



The British School Health & Safety Policy 2026

PART 1 - STATEMENT OF INTENT

The school's Governing Body and Headteacher recognise and accept their responsibilities both under law and also under Gloucestershire County Council delegation for local management of schools. As responsible employers and/or persons in control of premises, the requirement to provide a safe and healthy working environment for all employees and others affected by its activities is acknowledged.

The school is committed to managing risks by ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken, control measures implemented, and systems are continuously monitored and reviewed, led by the school's Governing Body and Headteacher.

In particular, the Governing Body and Headteacher are responsible for:

- providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment and ensuring that the premises are maintained in a safe condition;
- maintaining safe access to and egress from the premises;
- preventing accidents and work-related ill health;
- assessing and controlling risks from curriculum and non-curriculum work activities, including off-site visits;
- complying with statutory requirements as a minimum;
- ensuring safe working methods and providing safe equipment;
- providing effective information, instruction and training;
- monitoring and reviewing systems to make sure they are effective;
- developing and maintaining a positive health and safety culture through communication and consultation with employees and their representatives on health and safety matters;

- setting targets and objectives to develop a culture of continuous improvement;
- ensuring a healthy working environment is maintained, including adequate welfare facilities;
- ensuring adequate resources are made available for health and safety issues, so far as is reasonably practicable;
- ensuring safe use, handling and storage of substances at work.

In addition to the above commitment, the Governing Body and Headteacher also recognise their obligations to non-employees and provide trainees, members of the public, pupils, contractors, etc, or anyone who is or may be affected by the school's activities with the necessary information, instruction, training and supervision available to ensure the safety of those affected.

The Governing Body and Headteacher will ensure adequate resources, including finance, to implement the Policy.

The Governing Body and Headteacher are committed to the arrangements stated in this Policy Document, and all staff are required to comply. They are encouraged to support the Governing Body and Headteachers commitment to continuous improvement in the school's health and safety performance. For the Policy Document to be effectively implemented, the school requires the full co-operation of employees and others who use the premises.

This Policy Statement and the accompanying organisation and arrangements will be reviewed at least annually and revised as and when necessary.

This Policy Statement, together with the organisational structure and the following arrangements and procedures, has been approved by the school's Governing Body.

Signed:	Signed:
Head teacher: Abel Roche	Chair of Governors: Peter Lee
Date: April 2026	Proposed review date: April 2027

Part 2 - Organisation

Organisation - Introduction.

In order to achieve compliance with the Governing Body and Headteacher's Statement of Intent, the school's normal management structure will have additional responsibilities assigned to them, as detailed in this part of this H&S Policy Document.

The Duties of the Governing Body

The Governing body has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with this H&S Policy Document. In consultation with the Headteacher, the Governors will ensure that there are effective and enforceable arrangements for the provision of health and safety throughout the school, periodically assessing the effectiveness of this document ensuring that any necessary revisions are made to determine the policy and monitor its implementation.

A Health and Safety link Governor is appointed to monitor and review Health & Safety and Safeguarding matters on behalf of the Governing body.

The Duties of the Headteacher

The Headteacher has day-to-day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this H&S Policy Document. In consultation with the Governors, the Headteacher will ensure that there are effective and enforceable arrangements for the provision of health and safety throughout the school, periodically assessing the effectiveness of this document, ensuring that any necessary revisions are made to determine the policy and monitor its implementation. The Headteacher will maintain the profile of health and safety within the school by the development of safe working practices and conditions and will ensure that health and safety standards are maintained at all times.

The Duties of Employees

All employees have individual legal responsibilities to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and for others who may be affected by their acts or omissions, and must comply with the school's Health & Safety Policy Document and procedures at all times; co-operate with school management in complying with relevant health and safety law; use all work equipment and substances in accordance with instruction, training and information received; report to their immediate line manager any hazardous situations and defects in equipment found in their work places; report all incidents in line with current incident reporting procedure; act in accordance with any specific health and safety training received; inform their line manager of what they consider to be shortcomings in the school's health and safety arrangements and exercise good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness.

Pupils

Pupils, in accordance with their age and aptitude, are expected to exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others; observe standards of dress consistent with safety and/or hygiene; observe all the health and safety rules of the school and in particular the instructions of staff given in an emergency; use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with anything provided for their health and safety.

Temporary Staff

Temporary staff are provided with information and guidance which includes the Health & Safety Policy Document, fire and emergency procedures etc., and are suitably inducted to their role. Temporary staff are directly accountable to the Headteacher whilst on the school site.

Teaching Staff

Teaching Staff have a day-to-day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Health & Safety Policy Document and all persons under their control are aware of the general health and safety requirements of the school and the detailed requirements for activities relevant to them. Teachers are responsible for the immediate safety of the pupils in their classroom. Nominated teachers are responsible for their own classroom and associated equipment, and, as such, it is their responsibility to ensure that it is maintained to a high standard with respect to health and safety issues.

Teaching Assistants

Teaching assistants have a day-to-day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Health & Safety Policy Document and are immediately accountable to the teacher in charge while the class is in session.

Volunteer and Parent Helpers

Volunteer and parent helpers are provided with information and guidance, which includes health and safety, fire and emergency procedures etc. Volunteer and parent helpers are directly accountable to the teacher in charge whilst on the school site.

PART THREE - GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures and arrangements have been established within the school to minimise health and safety risks to an acceptable level.

Arrangements	Responsibility of: Name/Title	Action/Arrangements
Health & Safety Compliance	Abel Roche, Samantha Green	<p>A detailed H&S compliance register is maintained and reviewed annually to ensure the school complies with H&S legislation.</p> <p>A site Health & Safety Risk Assessment is maintained and reviewed annually to ensure all health and safety hazards are monitored and controlled.</p>
<p>Communication</p> <p>The school recognises the importance of communication to staff, visitors, pupils, parents, volunteers, contractors etc.</p>	Abel Roche, Samantha Green	<p>Staff - staff meetings on an as-and-when basis.</p> <p>Induction - a formal documented process exists for new staff.</p> <p>Pupils - Regular assemblies and School Council.</p> <p>Parents - Monthly Newsletter and ad hoc email communication on an as-and-when basis.</p> <p>Volunteers & visitors - Kept informed as and when necessary.</p> <p>Contractors - written communication, telephone and face-to-face meetings by one or more of Abel Roche, Samantha Green & Matt Perrett.</p>
<p>Consultation with Employees</p> <p>The school recognises the importance of consulting with employees on health and safety matters.</p>	Abel Roche	<p>Staff Meetings on an as-and-when basis.</p> <p>Requested to complete Risk Assessment documents for classroom on an annual basis and alert the SLT to any issues as and when noted.</p>