



Premises Management Policy

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An academy within:



"Learning together; to be the best we can be"



1. Aims

Our school aims to ensure that it:

- Manages its buildings and equipment in an efficient, legally compliant way
- Inspects and tests buildings and equipment regularly, taking into account statutory requirements and best practice recommendations
- Promotes the safety and wellbeing of our staff, pupils, parents and visitors through effective maintenance of buildings and equipment in accordance with the [Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#)
- Complies with the requirements of the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) \(England\) Regulations 2010, as amended](#)

2. Guidance

This document is based on the [Compliance Monitoring in Council Buildings report](#) from the Federation of Property Societies, which provides an overview of the legislation and compliance requirements related to premises management in schools. It is also based on the Education and Skills Funding Agency's [Essential School Maintenance guidance](#) for schools.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The Trust, the headteacher and the school office manager will ensure this premises management policy is properly implemented, and that tests and inspections are carried out in accordance with this policy.

The headteacher and school office manager are responsible for ensuring relevant risk assessments are conducted and for reporting to the Trust, as required.

The school office manager is responsible for:

- Inspecting and organising the maintenance of the school premises
- Organise repairs and maintenance
- Be the first point of contact for any issues with the premises
- Conducting and keeping a record of risk assessments and incident logs related to the school premises
- Liaising with the headteacher about what actions need to be taken to keep the school premises safe
- This list is not intended to be exhaustive

4. Inspection and testing

The school maintains accurate records and details of all statutory tests which are undertaken. This includes relevant paperwork and certificates.

All requirements and recommendations highlighted in inspection reports and certificates are reviewed and acted on as necessary.

As part of the records of completed works, the school includes the dates when the works were undertaken and the details of the individual or company who completed them, along with their qualifications/certifications and/or experience.

The table below sets out the issues to inspect, the inspection frequency and the person responsible for checking each issue.

Abbey School and Nexus MAT buy in the services of Proaktive who also undertake inspections and on the building and ensure that relevant checks are also done Annually.

Issue to inspect	Frequency	Person responsible
Air conditioning systems	All are inspected once annually	School office manager
Asbestos register	A risk assessment takes place annually and when any changes to the building take place. The asbestos register is updated accordingly.	School office manager
Electrical testing and inspection	A PAT exercise takes place annually. The schematic of the supply route and primary	School office manager

	<p>distribution is updated annually.</p> <p>Fixed wiring and all distribution boards and safety devices are inspected annually. All fixed wiring and all distribution boards are tested at least once every 5 years.</p> <p>Testing of all distribution boards in mobile accommodation is conducted on an annual basis.</p>	
Extraction systems	<p>Dust extraction equipment is tested and inspected on an annual basis.</p> <p>Local exhaust ventilation is inspected every 14 months.</p>	School office manager
Fire safety	<p>Our fire risk assessment is updated when any changes are made that might impact fire safety.</p> <p>Fire detection and alarm systems are tested weekly. All call points are tested over a 13-week cycle. Formal quarterly and annual inspections are completed by a competent person.</p>	<p>School office manager</p> <p>School office manager / site manager</p> <p>Site manager</p>

	<p>Fire doors are inspected weekly.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers are inspected and maintained on an annual basis.</p> <p>Fire blankets are inspected annually and replaced as required.</p> <p>Facilities for the fire service, including dry risers, access for emergency vehicles, and emergency switches for installations, are maintained and tested annually.</p> <p>Lightning conductors are inspected and electrically tested on an annual basis by a competent person.</p>	<p>School office manager arranges</p>
<p>First aid equipment</p>	<p>First aid equipment is inspected every term. Any equipment which has passed its expiry date is replaced.</p>	<p>School office manager/ Admin staff</p>
<p>Gas safety</p>	<p>Gas safety inspections are completed and certificates obtained as required by law (including annual test certificates for boilers). Gas appliances are identified and their location recorded on an annual basis.</p>	<p>School office manager</p>

	<p>All gas appliances are serviced annually.</p> <p>A visual condition inspection (and testing if required) is conducted on gas pipework on an annual basis.</p>	
Lighting systems	<p>Emergency lighting systems are inspected and tested on a monthly basis by the premises manager. There is a 1 hour duration test once every 6 months, which includes a 3 hour battery test by a competent person. A full duration test takes place annually.</p>	School office manager
Mobile accommodation	<p>A structural inspection of any mobile accommodation is conducted on an annual basis.</p>	School office manager
Playground and gymnasium equipment (fixed)	<p>Fixed playground and gymnasium equipment is inspected and tested annually.</p>	School office manager
Water hygiene and safety	<p>For cold water systems, the plan of primary pipework and main isolation points is updated annually. A visual condition and compliance</p>	School office manager

	<p>inspection is undertaken on an annual basis, as is a tank condition and compliance inspection.</p> <p>For hot water systems, a visual condition inspection is conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>Maintenance checks are also carried out on all pipework devices annually.</p> <p>Water quality checks, and water and surface temperature checks, are completed at a frequency to be determined by our water safety risk assessment.</p>	
Workstation assessments	<p>Staff workstations are analysed to assess any health and safety risks whenever a new staff member is appointed, and also whenever a staff member is relocated to a different area or significant changes are made.</p>	School office manager
Working at height	<p>Equipment used for working at height is inspected and tested on an annual basis.</p>	School office manager



5. Risk assessments and other checks

In addition to the risk assessments the school is required to have in place we ensure we have risk assessments in place, regularly updated, to cover:

- Car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation

The school also ensures further checks are made to confirm the following:

- Correct and up-to-date information is displayed in all notices
- Compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 on letting of a construction project
- Contractors have the necessary qualifications to carry out the specified work
- Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 when making changes or alterations to a building or the external environment
- Any information relating to Government guidance at any time will be displayed.

7. Links with other policies

This premises management policy is linked to:

- Health and safety policy