



Lake Haven School

Health and Safety Policy 2026/27

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Section 1 – Roles and Responsibilities

1 Policy Statement

1.1 As a responsible employer Lake Haven School will honour their legal obligations, in particular the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and associated regulations and codes of practice.

1.2 Lake Haven School recognises and accepts its responsibilities and duties to conduct its operations in a manner which protects the health, safety and wellbeing of employees, pupils and visitors so far as is reasonably practicable.

1.3 In compliance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, risk assessments will be undertaken and arrangements will be made, where significant risks are identified, for any necessary preventative and protective measures to be put into place as far as is reasonably practicable using a sensible risk management approach.

1.4 To achieve these objectives Lake Haven School will:

1.4.1 Conduct all activities safely and in compliance with legislation and where possible, best practice.

1.4.2 Provide safe working conditions and safe equipment.

1.4.3 Ensure a systematic approach to the identification of risks and the allocation of resources to control them.

1.4.4 Provide suitable information, instruction, training and supervision.

1.4.5 Promote a positive Health and Safety culture that is demonstrated by open communication and a shared commitment to the importance of health, safety and wellbeing.

1.4.6 Promote the principles of sensible risk management.

1.4.7 Monitor, review and modify this policy and any arrangements as required.

1.5 All of Lake Haven School staff members have a duty to take reasonable care of themselves and others and to co-operate to ensure statutory duties and obligations are fulfilled.

2 Roles and Responsibilities

2.1 Lake Haven School Board of Proprietors has overall responsibility as the employer to ensure compliance with Health and Safety legislation for the schools. To enable Lake Haven School to meet this requirement the Head Teacher will manage day to day Health and Safety issues and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of staff, pupils, visitors and contractors within school. To ensure a positive approach is taken to Health and Safety Lake Haven School will:

- 2.1.1 determine the school's Health and Safety policy and its implementation
- 2.1.2 allocate sufficient funds for Health and Safety
- 2.1.3 establish clear lines of accountability for Health and Safety
- 2.1.4 periodically assess the effectiveness of the policy and ensure that any necessary changes are made
- 2.1.5 identify and evaluate risks relating to possible accidents and incidents connected with Lake Haven School
- 2.1.6 provide access to competent Health and Safety advice from the Proprietary Body's appointed Health and Safety advisors

3 Head Teacher

3.1 Without limiting the responsibility of the Lake Haven School Board of Proprietors, the Head Teacher will generally oversee the day-to-day management of safety and implementation of this policy within Lake Haven School.

3.2 The Head Teacher will comply with Lake Haven School Health and Safety policy and in particular will:

- 3.2.1 make themselves familiar with any documentation and/or instruction referring to the Health and Safety arrangements for staff, building maintenance or operation of their school and maintain an up to date file of policies and procedures
- 3.2.2 work with trade unions and employee Health and Safety representatives and ensure that all employees are aware of and accountable for their specific Health and Safety responsibilities and duties
- 3.2.3 in the event of any hazard or risk to Health and Safety of any persons under their

control, take appropriate action to remove the hazard

3.2.4 ensure Health and Safety policies, procedures, action plan and risk management programme is implemented as an integral part of business, operational planning and service delivery

3.2.5 liaise with the Lake Haven School Team over issues pertaining to Health and Safety

3.2.6 undertake monitoring and ensure the provision of adequate resources to achieve compliance

3.2.7 ensure that local procedures for the selection and monitoring of contractors are in place

3.2.8 take appropriate action under the Lake Haven School Policy and Procedures against anyone under their control found not complying with Health and Safety policies and/or procedures

3.2.9 ensure staff with Health and Safety responsibilities have access to competent Health and Safety advice

3.3 In addition to their statutory duties, the Head Teacher and teachers have a common law duty of care for pupils which stems from their position in law "in loco parentis".

4 Senior Leadership Team

4.1 The Senior Leadership Team at the school will undertake general responsibility to ensure that all necessary Health and Safety activities, requirements and standards are undertaken and met within their respective areas of control.

4.2 This will be done under the direction of the Head Teacher. Any member of staff with supervisory responsibilities will:

4.2.1 make themselves familiar with and conform to this policy, including any instructions and requirements for safe methods of work

4.2.2 identify hazards, initiate risk assessments, record the significant findings and implement any necessary control measures

4.2.3 check and document that the working environment is safe; equipment, products and materials are used safely; that Health and Safety procedures are effective and complied with and that any necessary remedial action is taken

4.2.4 inform, instruct, train, supervise and communicate with staff and provide them with equipment, materials and clothing as is necessary to enable them to work safely;

to complete the Health and Safety induction checklist for all new employees at the commencement of their employment

4.2.5 report all accidents, incidents and near miss events, undertake an investigation into the cause and take appropriate remedial action to prevent recurrence

4.2.6 be responsible for aspects of Health and Safety included in their job description

4.2.7 organise risk assessments where significant risks are identified and ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, full implementation of any control measures

4.2.8 ensure that all statutory registers and records are adequately kept

4.2.9 ensure the reporting and investigation of all accidents, ensure all persons under their control are aware of the reporting procedure and report accidents involving hospital treatment to the Head Teacher.

5 Health and Safety Officer

5.1 The Health and Safety Officer will assist the Head Teacher to fulfil its responsibilities by overseeing day to day Health and Safety issues are adhered to. This will include:

5.1.1 ensuring the day to day operational requirements of the Health and Safety policy are implemented

5.1.2 ensuring that regular proactive Health and Safety inspections/checks are undertaken to ensure the safety of staff, pupils and visitors.

5.1.3 maintaining an up to date copy of the Health and Safety policy together with all associated documentation relevant to Lake Haven School

5.1.4 notifying the Head Teacher of any Health and Safety concerns and any financial implications identified by the Risk Assessment process

5.1.5 being the focal point for reference on health safety and wellbeing matters and to give advice or indicate source of advice

5.1.6 ensuring the day to day implementation of this policy including the maintenance of appropriate Risk Assessments for School and off-site activities

5.1.7 ensuring that all certification and statutory inspections are kept up to date

5.1.8 to ensure accidents, dangerous occurrences and near misses are investigated, complete and sent to the Head teacher for possible reporting under RIDDOR notifications (F2508) to the enforcing authority

5.1.9 to establish and maintain safe working procedures including (referring to relevant documents) arrangements for ensuring so far as is reasonably practicable, the absence of risks to Health and Safety in connection with the use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances (e.g. chemicals, boiling water and sharp instruments)

5.1.10 to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the provision of sufficient information, instruction, training, supervision, to enable other employees and pupils to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own Health and Safety, as part of the schools Health and Safety training requirements

5.1.11 to ensure where appropriate, relevant advice and guidance on Health and Safety matters is sought

6 Teachers

6.1 The Health and Safety of pupils and Support Staff in classrooms is the responsibility of Teachers.

6.2 Teachers are expected to:

6.2.1 check the classroom area is safe

6.2.2 check equipment used is safe before use

6.2.3 ensure safe procedures are followed

6.2.4 give clear instruction and warnings to pupils and other staff in their classroom, as often as necessary

6.2.5 report defects to the Head Teacher

6.2.6 avoid introducing personal items of equipment (electrical, mechanical) into school without authorisation from the Head Teacher

6.2.7 follow safe working procedures/risk assessments

7 All Staff

7.1 All Lake Haven School staff, agency staff, peripatetic workers and contractors must comply with the school's Health and Safety policy and associated arrangements and, in addition to any specific responsibilities which may be delegated to them, in particular are required to:

7.2.1 take reasonable care for their own Health and Safety at work and of those who may be affected by their actions or by their omissions

7.2.2 cooperate with their line manager and senior management to work safely,

7.2.3 comply with Health and Safety instructions and information and undertake appropriate Health and Safety training as required

7.2.4 not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and wellbeing

7.2.5 report to the Head Teacher any Health and Safety concerns, hazardous condition or defect in the Health and Safety arrangements

7.2.6 support the embedding of a positive safety culture that extends to pupils and any visitors to the site

8 Pupils

8.1 All pupils are expected to behave in a manner that reflects their school's behaviour policy and in particular are expected to:

8.2.1 take reasonable care for their own Health and Safety and of their peers, teachers, support staff and any other person that may be at the school

8.2.2 cooperate with teaching and support staff and follow all Health and Safety instructions given

8.2.3 not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and wellbeing

8.2.4 report to a teacher or other member of school staff any Health and Safety concerns that they may have

9 School Health and Safety Representatives

9.1 Lake Haven School recognise the role of Health and Safety representatives appointed by a recognised Trade Unions. If there are no union appointed safety representatives the Health and Safety Officer will act as the 'champions' for Health and Safety at the school.

Health and Safety representatives or 'champions' will be allowed:

9.2.1 to investigate accidents and potential hazards

9.2.2 to investigate complaints by staff, pupils, parents and visitors about matters relating to health, safety and wellbeing

9.2.3 to make representation to the employer about such matters arising from such complaints and investigations and on general issues affecting health, safety and wellbeing in the workplace

9.2.4 to carry out school inspection within directed time, but wherever practicable outside teaching time

9.2.5 to represent staff in consultation with enforcement agencies

9.2.6 to receive information that inspectors are required to provide

10 Shared Site Users

10.1 Where two or more employers share a workplace, each employer shall co-operate with the other employer's concerns to enable them to comply with their duties under Health and Safety legislation. The school, if they are the primary user of the site and buildings, will have the lead responsibility.

10.2 Where schools are PFI sites, schools will work with the appointed PFI contractor to ensure all Health and Safety matters pertaining to the site and building are met.

10.3 Where the school hires its facilities, it must have a lettings procedure. The procedure covers arrangements for fire evacuation, security, the requirements relating to accident, assault and near miss reporting and the provision of first aid.

10.4 All shared users of the site must agree to:

10.3.1 cooperate and coordinate with the school on Health and Safety matters

10.3.2 provide information relating to any additional risks or procedures which will be new or unusual to those of the school that may arise from their activities

10.3.3 maintain a standard of Health and Safety which is reasonably practicable and at least equivalent to the standard maintained expected by Lake Haven School so as to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all school staff and users

10.3.4 meet the insurance requirements of Lake Haven School and their insurance provider

10.3.5 familiarise themselves with and communicate to their employees/users Lake Haven School Health and Safety arrangements

10.5 The school will ensure that:

10.5.1 the premises are in a safe condition for the purpose of use

10.5.2 adequate arrangements for emergency evacuation are in place and communicated

10.5.3 users are consulted with on Health and Safety matters

10.5.4 The school's Health and Safety arrangements are made available to shared users

Section 2 – Health and Safety Arrangements

The following arrangements will be adopted to ensure that Lake Haven School fulfil their responsibilities and provides the foundation for securing the Health and Safety of employees, and all users of our school.

11 Setting Health and Safety Objectives

11.1 Lake Haven School Board of Proprietors will specifically review progress of Health and Safety objectives at their termly review.

11.2 Where necessary Health and Safety improvements at schools will be identified and included within the school's Health and Safety management action plan. School Health and Safety action plans will be monitored by the School Proprietors.

12 Provision of Effective Health and Safety Training

12.1 Lake Haven School will consider school wide Health and Safety training on an annual basis as part of its training for staff.

12.2 New staff and volunteers will be trained by schools on relevant Health and Safety requirements pertaining to their role as part of their induction.

12.3 Ongoing staff Health and Safety training will be identified as part of staff appraisal.

12.4 Specialist staff, who require specific ongoing training, will have their training provided as and when required by statutory legislation.

13 Provision of an effective joint consultative process

13.1 Lake Haven School Board of Proprietors and the Head Teacher will meet at least once per term. The committees will ensure that Health and Safety concerns are considered and addressed within a clear action plan, with identified responsibilities and target dates.

14 Establishing adequate Health and Safety communication channels

14.1 Communication channels will be established for the exchange of Health and Safety knowledge and information. Where necessary, these communications will be recorded and include:

14.1.1 Lake Haven School Board of Proprietors and Head Teacher meetings

14.1.2 Senior Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings

14.1.3 provision of information relating to safe systems of work and risk assessments

14.1.4 training provided

14.1.5 communications with relevant specialist advisors and bodies

14.2 Where Health and Safety issues cannot be resolved at school level, they will be escalated through to the Lake Haven Proprietors.

15 Financial resources

15.1 The Head Teacher will review the school budget to determine if adequate resources are being deployed to ensure adequate Health and Safety management and control.

15.2 Financial expenditure on Health and Safety will be monitored by the Lake Haven School proprietors as part of the annual budget process and external Health and Safety audits.

16 Specialist advice/support

16.1 Lake Haven School will ensure that it has access to competent technical advice on Health and Safety matters to assist in meeting their Health and Safety objectives; this will be achieved by accessing the services of their appointed Health and Safety Advisors.

Section 3 – Health and Safety Procedures

17 Accident and Assaults

17.1 All accidents, assaults and near miss incidents will be reported in the accident book or agreed reporting form within 24 hours of occurrence; RIDDOR reportable incidents, as per the HSE's Information Sheet EDIS1 (rev3), will be reported to the HSE within the required timescale.

17.2 All incidents will be investigated in an attempt to identify the root cause: relevant local policies, procedures and risk assessments will be reviewed and revised as required. All premises related issues will be addressed in a timely manner. Any relevant learning from investigations will be communicated to relevant staff, pupils etc.

17.3 Accident, assaults and near miss incidents will be monitored at least termly as part of the Business and Finance committees; identification of significant trends or major incidents will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team as required with information communicated to the School Proprietors as required.

17.4 Employee and pupil forms/records are to be retained in line with the school's Data Retention and Destruction Policy. Where there has been potential exposure to radiation or asbestos, records should be retained for 40 years; further guidance can be obtained from the school's appointed Health and Safety advisors and Data Protection Officer.

18 Health and Safety Audits

18.1 Lake Haven School Health and Safety management will be audited every two years. The School Proprietors view this process as a positive assessment of Health and Safety management and take appropriate action to continually improve Health and Safety across the schools.

19 Contractor Management

19.1 Lake Haven School will ensure that the highest levels of safety is achieved by all contractors on site at their PFI and non-PFI schools and will ensure that:

19.1.1 competent contractors are used

19.1.2 clear specifications of works are drawn up by a competent person

19.1.3 pre-start meetings take place to discuss how works will be managed, responsibilities, codes of conduct and to assess new hazards that may be introduced to the site

19.1.4 key contacts are identified

19.1.5 regular update meetings take place throughout any works/projects

19.1.6 works are visually monitored and any concerns immediately reported

19.1.7 works are signed off and any associated certification and documentation is obtained

19.1.8 all users of the school site remain in a safe environment for the duration of the works

20 Control of Hazardous Substances

20.1 Lake Haven School will ensure it complies with the HSE's approved code of practice '*Control of substances hazardous to health*' (L5) relating to the management and control of hazardous substances on site.

Lake Haven school will ensure:

20.1.1 an inventory of all hazardous substances on site is kept and updated regularly

20.1.2 wherever possible non-hazardous substances are used and if this is not possible the least harmful substance is used

20.1.3 a COSHH risk assessment will be completed for all hazardous substances used and shared with relevant staff

20.1.4 wherever possible exposure to hazardous substances is prevented, where exposure cannot be prevented, a risk assessment will be carried out and controls measures implemented

20.1.5 where identified as part of the risk assessment, appropriate PPE will be provided to staff

20.1.6 any need for exposure monitoring or health surveillance will be carried out

20.1.7 sufficient information, instruction and training is given to staff to ensure full understanding of the hazards to health posed by substances in the workplace, and the importance of control measures provided

20.1.8 training records are maintained for those who receive training

20.1.9 information will also be given to others who may be affected, such as contractors, temporary staff and visitors

20.1.10 only substances purchased through the schools procurement systems can be used onsite

20.1.11 substances are stored correctly and those that are no longer used disposed of properly

20.1.12 COSHH risk assessments are monitored regularly and reviewed annually

21 Dealing with Health and Safety emergencies - procedures and contacts

21.1 As per legal requirements all dangerous occurrences and near miss incidents that are RIDDOR reportable incidents, will be reported to the HSE within the required timescale.

21.2 All incidents will be investigated in an attempt to identify the root cause: relevant local policies, procedures and risk assessments will be reviewed and revised as required. All premises related issues will be addressed in a timely manner. Any relevant learning from investigations and changes to procedures will be communicated to relevant staff, pupils, volunteers and site users.

21.3 In the event of a Bomb threat the school will undertake an emergency evacuation of the school in line with Lake Haven School's Lock Down procedure.

22 Defective Equipment and Premises

22.1 Lake Haven School has a defect reporting procedure whereby any damage or defect to the premises or equipment and furnishings is reported to the Health and Safety Officer. Defective equipment is isolated and labelled as defective to prevent use until replaced or repaired. Where premises defects are identified an immediate assessment should be carried out to decide whether an area should be isolated or cordoned off whilst awaiting repair.

23 Display Screen Equipment (DSE)

23.1 Lake Haven School acknowledges that staff that 'habitually' use DSE should have suitable equipment for which to undertake the tasks that they are required to carry out, knows how to safely use the equipment and have a DSE assessment which is reviewed at suitable intervals.

Lake Haven School will ensure that:

23.1.1 all static workstations used by staff meet the minimum standards required

23.1.2 equipment is maintained in good working condition

23.1.3 staff are aware of best practice in using DSE and issued with relevant information

23.1.4 staff whose roles require significant use of DSE are prioritised for individual assessment

23.1.5 assessments are reviewed at least bi-annually, earlier if there are significant changes to equipment/layout and individual health

23.1.6 a trained DSE assessor is available

24 Driving

24.1 All staff that drive their own cars for work purposes must have a full UK driving licence, fully insured and maintain their vehicle in a roadworthy condition in line with [DVLA requirements](#).

24.2 All staff must comply with the [Highway Code](#) at all times.

24.3 Where staff are required to drive a minibus as part of their duties the school will ensure they hold the correct classification on their driving licence, meet specific driving criteria, and will be provided with formal driver training.

24.4 For staff that transport pupils either in school or their own transport, licence checks will be completed 6 monthly.

24.5 Risk assessments will be documented for all situations where pupils are transported off site either as part of the off-site visit or separately as necessary.

25 Electrical Systems and Equipment

25.1 Lake Haven School maintains and services electrical systems and equipment in line with statutory guidance and best practice. Electrical systems (hard wiring) is periodically inspected every 5 years by a competent contractor and records maintained; any remedial works recommended are acted upon in a timely manner.

25.2 Portable electric appliances have a portable appliance test (PAT) carried out, in line with HSE guidance '*Maintaining portable electrical equipment in offices and other low environments*' (INDG236), by a competent contractor with records maintained.

25.3 Staff are instructed to undertake a visual inspection of equipment prior to use and not to use any equipment that appears damaged or defective. Defective electrical equipment should be reported to the school's appointed member of staff.

26 Fire safety

26.1 Lake Haven School is committed to providing a safe environment for both staff and pupils.

26.2 Lake Haven School will manage the risk of fire by ensuring:

26.2.1 a comprehensive fire risk assessment is in place, reviewed annually and any actions/improvements identified are progressed given consideration to risk and cost

26.2.2 a detailed fire and emergency plan has been developed that clearly details actions to be taken when a fire is identified or suspected, individual responsibilities and arrangements for safe evacuation

26.2.3 statutory inspections are carried out on all fire related systems and equipment either by competent contractors or in house by trained staff

26.2.4 all staff receive fire awareness training that is regularly updated and fire marshals receive role specific training

26.2.5 A fire drill is undertaken at least termly to practise evacuation and ensure the evacuation plan is working as expected.

27 First-aid

27.1 Adequate first aid arrangements are assessed and maintained at the school and for all activities that the school leads.

27.2 Lake Haven School will ensure that:

27.2.1 the number of first aiders meets recommendations and adequate cover is available to cover for unexpected absences

27.2.2 all first aiders hold a valid certificate of competence, the school will maintain a register of all qualified staff and will arrange re-training as necessary

27.2.3 first aid notices are clearly displayed around the school

27.2.4 sufficient numbers of suitably stocked first aid boxes are available and checked regularly to ensure they are adequately stocked

27.2.5 a suitable area is available for provision of first aid

27.2.6 staff are regularly informed of first aid arrangements within school, through induction, teacher training days and the staff handbook which is issued annually

27.2.7 where first aid has been administered this is recorded in the first aid treatment book

27.2.8 correct reporting procedures are followed

28 Administration Medication

28.1 Lake Haven School will ensure that it complies with the Department for Education Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions December 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions--3>. The Lake Haven School Medication Policy and Management Procedure is in place which details all the school's arrangements.

28.2 Our school will only administer 'prescribed' medication as detailed in an individual health care plan as completed by parent/guardian and/or medical practitioner.

28.3 All staff who undertake assistance with the administration of medication do so on a voluntary basis. Where training is required to administer medication training will be provided for staff.

28.4 All medication must be clearly labelled with pupil details and, where necessary, kept in a secure safe place.

28.5 All medication administered to pupils will be fully recorded using the Department for Education Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions templates

29 Management of asbestos

29.1 Lake Haven School will ensure that it complies with the HSE's approved code of practice L143 Managing and working with asbestos Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. Approved Code of Practice and guidance. Lake Haven School is committed to preventing exposure to asbestos fibres to all persons that enter onto its premises.

29.2 There are no identified or suspected asbestos containing materials at Lake Haven. However, an annual visual inspection will be undertaken and documented.

29.3 Prior to any works that will or has the potential to alter the fabric of the building; a refurbishment and demolition survey will be procured in order to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the materials being disturbed prior to any works commencing.

30 Moving and handling

30.1 Lake Haven School will ensure that it complies with the HSE's approved code of practice 'Manual handling. Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 (as amended). Guidance on Regulations (L23).

30.2 Within Lake Haven School there are a variety of moving and handling tasks that may be necessary; this could range from moving files to assisting an individual with mobility issues. Lake Haven School manages the risk associated with moving and handling tasks by ensuring that:

30.2.1 moving and handling is avoided whenever possible

30.2.2 if it cannot be avoided, moving and handling is properly planned, has a relevant risk assessment, is carried out by competent staff and carried out in a manner which is, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe

30.2.3 those undertaking specific moving and handling tasks have received appropriate training and training records are maintained

30.2.4 any equipment provided to assist with moving and handling tasks is maintained and serviced in accordance with statutory requirements

30.2.5 any defective equipment is taken out of use until repaired or is replaced

30.2.6 an individual risk assessment will be completed for all new or expectant mothers and staff with identified medical conditions that may be affected by undertaking moving and handling tasks, these may result in some moving and handling task being restricted

30.2.7 any accidents resulting from manual handling operations will be investigated to identify root causes and implement additional controls as required

31 Glazing

31.1 Lake Haven School will ensure that it complies with the Workplace (Health, Safety and Wellbeing) Regulations 1992 in existing buildings and Document N of the Building Regulations 2000 (as amended) which covers new buildings. All glazing at Lake Haven School will meet the regulations and conform with EN12600.

31.2 Lake Haven School will manage the risks associated with glazing safety by ensuring that:

31.2.1 having in place an up to date glazing audit conducted by a competent person

31.2.2 having a glazing safety risk assessment

31.2.3 any glazing conforms to the relevant standards and risk codes

32 Outdoor Play Equipment

32.1 Lake Haven School will ensure all outdoor play equipment will conform to BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177.

32.2 Lake Haven School will manage the risk associated with the play equipment by ensuring that:

32.2.1 pre use checks on outdoor play equipment will be undertaken by a staff before equipment is used by pupils. All pre use checks will be recorded.

32.2.2 An annual inspection/maintenance of the play equipment will be undertaken by RPII Inspector. The school should respond to any actions reported within a timely manner.

32.2.3 An up to date risk assessment will be kept to ensure the equipment and pupil activities are appropriately supervised and remain safe.

32.2.4 Any defective equipment should be reported immediately to the Head Teacher, Health and Safety Office and the Site Manager. Defective equipment should be put out of use until it can be repaired or removed.

33 Occupational health services and work-related stress

33.1 Lake Haven School acknowledges that there are many factors both work related and personal that may contribute to its employees falling ill health, including stress.

33.2 Lake Haven School will follow the principles of the HSE guidance '*Managing the causes of work-related stress*' (HSG 218). The following arrangements are in place in the school to manage staff health issues:

33.2.1 employees are advised that it is their responsibility to inform the Head Teacher or another member of the Senior Leadership Team of any ill health issues

33.2.2 An appropriate senior member of staff will meet and discuss the ill health issues with the employee and consider what actions could be taken to support the staff member and where appropriate assist in reducing stress levels. An individual risk assessment will be undertaken taking in account the HSE Management standards. This assessment will then be reviewed with the member of staff to monitor progress

33.2.3 The member of staff will be offered a referral to an occupational health professional for advice and support, e.g. counselling, etc.

33.2.4 the member of staff will be advised that support can also be provided through their trade union

33.2.5 a series of regular review meetings will be scheduled to monitor ill health and stress levels where they have been identified

33.2.6 if it is identified that there is a high occurrence of staff ill health or stress within the school, the Head Teacher will actively seek support to undertake a holistic assessment to identify what the possible root cause may be and implement a plan to improve the situation

34 Off-site visits including school-led adventure activities

34.1 Lake Haven School adopts the National Guidance of The Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel for the Management of Off-site visits and Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) activities. Lake Haven School specific Educational Visits Policy details school arrangements which include:

34.1.1 having a school specific Educational Visits Policy detailing local arrangements

34.1.2 each school having a trained Educational Visits Coordinator to oversee visits

34.1.3 ensuring only competent staff lead visits

35 Risk Assessment

35.1 Risk assessments are undertaken for tasks/activities where significant hazards have been identified or where there is a foreseeable risk of injury/ill health. Lake Haven

School risk assessment process follows the HSE Controlling Risk in the Workplace INDG163 (Rev 4) published 08/14.

35.2 Within Lake Haven School various members of staff are tasked with the development of risk assessments based on their knowledge, experience and competence. Staff that undertake risk assessments on behalf of the school will be trained in hazard/risk reduction techniques to ensure they fully understand the risk assessment process. Relevant staff are involved in the development of risk assessments prior to consultation with all staff to which they are relevant prior to sign off. Risk assessments are accessible to staff at all times via the risk assessment folder, located in the school office and on the schools ICT system.

35.3 Risk assessment templates are available on Lake Haven's Google Drive.

36 Statutory Inspections

36.1 Lake Haven School ensures that statutory inspections are undertaken at required intervals for all plant and equipment required. A table detailing required inspections, date of last inspection, date of next inspection and who is undertaking the inspection has been developed and this is monitored by the Head Teacher and Health and Safety Officer to ensure inspections are on target and compliant.

37 Preventing workplace harassment and violence

37.1 Lake Haven School is committed to providing a safe and secure working and educational environment for staff, pupils and any other persons on its site. Where applicable, in addition to the control measures identified in an individual pupil's physical intervention plan or and lone working risk assessment, the following procedures are in place:

Staff are advised to do the following when in a meeting where conflict may be possible:

37.1.1 avoid confrontation if possible

37.1.2 withdraw from situation

37.1.3 arrange seating so that a clear escape route from the room to a place of safety is available. Sit near the door, or use a room with two doors

37.1.4 follow measures/ procedures identified in violence and assaults risk assessment

37.1.5 contact emergency services, as appropriate.

37.1.6 inform the Head Teacher or a member of the senior management team if confrontation has taken place

37.2 Lake Haven School will:

37.2.1 ensure the Head Teacher or member of the Senior Leadership Team speak to staff involved in any incident

37.2.2 have in place procedures for the reporting of incidents

37.2.3 offer counselling/ support as deemed appropriate

37.2.4 provision of training on how to manage conflict and aggression as required

37.2.5 review specific risk assessment and procedures following any incident

37.2.6 report the details of any incident to other authorities as deemed appropriate

38 Water hygiene management

38.1 Lake Haven School will ensure it complies with the HSE approved code of practice *'Legionnaires' disease - The control of legionella bacteria in water systems'*(L8).

38.2 Lake Haven School will:

38.2.1 commission a bi-annual Legionella risk assessment and ensure actions identified are acted upon.

38.2.2 commission a competent external contractor to undertake water sampling and routine cleaning and disinfection of water systems

38.2.3 ensure school's Health and Safety Officer is suitably trained/competent to undertake monitoring/testing activities required by the Legionella risk assessment

38.2.4 ensure regular flushing of outlets is completed by Senior member of staff.

38.2.5 ensure the Health and Safety Officer undertakes monthly monitoring of water systems including temperature readings

39 Working at height

39.1 Lake Haven School will follow the principles of the HSE guidance *'The Work at Height Regulations 2005 (as amended) A brief guide' (INDG40)*. Lake Haven Schools may use a variety of access equipment for working at height tasks, ranging from kick stools for short low risk access such as the putting up displays, step ladders and ladders for short duration works.

39.2 Lake Haven School will ensure that:

39.2.1 work at height is avoided whenever possible

39.2.2 if it cannot be avoided, work at height is properly planned, has a relevant risk assessment, is carried out by competent staff and carried out in a manner which is, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe

39.2.3 those undertaking work at height have received appropriate training and training records are maintained

39.2.4 all access equipment (ladders and step ladders) is identified and inspected annually

39.2.5 any equipment provided to assist with working at height tasks is maintained and serviced in accordance with statutory requirements

39.2.6 any defective equipment is taken out of use until repaired or is replaced

39.2.7 an individual risk assessment will be completed for all new or expectant mothers and staff with identified medical conditions that may be affected by undertaking working at height tasks, these may result in some working at height tasks being restricted

39.2.8 any accidents resulting from working at height will be investigated to identify root causes and implement additional controls as required.

40 Infection Control

40.1 Lake Haven School will follow the guidance issued by the Public Health Agency on infection control in schools and other childcare settings.

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

41 Working alone

41.1 Lake Haven School acknowledges that there will be times that some staff work either alone or in what is considered an isolated environment. To manage the risk to staff of working alone the following arrangements are in place:

41.1.1 The premises and grounds have robust security systems in place to prevent unauthorised persons from gaining access to the site or premises.

41.1.2 Local arrangements are in place for staff who are working alone so that they have regular monitoring visits/communication depending on the situation.

41.1.3 Staff advised to alert the senior leadership team of any medical conditions that

have the potential to increase the risks of working alone.

41.1.4 Only tasks considered low risk will be undertaken when working alone.

41.1.5 If lone working is required off site e.g. Home Visits specific risk assessments will be undertaken.

Section 3 – Health and Safety Monitoring

42 Health and Safety Health Checks and Audits

42.1 Lake Haven School recognises the importance of undertaking regular formal health checks and audits to ensure that the premises remain a safe working and educational environment for staff and pupils. A formal annual health check or audit is undertaken with findings documented and any actions allocated with remedial actions. This inspection is undertaken by Lake Haven School's appointed Health and Safety advisors. The findings are reviewed with actions monitored at the Business and Finance committee of the school and the Proprietors. It is recognised that inspections alone will not keep a premises safe and there is an expectation that staff will report any defects/damage to premises and equipment to their school's responsible member of staff.

43 Monitoring and review

43.1 This Health and Safety Policy together with the associated procedures and Health and Safety health checks and audits, accident statistics will be reviewed by the School Proprietor on a termly basis.

43.2 In order to substantiate that Health and Safety standards are actually being achieved, Lake Haven School will measure performance against action plans and objectives. Any areas where the standards are not being met will require remedial action.

43.3 Lake Haven School will use the following types of systems to measure Health and Safety performance:

Active monitoring systems

43.3.1 spot checks and termly site inspections will be undertaken

43.3.2 documents relating to the promotion of the Health and Safety culture will be

regularly examined and reviewed

43.3.3 appropriate statutory inspections on premises, plant and equipment will be undertaken

43.3.4 where necessary, health surveillance and environmental monitoring systems will be implemented to check the effectiveness of health control methods and to detect early signs of harm to health

Reactive monitoring systems

43.3.5 identifying where Health and Safety standards are not being met, by monitoring for failures in the systems - such as accidents, cases of ill health (work-related sickness), damage to property, etc

Reporting and response systems

43.3.6 ensuring that monitoring information is received, having regard to situations which create an immediate risk to health or safety, as well as longer-term trends and ensuring remedial action is taken

43.3.7 The Board of Directors, Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team will all receive and consider reports on Health and Safety performance.

Investigation systems

43.3.8 prioritising investigation of incidents which indicate the greatest risk and the identification of both the immediate and the underlying causes of events

43.3.9 analysing data to identify common features or trends and initiate improvements

43.3.10 where cases of occupational ill-health are to be investigated

43.3.11 where complaints relating to occupational Health and Safety are to be recorded and investigated

43.3.12 where accidents/incidents and assaults with the potential to cause injury, ill-health or loss are to be reported, recorded and appropriately investigated

44 Third Party Monitoring/ Inspection

44.1 Lake Haven School will be subject to third party inspection and monitoring, as part of Ofsted requirements, HSE inspection regime, Fire Service Inspection regime etc. Actions arising from third party audit/inspection will be incorporated within the school's Health and Safety action plan with appropriate target dates for completion.