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**Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School**



**Health and Safety Policy**

Agreed by Full Governors November 2020

Review November 2022

*NB: This policy was reviewed during the COVID pandemic and needs to be read alongside the latest DfE and other relevant guidance.*

**The Law**

Health and safety in schools is governed by legislation and associated regulations, which are enforced by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

In **community schools, community special schools and voluntary controlled school’s** statutory health and safety responsibilities fall on the Local Authority (LA) (as the employer) and on the headteacher and other school staff (as employees).

As the management body, **the governing body** must ensure that school staff and premises follow policies and procedures set by the Local Authority for health and safety (e.g., reporting accidents, first aid provision), and:

* Implement a health and safety policy and advise employees of it;
* Have a Critical Incident/Business Continuity plan that considers emergency scenarios;
* Ensure, **so far as is reasonably practicable**, the health, safety and welfare of teachers and other education staff; the health and safety of pupils in school and on off-site visits; and the health and safety of visitors to schools, and volunteers involved in any activity on the school site or managed by the school;
* Assess the risk of all activities, both in school and off-site; introduce measures to manage those risks, and tell employees about those measures;
* Ensure that staff are competent and trained (including TeamTeach techniques where necessary) in their health and safety responsibilities; and are actively involved in health and safety;
* Take reasonable steps to make sure that the buildings, equipment and materials are safe and do not put the health of users and visitors at risk.
* Promote and support sensible health and safety management through discussion at Governor or Senior Leadership Team meetings; advice and guidance from the Corporate Health and Safety Unit when required.

In practice, the governing body may delegate specific health and safety tasks to others at the school.

The governing body, and headteacher, must comply with any direction given to them by the LA concerning the health and safety of persons on the school’s premises or taking part in any off-site school activities.

In **Academy schools,** **free schools**, **foundation schools and voluntary aided school’s** statutory health and safety responsibilities fall on the governing body (as the employer) and on the headteacher and staff (as employees). Governing bodies may be constituted in one of the following formats:

* An Academy Trust
* The Governing body of a voluntary aided or a foundation school
* The owners or trustees of an Academy, foundation, VA or Free school

The governing body, as employer, has a duty (as required by The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, 1999):

* Implement a health and safety policy and advise employees of it;
* Have a Critical Incident/Business Continuity plan in place;
* Ensure, **so far as is reasonably practicable**, the health, safety and welfare of teachers and other education staff; the health and safety of pupils in school and on off-site visits; and the health and safety of visitors to schools, and volunteers involved in any school activity;
* Assess the risk of all activities, both in school and off-site; introduce measures to manage those risks, and tell employees about the measures;
* Ensure that staff are trained in their health and safety responsibilities; and,
* Take reasonable steps to make sure that the buildings, equipment and materials are safe and do not put the health of users and visitors at risk.

In practice, the governing body may delegate specific health and safety tasks to others at the school. **However, the governing body retains the ultimate responsibility no matter who carries out the tasks.**

**THE ROLE OF EMPLOYEES IN ANY SCHOOL**

Employees must take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and that of anyone else who may be affected by what they do at work. They must also cooperate with others who have duties for health and safety by carrying out instructions and reporting unsafe practices. The headteacher, who has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day management of the school, has a role of making sure that the governing body’s health and safety policies and procedures are carried out.

**COVERAGE**

A list of all the issues to be covered by a school’s health and safety policy is given on pages 6 - 8 of this document with electronic links to the relevant County Council or other appropriate guidance. **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

**1. THE GOVERNORS OF CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL** will

* 1. Provide as far as reasonably practicable a safe and healthy environment for all persons who work at, attend or visit the school.

1.2 Ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of

pupils, staff and volunteers on off-site visits and activities.

1.3 Endorse and support the safety policy of Somerset County Council, and to assist the Council to discharge those responsibilities, which it holds as employer.

1.4 Seek improvement to working conditions according to priorities within existing resources.

1.5 Recognise their responsibilities when they make available premises or equipment for hire and will ensure that risks to the safety or health of hirers and other persons are adequately controlled as far as possible.

1.6 Ensure that Risk Assessments are carried out within the school using a recognised method of recording (e.g., EEC Safety Suite). Risk assessments are communicated to all staff and reviewed as appropriate.

1.7 Promote and engage health and safety through discussion and informal meetings and ensure time is made available in staff meetings where health and safety issues can be raised.

1.8 Ensure that staff can access training to ensure their competence for their tasks.

1.9 Accept the duties that they may hold as a client where they arrange for work through contractors or volunteers. Follow the Council’s guidance for the selection of competent contractors and **will** seek assistance from the Council’s Corporate Property Group when necessary. Ensure that volunteers receive adequate instruction and supervision to work safely.

1.10 Report all incidents/accidents, using the Accident Reporting Module on the EEC Safety Suite and ensure appropriate follow up action has been carried out.

1.11 Review on an annual basis, all accidents and incidents reported to identify trends.

* 1. Consult with the school council and inform pupils of their responsibilities for Health and Safety.

1.13 Recognise the role of safety representatives appointed by recognised trade unions and co-operate with them so that they may undertake their health and safety related functions, including reasonable paid time off for consultation inspection and investigations.

The following individuals are recognised as safety representatives at the school.

Name (1) Ali Pook (2) Rob Silver

The Governors and Headteacher will draw this policy to the attention of all staff, and review annually.

Signed: Chair of Governors:

Dated:

Signed: Headteacher:

Dated:

**2.**  **ORGANISATION IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY**

2.1 Schools can be organised in a variety of ways, i.e., on a Headteacher/ Governing Body/Senior Management Team/Departmental basis. The key members are responsible for seeing that their area of responsibility or recognised staff follow the school’s policy, and the following measures:

2.1.1 Identification and control of risks associated with any hazardous or dangerous substances.

2.1.2 Selection of equipment suitable for its purpose and ensuring that it is properly used.

2.1.3 Identifying and securing the training needs of members of their Area/Department

2.1.4 Provision of suitable personal protective equipment when required and ensuring that it is properly used.

2.2 The Headteacher and Governors recognise the importance of all staff being competent and possessing the necessary current skills, knowledge and qualifications for the use of specialist equipment or facilities.

* 1. The Governors will monitor safety performance within the school against the standards set by Somerset County Council and provide an annual summary of their findings.
  2. Ensure that regular School Premises Management checks are completed in line with the [Premises Managers checklist](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=134705&type=full&servicet%20ype=Attachment) alongside guidance from the School’s Area Building Surveyor and Local Authority. Also ensuring that appropriate training needs of person responsible for premises is delivered.
  3. Governors to agree delegation for approval of off-site visits and activities (Category A) and review on an annual basis. [Scheme of Delegation](https://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/sccoea/SiteAssets/SitePages/Templates%20and%20Forms/Governor_to_Head_Delegation_for_Cat_A%5b1%5d%20(3).doc).
  4. The Governors have appointed the following Governor to have a watching brief for health and safety issues, and bring to their notice such issues that require their attention

Lucy Hunt

Assistance on health and safety issues is provided by

The Corporate Health and Safety Unit, Somerset County Council

**3. Appointment of Appropriate Persons**

Schools should appoint appropriate persons for their delegated areas of responsibility within the school (see Table A for areas which need including in your policy). They should ensure that new staff have the necessary skills and qualifications on appointment, or are able to receive the necessary training and certification, after appointment or on change of responsibilities or work methods.

**4. Guidance for Schools**

The following guidance, produced by the Local Authority, is available for schools to use for their own standards:

* [Guidance for Schools Volume 4](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=32832)
* [Outdoor Education and External Visits Website](https://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/sccoea/SitePages/Home.aspx)

4.1 The Governors adopt the standards of the following publications, which are endorsed by Somerset County Councils Learning and Achievement service as standards for its schools:

* Association for Physical Education - afPE, (Published September 2016)
  + - * Health and Safety: Responsibilities and duties for Schools: November 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-safety-advice-for-schools/responsibilities-and-duties-for-schools>
* Building Bulletin 100: Design for Fire Safety in Schools (March 2014) – Gov.UK link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-bulletin-100-design-for-fire-safety-in-schools>
* Learning Outside of the Classroom: <http://www.lotc.org.uk/>
* Guidance on First Aid for Schools: first published August 2000, latest update – 12 February 2014, link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/first-aid-in-schools>
* Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions: published by Department for Education, December 2015; link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/484418/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions.pdf>

The School has established its own policies on *[complete as relevant]*

**TABLE A - Delegated areas of responsibility within the school**

**Name of School: Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School**

Ali Pook

**Headteacher**

Jo Ward

**Delegated Senior Manager:**

Rob Silver

**Premises Manager:**

**External Visit Coordinator:**

Ali Pook

| **Area** | | **Location of Policy/Guidance** | **Name of person responsible** | |
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| **ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS (NEAR MISSES):** | | | | |
| Incidents/Injuries | | [Accident Reporting](https://www.eeclive.co.uk/public/plogon.asp?AID=14) (EEC Safety Suite) | Rob Silver | |
| **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** | | | | |
| Emergency Procedures  Critical/Major Incidents and updating your Contingency Plan | | [Business Continuity Plan template for Schools](https://www.somerset.org.uk/iPost/iPost%20Documents/School%20BC%20Plan%20Template%202020.docx)  [School Closures](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=139936&servicetype=Attachment)  [Updating your Contingency Plan](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=117592&servicetype=Attachment)  [Critical Incidents in Schools](https://www.somerset.org.uk/ipost/iPost%20Documents/Guidance%20for%20Somerset%20Schools%20and%20Colleges%20in%20Managing%20Critical%20Incidents%202018%20to%202019.pdf) | Ali Pook | |
| **EXTERNAL VISITS:** | | | | |
| External Visit  Co-ordinator | | [Outdoor Education and External Visits Website](https://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/sccoea/SitePages/Home.aspx)  [EEC Safety Suite>External Visits Management](https://www.eeclive.co.uk/public/plogon.asp?AID=14)  [Policy for Offsite Visits and Activities – in school](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasysiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=104339) | Ali Pook | |
| **INDUCTION/TRAINING:** | | | | |
| SCC Training Policy (HS031) | [H&S Induction Checklist (Schools)](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=123426) | | | **Ali Pook** |
| **MEDICAL:** | | | | |
| Hygiene Control | | [Guidance for Schools: Volume 4](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=38383) | Ali Pook | |
| Infection Control | | [Public Health England Guidance](http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/SchoolsGuidanceOnInfectionControl/) | Ali Pook | |
| Medicines in school | | [Guidance for Schools: Volume 4](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=38383) | Jo Ward | |
| Needlestick Injuries | | [H & S Policy Manual - HS007](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35533) | Ali Pook | |
| New and Expectant Mothers | | [H & S Policy Manual - HS017](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35744) | Ali Pook | |
| Supporting Pupils with medical conditions, | | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions--3/supporting-pupils-with-medical-conditions-links-to-other-useful-resources--2> | Jo Ward | |
| **RISK MANAGEMENT:** | | | | |
| Computer Use | | [DSE Assessment Form – HS030](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35820) Managers Guide, User Guides and DSE1 assessment form for schools | Ali Pook | |
| COSHH | | [H & S Policy Manual – HS008](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35434) Hazardous substances  COSHH Assessment Form (F08) | Rob Silver | |
| Employee or Volunteer Driver | | [Driver Risk Assessment HS014](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35589) | N/A | |
| First Aid | | [H & S Policy Manual HS012](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35580) | Ali Pook | |
| Minibus Safety | | [Outdoor Education Advisors Panel – National Guidance](http://oeapng.info/downloads/good-practice/) | N/A | |
| Violence at Work | | [Work-related Violence HS011](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=35825) | Ali Pook | |
| **SITES AND BUILDINGS:** | | | | |
| SCC Overarching Guidance document | | [Corporate Property Standards and](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=123425)  [Guidance](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=123425) Including construction work/contractors on school site | Ali Pook | |
| Asbestos | | Asbestos Register - in School | Rob Silver | |
| Electrical Safety   * Portable Appliance Testing | | [Guidance for Schools: Volume 4](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=98941) | Rob Silver | |
| Equipment Maintenance   * Lifting Equipment * PE Equipment * CDT Equipment * LEV | | Contact Property Services  - Contracts available for purchase by schools. | N/A | |
| Fire Safety   * Arson Prevention | | [Fire H&S010](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=46713)  Contact insurance for more advice  <https://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/sccinsurance/SitePages/Home.aspx> | Rob Silver | |
| Gas Appliances   * Boilers * Kitchen | | Contact Property Services:  Contracts available for purchase.  School responsibility unless Special. | N/A | |
| Premises Managers checklist | | [Premises Managers Task List](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=134705&type=full&servicet%20ype=Attachment) | Rob Silver | |
| Pressure systems – e.g., steam ovens/stills | | School responsibility - contact Insurance  <https://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/sccinsurance/SitePages/Home.aspx> | N/A | |
| Safety Glazing | | Please refer to SCC Corporate Property Standard –[BDN\_27\_L40\_Safety Glazing](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=132781) | Rob Silver | |

### TABLE B

### ESTABLISHMENT Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School

### Documents relating to this Policy are listed below along with the locations in which they can be found:

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| **Document** | **Location**  **(Eg, office, web address)** |
| **Fire Prevention and Emergency Evacuation Procedure** | On P-drive:  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **Manual handling guidance** | On P-drive:  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **Arson** | On P-drive:  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **Use of reasonable force** | On P-drive:  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **Supporting pupils with medical needs** | On P-drive:  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **COSHH** | **Caretaker’s cupboard** |
| [**Policy for Offsite Visits and Activities**](http://extranet.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=101308) | On P-drive:  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **Business Continuity Plan** | **On P-drive:**  **P:\Staff\Policies** |
| **All other documentation is held in the head teacher’s office and school office.** |  |

**Document Prepared by**  (Signature)

(Print Name) Ali Pook

Title: Head Teacher

(e.g., Headteacher/Governor)

Date: 11.11.20

**TABLE B**

**The monitoring/review arrangements in place are summarised below:**

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| External Monitoring H&S Safety Audit (CHSU – every 3-years)  Inspection Report (purchased by way of SSE Health and Safety Management Package)  Accident/Incident Report  Safety Representation Reports (Recognised Trade Union/Professional Association)  Property Services Report – Capital Support  Fire Risk Assessment – (CHSU - every 5-years)  Legionella Risk Assessment Internal Monitoring Activity Planning (Burgundy Pack)  Annual Declaration (RAMIS) Annual Review (RAMIS)  EEC Management Report  EEC H&S Self-Audit questionnaire Governors Meetings with standing Health and Safety agenda item  Governors Premises walkabout with feedback report Headteachers Self-Assessment (Burgundy Pack) H & S Committee Inspection Senior Leadership Team Meeting with standing Health and Safety agenda item  Staff Induction and INSET day training. |