

Health and Safety Policy



ST CLARE

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

All Saints
Catholic High School



Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community whose mission is to fully prepare our students for the wider world and to send them into it equipped for life and for the service of others. We come together from diverse backgrounds, united by Christ, by the highest aspirations and by a thirst for excellence to instil in our students a respect for themselves, for others and for their environment. We take our inspiration from Jesus' commandment to "love one another".

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ST CLARE CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

This Health & Safety Policy has been approved and adopted by St Clare Catholic Multi-Academy Trust for use in all its academies.

DEFINITIONS

In this Health & Safety Policy, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- i. 'Academy' means any academy operated by St Clare Catholic Multi-Academy Trust and includes all sites upon which the Academy undertaking is, from time to time, being carried out.
- ii. 'Board' means the board of Directors of the Trust.
- iii. 'Diocesan Schools Commission' means the education service provided by the Diocese of Hallam, which may also be known, or referred to, as the Diocesan Education Service.
- iv. 'Headteacher' means the most senior teacher in the Academy who is responsible for its management and administration. Such teacher may also be referred to as the Head of School or Principal.
- v. 'Local Academy Committee' means the body carrying out the employment functions of the Trust in relation to the Academy.
- vi. 'Trust' means St Clare Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, which is the company responsible for the management of the Academy and, for all purposes, means the employer of staff at the Academy.

1. About this policy

1.1 We are committed to ensuring the health and safety of staff and anyone affected by our activities, and to providing a safe and suitable environment for all those attending our premises.

1.2 This policy sets out our arrangements in relation to:

- (a) assessment and control of health and safety risks arising from work activities;
- (b) preventing accidents and work-related ill health;
- (c) consultation with employees on matters affecting their health and safety;
- (d) provision and maintenance of a safe workplace and equipment;
- (e) information, instruction, training and supervision in safe working methods and procedures;
- (f) emergency procedures in cases of fire or other major incident.

- 1.3 This policy covers all employees, officers, consultants, contractors, volunteers, casual workers and agency workers.
- 1.4 This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment and we may amend it at any time. We will continue to review this policy to ensure it is achieving its aims.

2. Responsibility for health and safety matters

- 2.1 The Board has overall responsibility for health and safety and the operation of this policy. The Head Teacher is the Principal Health and Safety Officer with day-to-day responsibility for health and safety matters.
- 2.2 Head Teacher will ensure that this policy is reviewed annually. Recommendations for any amendments are reported to the Board.

3. Specific Responsibilities by category of personnel

- 3.1 All staff share responsibility for achieving safe working conditions. You must take care of your own health and safety and that of others, observe applicable safety rules and follow instructions for the safe use of equipment.
- 3.2 You should report any health and safety concerns immediately to your line manager or the Principal Health and Safety Officer.
- 3.3 You must co-operate with managers on health and safety matters, including the investigation of any incident.
- 3.4 Failure to comply with this policy may be treated as misconduct and dealt with under our Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

Headteachers

- 3.5 Headteachers are responsible to the Trust for all aspects of health and safety in each academy and will delegate to particular individuals specific functions for which they will be responsible to the Headteacher.

In particular he/she will ensure the following in each academy:

- 3.6 There are arrangements for playground supervision; at the start and end of school days, break times and lunchtimes.
- 3.7 There are arrangements for adequate supervision during changeover of lessons.
- 3.8 There are procedures for educational visits and learning outside the classroom including the appointment of an Educational Visits Co-ordinator.
- 3.9 There are arrangements for personal safety and security.
- 3.10 That regular evacuation and fire drills are arranged.

- 3.11 That all incidents, accidents and assaults involving students, staff and any other individuals are reported as per the Academy's procedure.
- 3.12 That dangerous incidents are reported to the Trust.
- 3.13 That, in the event of a bomb warning the building is evacuated and the emergency services are called, that the police are met and informed of the situation and that the Trust is informed of the incident.
- 3.14 That repairs needed to the building and equipment are reported and acted upon.
- 3.15 An internal safety audit will be conducted once a term and ensure that new members of staff including students on teaching practice and work experience students are inducted into the Health and Safety Policy of the Academy and that volunteers who frequently visit the Academy are appraised of the relevant parts of the Academy's Health and Safety Policy. They will keep a record of all such training.
- 3.16 That when the Academy's Health & Safety Policy is reviewed, that members of staff are notified of any changes to it.
- 3.17 To ensure that staff are given appropriate training and guidance.
- 3.18 In general, headteachers will be finally responsible for the maintenance of a safe working environment and safe practice within the Academy in accordance with guidance received from the Health and Safety Executive, Department for Education, Diocesan Schools Commission or any guidance received from the Risk Protection Arrangement or other appropriate insurer and/or any health and safety consultants engaged by the Trust and/or the Academy.

Teachers

Every Teacher will be responsible for:

- 3.19 The general safety of furniture and equipment in use in their own classroom;
- 3.20 Deficiencies must be reported to the member of staff with responsibility for the defective item.
- 3.21 The safe storage of equipment in their room when not in use; deficiencies should be reported to the [Site Supervisor] or other appropriate member of staff.
- 3.22 The safe use of equipment and furniture in whichever area they may be working;
- 3.23 Ensuring equipment is stored away safely as appropriate in whichever area they may be working.
- 3.24 Ensuring that any materials that have been used during a lesson are cleared away.
- 3.25 Training pupils in the safe use, movement and storage of equipment where appropriate.
- 3.26 Ensuring that work is displayed safely.

- 3.27 Ensuring that pupils in their class know and understand the health and safety risks and requirements and any other instructions that are relevant to them.
- 3.28 Know the procedures in an emergency, evacuation or accident.
- 3.29 Completing appropriate risk assessments for activities where there are significant hazards present.

Other Designated Staff

- 3.30 Designated Staff will have responsibility as follows:

Specialist Curriculum equipment eg Science, DT, Art, PE

All relevant teachers using the equipment and the Curriculum Leader.

AV & IT equipment

All relevant teachers using the equipment, the Curriculum Leader and ICT support/Network Technicians.

Furniture

All relevant teachers using the furniture, the Curriculum Leader, cleaning staff and Site Supervisor.

Kitchens

Kitchen staff, contractors or other staff using cooking appliances.

It will be the responsibility of the designated staff to ensure that:

- 3.31 By regular inspection, equipment has no obvious faults.
- 3.32 If faults are found, equipment is withdrawn and repaired in accordance with the appropriate procedures.
- 3.33 New equipment is inspected on receipt to confirm that it is in working order.
- 3.34 All staff are aware of safe practices concerned with such equipment and follow manufacturer's instructions where appropriate.
- 3.35 Where equipment is checked regularly by a contractor (as distinct from a day to day usage basis), this is done and a record kept of such checks - this record will involve noting the date of the inspection in the Health and Safety file and keeping details of the inspection.

First Aiders

- 3.36 Current First Aid qualifications are held by members of staff. Details of first aid facilities and the names of trained first aiders are displayed on the notice boards. All accidents to, or serious illnesses of staff or pupils must be reported to them, and it will be their responsibility:

- 3.37 To inform the Headteacher or other senior member of staff at once, if necessary.
- 3.38 To deal with the accident or illness in accordance with any appropriate guidance.
- 3.39 To log all incidents, accidents or assaults to, or serious illnesses of pupils and staff in the accordance with the Academy's procedures for recording incidents and accidents.
- 3.40 To report incidents and accidents in accordance with the Academy's procedures for incidents and accidents.

The Principal Health and Safety Officer

- 3.41 The Principal Health and Safety Officer will be responsible for the following:
- 3.42
 - Giving advice on the safe use and storage of equipment in the Academy.
- 3.43
 - The Health and Safety files.
- 3.44
 - Providing advice on risk assessment.
- 3.45
 - Advising on appropriate health and safety training.

The Operations Manager

- 3.46 The Operations Manager will be responsible to the Headteacher for the following:
- 3.47 Ordering replacement items for first aid boxes as requested by the persons with current first aid qualifications.
- 3.48 The maintenance of an up-to-date inventory of clinical equipment. This must be available when required for inspection.
- 3.49 Knowing the location of first aid equipment in the Academy or Trust site and ensuring that staff and contractors are aware of its availability and who the first aiders are.
- 3.50 Preparing and making available plans showing the location of all fire appliances in the Academy or Trust site.
- 3.51 Reporting any Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) applicable incidents, to RIDDOR, the Headteacher, the Local Academy Committee and the Board.

The Site Supervisor

The Site Supervisor at each academy will be responsible to the Headteacher for the following:

- 3.52 The cleanliness of the site. In the event of a breakage, the Site Supervisor will come and remove it as soon as possible. It will be cleared, wrapped up and disposed of. This also applies to the spillage of liquids or contamination by body fluids.

- 3.53 Any maintenance needs must be reported to the Site Supervisor immediately and then dealt with, in a timely manner. Any broken furniture must be dismantled and taken away. The Site Supervisor should conduct a regular check of the Trust and/or Academy's facilities and maintain a record of maintenance services.
- 3.54 Check and maintenance of fire safety equipment.
- 3.55 Check and mitigate for frost danger.
- 3.56 Clearing snow from paths.
- 3.57 Ensuring that all points of access and egress are always clear throughout the site.
- 3.58 Maintaining an up-to-date inventory of plant, including all forms of heating and ventilation and of electrical and caretaking equipment - this to be available when required for inspection.
- 3.59 Training staff in relevant safety precautions i.e. handling materials, equipment etc.

Midday Assistants

All staff involved with supervision during lunchtime will be responsible for the general safety of students in:

- 3.60 The dining areas throughout lunchtime.
- 3.61 The playground during lunchtime, or classroom in the event of wet dinner times.

All Staff

All staff are responsible for the following:

- 3.62 Completing the appropriate incident/accident/assault form if they sustain an accident / assault in the course of their employment with their Line Manager and handing it to the Headteacher who will sign it and arrange for it to be processed by the Business Manager
- 3.63 Entering into the Trust and/or Academy's inventory details of any dangerous substance they may order.
- 3.64 Exercising their own judgement in determining what is safe whenever there are no relevant regulations or advice.
- 3.65 Making themselves aware of Health and Safety at Work Act and other legislation, regulations, advice and safety principles relevant to their work and the education sector generally and observing relevant recognised codes or practice.
- 3.66 Making themselves familiar with the relevant safety policies of the Trust and/or Academy.
- 3.67 Ensuring a safe working environment is maintained in the classroom.

4. Information and consultation

- 4.1 We will inform and consult Trade union **OR** your elected workplace safety representatives regarding health and safety matters.
- 4.2 We will ensure any health and safety representatives receive the appropriate training to carry out their functions effectively.
- 4.3 The Principal Health and Safety Officer is responsible for informing and consulting employees about health and safety matters.

5. Training

- 5.1 We will ensure that you are given adequate training and supervision to perform your work competently and safely.
- 5.2 Staff will be given a health and safety induction and provided with appropriate safety training, which may include manual handling, control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH), working at height, asbestos awareness, gas safety, electrical safety and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

6. National health alerts

- 6.1 In the event of an epidemic or pandemic alert we will organise our business operations and provide advice on steps to be taken by staff, in accordance with official guidance, to reduce the risk of infection at work as far as possible. Any questions should be referred to HR.
- 6.2 It is important for the health and safety of all our staff that you comply with instructions issued in these circumstances.

7. Fire safety

The fire procedure for All Saints Catholic High School is set out in appendix 2

- 7.1 All staff should familiarise themselves with the fire safety instructions, which are displayed on notice boards and near fire exits in the workplace.
- 7.2 If you hear a fire alarm, leave the building immediately by the nearest fire exit and go to the fire assembly point shown on the fire safety notices. Do not stop to collect belongings and do not use the lifts, The exception for those identified with PEEPS and the use of the Emergency lift is permitted. Fire wardens will assist in the evacuation of the building, and you must follow their instructions. Do not re-enter the building until told to do so.
- 7.3 If you discover a fire do not attempt to tackle it unless it is safe and you have been trained or feel competent to do so. You should operate the nearest fire alarm.
- 7.4 Fire Wardens will be trained in the correct use of fire extinguishers.

- 7.5 You should notify your Line Manager or HR if there is anything (for example, impaired mobility) that might impede your evacuation in the event of a fire. A personal evacuation plan will be drawn up and brought to the attention of the relevant fire wardens and colleagues working in your vicinity.
- 7.6 Fire drills will be held at least every 12 months and must be taken seriously.
- 7.7 The Principal Health and Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring fire risk assessments are undertaken and implemented, and for ensuring regular checks of fire extinguishers, fire alarms, escape routes and emergency lighting.

8. Risk assessments and measures to control risk

- 8.1 We carry out general workplace risk assessments periodically. The purpose is to assess the risks to health and safety of employees, pupils, visitors and other third parties as a result of our activities, and to identify any measures that need to be taken to control those risks.
- 8.2 Measures will be taken to avoid or reduce the need to lift or carry items which could cause injury (manual handling) and to provide training on manual handling as necessary.
- 8.3 The use of hazardous substances at work will be avoided wherever possible and less hazardous alternatives will be used where available and/or appropriate. Training on the control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) will be provided as necessary.
- 8.4 Personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided for certain roles, such as those working in the Science Department, Food Technology, CDT, Art, Premises team and Catering Staff but will also be provided to other staff or visitors where there are risks that cannot be adequately controlled by other means.
- 8.5 The Principal Health and Safety Officer is responsible for workplace risk assessments, including general and/or periodical risk assessments, as well as any specific requirement or recommendation to undertake a risk assessment for a particular staff member or other visitor, and to take any other appropriate measures to control risks.

9. Computers and display screen equipment

- 9.1 If you use a computer screen or other display screen equipment (DSE) habitually as a significant part of your work:
 - (a) You should try to organise your activity so that you take frequent short breaks from looking at the screen.
 - (b) You are entitled to a workstation assessment.
 - (c) You are entitled to an eyesight test by an optician at our expense.
- 9.2 You should contact your line manager or HR to request a workstation assessment or an eye test. Eye tests should be repeated at regular intervals as advised by the optician, usually every two years. However, if you develop eye problems which may be caused by DSE work (such as headaches, eyestrain, or difficulty focusing) you can request a further eye test at any time.

- 9.3 We will not normally pay for glasses or contact lenses, unless your vision cannot be corrected by normal glasses or contact lenses and you need special glasses designed for the display screen distance. In such cases we will pay the cost of basic corrective appliances only.

10. Stress at Work

The Trust has adopted a Stress and Mental Wellbeing at Work Policy which covers all aspects of staff mental health.

Appendix 1

People with particular roles within this policy at All Saints Catholic High School

Role	Name
Health and Safety Officer	Operations Manager – K Stonebridge
Principal Health and Safety Officer	Head Teacher – S Pender
First Aider	Assistant Caretakers: - N Jenkins - L Wood - K Duce Student Welfare Assistant – T Ashmore
Any other named members of staff with particular roles connected to this policy	None

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Fire and Emergency Evacuation Plan



As fire officers, it is the responsibility of the All-Saints Operations Manager, Kim Stonebridge and Seven Hills Representative respectively for co-ordinating fire practice and emergency evacuation arrangements at All Saints and Seven Hills Schools. Fire drills are held at least once per term. The fire officers will make plans and information about escape routes, refuge points and fire compartments available to all staff via the Staff-SharePoint network, Health and Safety group, and regular bulletin emails. It is the responsibility of all staff to make themselves familiar with this information. Emergency escape routes and procedures are displayed in all classrooms. Class teachers should ensure that their students and any visitors fully understand what the procedures are in the event of a fire.

Signals

Alarm or signal for lockdown shelter	Fire Alarm – Continuous High-Pitched Siren
Signal for stand down / all-clear	“Code White” Using Radios on Channel 1

Emergency Response Team

Role	Name	Responsibilities
Fire Marshall To be established daily, to ensure a Marshall is always on site and aware of their responsibilities in the event of the Fire Alarm sounding.	K Stonebridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the Emergency. • Be the point of contact for the Emergency Services. • Ensure Fire services receive Emergency Pack and all relevant information. • Ensure Sweep sheets are being collected at both Muster points. • Delegate roles where required. • To give a clear announcement at the end of the emergency with “Code White”
	M Shaw	
	O Byrne	
	N Jenkins. (Out of hours)	
Emergency Responders	Reception Staff - T Heald M Longley	On Sounding of the alarm, to report to fire panel, and instruct responders to go to location to check for fire. If Fire there is no evidence of fire, Reception staff can cancel the Fire alarm, prior to the 2-minute full alarm, which will trigger a full evacuation.

	<p>Responders D Jenkins, N Jenkins, L Wood K Duce Any On Call Staff.</p>	<p>Fire Marshall will locate to the front of the school, to meet with emergency services.</p> <p>If the alert goes to a full evacuation, all emergency responders move to fire warden role. Evac chair – Trained personnel only. Lift operation – Trained personnel only</p>
Fire Wardens	Health and Safety Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evacuate by the nearest route, ensuring other staff and students leave by the nearest route. 2. Be aware of any students or staff who have Personal Evacuation Plans. 3. Be aware of Muster points and ensure all are clear on how we are to congregate. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On the field - In class time – line up in the current class, out of class time – line up in forms. <p>The order should be from Goals to Sheffield college across the field at the muster point sign Yrs 7-13</p> <p>Muster point to the front of school and turn to the staff car park, in front of the Green gates, besides the Sports centre. Further evacuation to the Staff Car Park is possible from this location.</p> <p>J classes in order 2,4,6,7,8,1,15,17 and E Classes 17,18 and 19.</p>
Communications Officer	M Davis	To be responsible for comms with Parents, Carers, Media.
Sweep Sheet Marshall	<p>Field Muster - O Byrne /C Fillingham</p> <p>Front of School Muster – T Heald</p>	To collate information as to where has been checked. Under canopy by B Block or Front of School Marshall.

Communication arrangements

Emergency Team above to turn to channel 1 to ensure clear communication between the Emergency team. Radio channel to be managed by the Fire Marshall, requesting information, and giving instructions. All other communications should take place on channel 2

Other useful contacts:

Name	Emergency Contact Number
Police/fire/ambulance	999
Seven Hills reception	0114 274 3560
Goals	0114 272 6700
CMAT	1001 – A Bray 0114 478 5220
BBC Radio Sheffield 94.7fm	0114 273 1144
Sheffield City Council Customer Services	0114 273 4567

If you discover a fire

1. Sound the alarm by the nearest fire alarm call point.
2. Evacuate the building by your nearest Emergency Exit.
 - a. If the fire is in A Block, E Block or Hallam Block, evacuate these areas and muster at the school field or front of school.
 - b. B Block – Evacuate B Block only. Muster point on the school field.
 - c. Sports Hall – Evacuate Sports Hall only and muster in car park supervised by staff.
3. Staff should **always** support and guide the evacuation of Students. Leave all belongings in class and turn all hazardous equipment off. Close the classroom doors.
4. Should an alarm sound during a Break/Lunch time – immediately leave all belongings, turn all hazardous equipment off, leave the room you are in, and move to your nearest muster point, ensuring you guide students and encourage evacuation in the right direction, in a calm but swift manner.
5. **If you are in a Sweep room and it is safe to do so**, check each room on the sheet is empty and door closed, as detailed on the map enclosed. Hand this to the Sweep Sheet Marshall under the canopy on the field. Or if you evacuate to the front of school, to the Sweep Marshall by the Green Gate to the Staff Car Park.
6. Students with Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans should be supported to evacuate the building. Fire Wardens will have knowledge of these plans and can support accordingly. Refuge areas are relatively safe spaces for those that cannot evacuate. Staff should familiarize themselves with the location of the refuge areas and fire compartments.
7. All Students and staff are to make their way to the designated fire assembly points. All Saints Staff and students will assemble on the school playing field, Seven Hills Staff and students assemble on the Phase 1 Playground.
8. Students line up in class groups (for the current lesson at All saints or in tutor groups in alarm sounds in break time).
9. Students remain lined up quietly until dismissed by the fire officer on the announcement of Code White.
10. Any Seven Hills students or Staff working on the All-Saints site must follow the evacuation procedures for All Saints and vice versa.

Use of lifts

The main lift is designed as emergency lifts that can be used in a fire. If the alarm sounds, the lifts will automatically travel to the ground floor and the doors will open. The lifts are disabled until the fire alarm is reset. In the event of an emergency a key driven override mechanism may be employed to enable the lift to travel to other floors. In addition, there is an intercom system connecting all floors. Only trained personnel are allowed to operate the lift in an emergency.

All Saints – Only the following trained personnel are allowed to operate the lift in an emergency: Operations Manager, O Byrne, D Jenkins and N Jenkins.
The override key is located on the notice board in the PA's office.

Seven Hills – Specific staff hold responsibility for operating the emergency lifts (M Turner, T Mycroft, J Bradford). The key for operating each lift is kept by the staff concerned. When they have evacuated all staff and students using the lifts, they should proceed to the assembly point and report to the Fire Officer either in person or by walkie-talkie

All students and staff with physical disabilities should have an individual Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP). This should be completed by Learning Support and communicated to other staff as appropriate. Due to the high number of students with physical disabilities in Seven

Hills, it has been agreed that a **'class PEEP'** (appendix 2) should be completed rather than separate documents for individual students.

- Appendix 2 (to Fire Policy)

PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

This plan will be the intended means of escape in the event of an emergency evacuation (including drills). If the practice drills identify concerns in the implementation of the evacuation, please contact the school Health & Safety officer.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN FOR:

Class: _____

Names of pupils:

Nature of Pupils Disabilities:

Date shared with relevant persons staff (including supply staff, lunchtime supervisors, volunteers etc): _____

Name of person completing the form on behalf of the pupils

I understand my responsibilities in terms of fire evacuation and have been given sufficient guidance and training to perform these duties.

Signed _____ Date _____