

Intimate Care Procedure

Laptop and Tablet Procedure

Lettings Procedure

Lone Working Procedure

Midday Supervisor Procedure

Missing Child Procedure

Nappy Changing Procedure

Snow and Ice Procedure

Gritting Plan

Use of Chemicals at Work Procedure

Use of Sunscreens Procedure

Working at Height Procedure

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