



Believing and Achieving Together

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Date: March 2023

Review: March 2025 or sooner if required

### **COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)**

We are in agreement with the H & S Commission that it 'does not consider education to be a high risk activity in terms of exposure to hazardous substances and, in general, the requirements of COSHH regulations 1990 are in line with what is already good working practice in schools as laid down by current LEA guidance documents'. DEHSO 2004

Although no chemical substance can be regarded as completely safe, we have in place safety measures in order to prevent the exposure of pupils and school personnel to substances that are hazardous to health.

#### Aims:

- To have in place safety procedures to prevent the exposure of pupils and school personnel to substances that are hazardous to health.
- To control any exposure to substances to within acceptable limits.
- To comply with all COSHH regulations.

#### Procedures:

##### **Role of the Headteacher**

- The Headteacher has appointed a member of staff:
  - to itemise all substances hazardous to health;
  - to under risk assessments of the exposure of staff and pupils to hazardous substances.

##### **Inventory**

- An inventory is in place of all substances hazardous to health.
- Detailed information accompanies each hazardous substance.

##### **Risk Assessments**

- Risk assessments are in place of the exposure of staff and pupils to hazardous substances.
- There is an annual review of all risk assessments.

##### **Control Measures**

- Assessment is undertaken of all school activities and operations which involve or may involve exposure to substances hazardous to health.
- However, if the substance cannot be eliminated or substituted then suitable control measures are put into place.

- Every three years all school activities and operations using hazardous substances are reassessed.

#### **Protective Equipment**

- Staff and pupils are provided with personal safety equipment when and where required.
- All safety equipment is reviewed annually and replaced if need be.

#### **Training & Information**

- All staff are provided with:
  - appropriate training;
  - up to date information on the nature of hazardous substances.

#### **Effectiveness**

- We believe this policy will be effective only if we ensure consistency across the school by regular monitoring of the exposure of staff and pupils to hazardous substances.