



FIRE RISK POLICY

Person(s) responsible for this policy		Bursar, Estates Bursar	
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Streatham & Clapham High School recognises that fire can have a devastating effect on life as well as the school's business and activities. The risk of fire and its consequences will be reduced if this policy and its supporting procedures are followed.

Aim

It is the policy of the school, so far as reasonably practicable, to:

- safeguard all persons on the school premises from death or injury in the event of fire.
- minimise the risk of fire and limit the spread of fire if it occurs
- minimise the potential for fire to disrupt teaching and routine school business, destroy unique materials, cause damage to buildings and equipment and harm the environment.
- comply with the requirements of legislation relating to fire and fire safety.

Duties & responsibilities

In particular, the school will ensure that:

- all premises are subjected to a fire risk assessment and where risks are identified, action is taken to implement appropriate control measures and remove the risk or reduce it as far as is reasonably practicable. All fire risk assessments will be regularly reviewed especially considering alterations to buildings or changes in building use.
- measures are taken to protect buildings, building works, installations and equipment from fire commensurate with the risks to life and appropriate to the value of teaching and commercial importance of assets. This includes: (but is not limited to) fire prevention training, the provision of means of escape, adequate emergency lighting, means of giving warning and of firefighting.
- all new buildings and refurbishments are designed, specified and constructed in accordance with all relevant fire safety legislation.
- maintenance of buildings is designed, specified and carried out in accordance with all relevant fire safety legislation
- effective management procedures are in place to respond to any fire or emergency and to deal with aftermath.
- appropriate instruction is given to all persons on school premises in relation to fire safety and appropriate fire safety training is given to designated staff who have an active role in the implementation of fire precautions and emergency situations.

All pupils, staff and visitors must:

- cooperate with managers and supervisors and those with fire safety responsibilities
- ensure they know what to do in the event of fire, leave equipment in a safe condition and be familiar with escape routes from their work location.
- consider the risk of fire from their activities and reduce or control that risk.
- not interfere with or abuse any equipment provided for fire safety.

- check during the weekly alarm tests whether the fire alarm is audible in their areas of work and report any deficiencies.
- if disabled, be familiar with their personal emergency evacuation plan and take responsibility for keeping it up to date.

Internal Monitoring

Fire safety arrangements and systems across the school site will be subject to regular monitoring. This will be done through fire risk assessment and general inspections of buildings and equipment by the DFO/ Estates Bursar and premises (caretaking) staff, and through formal audit and monitoring processes. Appropriate records will be kept.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with School Fire Risk Policy will be viewed as a serious matter and grounds for action under the school's disciplinary procedures.

Review and Update Arrangements:

This policy will be reviewed annually by the DFO and Fire Officer and revised or updated as necessary.