



SoundSkool Music

Health and Safety Policy

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Statement of intent

At **SoundSkool**, we are committed to the health and safety of our staff, students, and visitors. Ensuring the safety of our community is of paramount importance and this policy reflects our dedication to creating a safe learning environment.

We are committed to:

- Providing a safe and supportive environment that promotes effective learning and working.
- Preventing accidents, injuries, and work-related illnesses through proactive risk management.
- Complying with all relevant statutory health and safety requirements and guidance,
- Conducting regular risk assessments and implementing policies to minimise hazards.
- Ensuring all equipment and working methods meet safety standards.
- Involving staff and representatives in health and safety planning and decision-making.
- Monitoring, reviewing, and continuously improving our health and safety practices.
- Setting ambitious targets to foster a culture of safety and continuous improvement across the college.
- Providing adequate welfare facilities and ensuring they are accessible to all.
- Allocating sufficient resources to address health and safety concerns, as far as is reasonably practicable

1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH)
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015
- The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
- The Education (College Premises) Regulations 1999
- The Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017 (IRR17)
- The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 (Natasha's Law)

This policy has due regard to national guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2022) 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for colleges'
- DfE (2017) 'Safe storage and disposal of hazardous materials and chemicals'
- HSE (2024) 'Sensible health and safety management in colleges'
- DfE (2022) 'First aid in colleges, early years and colleges'
- UK Health Security Agency (2024) 'Health protection in children and young people settings, including education'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following college policies:

- First Aid Policy
- Risk Assessment Policy
- Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)
- Full and Partial Lockdown Procedure

2. Roles and responsibilities

The CEO in conjunction with the Head of College, will:

- Ensure it provides a safe place for all users of the site, including staff, students and visitors.
- Oversee that staff receive training and instruction so that they can perform their duties in a healthy and safe manner.
- Ensure whole-college familiarity with the requirements of the appropriate legislation and codes of practice.
- Create and monitor a management structure responsible for health and safety in the college.
- Ensure there is a detailed and enforceable policy for health and safety, and that the policy is implemented by all.
- Assess the effectiveness of the policy and ensure any necessary changes are made annually.
- Identify the risks relating to possible accidents and injuries and make reasonable adjustments to prevent them occurring.
- Ensure the college has secured safe means of entry and exit for all site users.
- Ensure the college can provide equipment, grounds and systems of work which are safe.
- Ensure safe arrangements are made for the handling, storage and transportation of any articles and substances.
- Ensure staff have safe and healthy working conditions that comply with statutory requirements, codes of practice and guidance.
- Where necessary, ensure the college can provide protective equipment and clothing, along with any necessary guidance and instruction for safe use.

The Head of College will:

- Have overall responsibility for the day-to-day development and implementation of safe working practices and conditions for all staff, students and visitors.
- Set the direction for effective health and safety management.
- Introduce management systems and practices that ensure risks are dealt with sensibly, responsibly and proportionately.
- Review this policy and its effectiveness annually.
- Take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure this policy is implemented by the heads of the appropriate departments and other members of staff.

All members of staff will:

- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and that of others who may be affected by what they do at work.
- Cooperate with their employers on health and safety matters.
- Carry out their work in accordance with training and instructions.
- Inform the employer of any work situation representing a serious and immediate danger, so that remedial action can be taken.

- Familiarise themselves with the Health and Safety Policy and aspects of their work related to health and safety
- Avoid any conduct which puts themselves or others at risk
- Be familiar with all requirements laid down by the governing board.
- Ensure that all staff, students and visitors are applying health and safety regulations and adhering to any rules, routines and procedures in place
- Ensure all machinery and equipment is in good working order and safe to use, including adequate guards, and ensure such equipment is not used improperly.
- Use the correct equipment and tools for the job and any protective clothing supplied.
- Ensure any toxic, hazardous or flammable substances are used correctly, and stored and labelled as appropriate.
- Report any defects in equipment or facilities to the designated health and safety officer.
- Take an interest in health and safety matters and suggest any changes that they feel are appropriate.
- Make suggestions as to how the college can reduce the risk of injuries, illnesses and accidents.
- Exercise good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness.
- Adhere to their common law duty to act as a prudent parent would when in charge of students.

Students will:

- Exercise personal responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and others.
- Dress in a manner that is consistent with safety and hygiene standards.
- Respond to instructions given by staff in an emergency.
- Observe the health and safety rules of the college.
- Not misuse, neglect or interfere with items supplied for their, and other students', health and safety.

3. Training and first aid

The college will ensure that staff are provided with the health and safety training they need for their job. This may not always mean attendance at training courses; it may simply involve providing staff with basic instructions and information about health and safety in the college.

Staff will be provided with regular training opportunities and have access to support where needed. Staff are expected to undertake appropriate CPD in order to further contribute to the running and success of the college.

Staff will be trained on how to:

- Assess risks specific to their role.
- Meet their roles and responsibilities identified within this policy

Where relevant to their role, staff will receive specific training in:

- Using industrial machinery
- Managing asbestos.
- Having responsibility for the storage and accountability for potentially hazardous materials

First aid

The college will act in accordance with the First Aid Policy at all times. The college will ensure that ample provision is made for both trained personnel and first-aid equipment on-site.

The college will carry out a first aid needs assessment in order to help inform the First Aid Policy and to assess the first aid needs appropriate to the circumstances of the college.

When conducting a first aid needs assessment, the college will consider:

- The college site.
- Students and staff members.
- The hazards and risks present.

The Head of College will ensure that there is an appropriate number of first aid trained staff members working within in each classroom.

The following staff members are trained first-aiders:

Name	Department	Location	Extension no.	Certification expiry date
Pamela Chrisite	Senior Leadership Team	SoundSkool 69-85 Old Street/ Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT		September 2026
Giza Smith	Senior Leadership Team	SoundSkool 69-85 Old Street/ Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT		September 2026
Nick Crivello	Soapbox Manager	SoundSkool 69-85 Old Street		July 2026
Keeley Reed	Dragon Hall	Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT		July 2026
Michaela Crivello	Dragon Hall	Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT		July 2026
Eugenia Da Silva	Dragon Hall/ Soapbox	SoundSkool 69-85 Old Street/ Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT		July 2026

First aid boxes are located as follows, and the named staff members are responsible for their secure storage and use:

Location	Responsible staff member
First Aid Cupboard Kitchen Ground Floor SoundSkool 69-85 Old Street EC1V 9HX	Pamela Chrisite Giza Smith Nick Crivello
Office/Server Room SoundSkool 69-85 Old Street EC1V 9HX	Pamela Christie Giza Smith Nick Crivello
Main Office First floor Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT	Pamela Christie Giza Smith Keeley Reed Michaela Crivello
Kitchen Ground Floor Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B 5LT	Pamela Christie Giza Smith Keeley Reed Michaela Crivello

4. Contacting the emergency services

The Head of College will certify that procedures for ensuring safety precautions are properly managed are discussed, formulated and effectively disseminated to all staff.

Staff will contact the emergency services in an emergency. Staff will alert their colleagues to the incident, if it is safe and appropriate to do so, using two-way radios.

Where an ambulance is called for a student, admin staff will contact the student's parent. Where necessary, all students will be evacuated from the building and taken to the designated emergency assembly point – currently, this is:

SoundSkool, Soapbox, 69 - 85 Old Street

EC1V Designated meeting point

Corner of Central Street and Old Street across the road from Soapbox, by the traffic lights.

SoundSkool Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley Street London WC2B

5LT Designated meeting point

Upon leaving the building walk towards Drury Lane, but staying on Stukeley Street.

Staff will be aware of any students who have PEEPs. Staff will be responsible for the safety of students and responding to any questions from the emergency services, as best they can.

5. Accident reporting and investigation

All accidents and incidents, including near-misses or dangerous occurrences, will be reported as soon as possible to the health and safety officer using the standard Accident Report Form.

The health and safety officer will be responsible for informing the Head of College if the accident is fatal or a 'major injury', as outlined by the HSE.

More in-depth information concerning reporting accidents and near-misses can be found in the following sections of this policy.

The college will always record and report work-related injuries to staff members or students.

Reporting significant accidents

Significant accidents, as defined in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013, will be reported to the HSE at the earliest opportunity.

The college will always report 'specified injuries' to the HSE without delay. These injuries include the following:

- Accidents to employees causing either death or major injury
- Accidents resulting in employees being away from work or being unable to perform their normal work duties for more than seven consecutive days (this seven-day period does not include the day of the accident)
- Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs and toes
- Amputation of an arm, hand, finger, thumb, leg, foot or toe
- Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight in one or both eyes
- Any crush injury to the head or torso, causing damage to the brain or internal organs
- Serious burn injuries (including scalding) which cover more than 10 percent of the whole body's surface area or cause significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs
- Any scalping requiring hospital treatment
- Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia
- Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness, or that requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours

Additional reportable occurrences include the following:

- The collapse, overturning or failure of any load-bearing part of any lifting equipment
- The explosion, collapse or bursting of any closed vessel or pipe work
- Electrical short circuit or overload resulting in a fire or explosion

- Unintentional explosion, misfire or failure of demolition to cause the intended collapse, projection of material beyond a site boundary, or injury caused by an explosion
- Any accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
- Any collapse or partial collapse of scaffolding over five metres in height
- When a dangerous substance being conveyed by road is involved in a fire or is released
- The unintended collapse of any building or structure under construction, alteration or demolition, including walls or floors
- Any explosion or fire resulting in the suspension of normal work for over 24 hours
- Any sudden, uncontrolled release in a building of: 200kg or more of flammable liquid, 10kg or more of flammable liquid above its boiling point, 10kg or more of flammable gas, or 500kg or more of these substances if the release is in the open air
- Accidental release of any substances which may damage health
- Serious gas incidents
- Poisonings
- Skin diseases including, but not limited to: occupational dermatitis, skin cancer, chrome ulcer, or oil folliculitis/acne
- Lung diseases including, but not limited to: occupational asthma, farmer's lung, asbestosis, or mesothelioma
- Infections including, but not limited to: leptospirosis, hepatitis, anthrax, legionellosis, or tetanus
- Other conditions such as occupational cancer, certain musculoskeletal disorders, decompression illness and hand-arm vibration syndrome

The college will also report occupational diseases upon receipt of a written diagnosis from a doctor that a staff member has a reportable disease linked to occupational exposure. These include the following:

- Carpel tunnel syndrome
- Severe cramp of the hand or forearm
- Occupational dermatitis, e.g. from work involving strong acids or alkalis
- Hand-arm vibration syndrome
- Occupational asthma, e.g. from wood dust and soldering using rosin flux
- Tendonitis or tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm
- Any occupational cancer
- Any disease attributed to an occupational exposure to a biological agent

Work-related stress and stress-related illnesses will not be reported since they are not usually just one distinct event. RIDDOR stipulates that to be reportable, an injury must have resulted from an accident arising out of or in connection with work.

The college will only report accidents that are:

- Discrete.
- Identifiable.
- Unintended incidents which cause physical injury.

Reporting procedures



Should an incident require reporting to the Incident Control Centre (ICC) (part of the HSE), the health and safety officer, or a person appointed on their behalf, will file a report as soon as is reasonably possible. The person will complete the relevant report on the HSE website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>. The college will not submit written accident reports to the HSE, except for in exceptional circumstances. The college will report all accidents and injuries online where possible using the above web address. Fatal and specified injuries, as outlined in section 9, may only be reported using the telephone service on 0845 300 9923, open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

Reporting hazards

Staff, students, contractors and visitors have a legal duty to report any condition or practice they deem to be a hazard. In most cases, reporting should be conducted verbally as soon as possible, who will then inform the Head of College as appropriate. Serious hazards will be reported using the appropriate form

Accident investigation

All accidents, however minor, will be investigated by the head of college and CEO and the outcomes recorded. The length of time dedicated to each investigation will vary on the seriousness of the accident. After an investigation takes place, a risk assessment will be carried out, or the existing assessment amended, to avoid reoccurrence of the accident.

The health and safety officer will undertake monthly evaluations of all reported incidents. They will then identify patterns and trends in order to take corrective action and minimise the reoccurrence of any incident or illness.

6. Active monitoring system

The college's procedure for actively monitoring its system will include:

- Annual audits, including fire risk assessments and health and safety audits.
- Termly examination of documents to ensure compliance with standards.
- Termly inspection of premises, plants and equipment.
- Monthly reports and updates to the Head of College.
- External measures, such as surveys by contractors and service providers, along with visits from Environmental Health and Ofsted.

7...Risk assessment

The Head of College has overall responsibility for ensuring potential hazards are identified and risk assessments are completed for all areas in the college. The health and safety officer will be consulted when risk assessments are being carried out.

Termly assessments of high-risks will be undertaken. Annual risk assessments will be conducted for all other areas of the college. Risk assessments will consider the needs of staff, students, visitors and contractors. Risk assessments will identify all defects and potential risks along with the necessary solutions or control measures.

Risk assessments will be reviewed if:

- There is any reason to suspect that they are no longer valid.
- There has been a significant change in related matters.
- The governing board will be informed of risk assessments, allowing issues to be prioritised and actions to be authorised, along with funds and resources.

The college will record any significant findings of any risk assessments, including the following:

- The identified hazards
- How people might be harmed by them
- What the college has implemented to control the risk

The college will appoint an educational visits coordinator and ensure they receive the training necessary to carry out the role. Where there is no educational visits coordinator, the Head of College will perform this duty. The educational visits coordinator will ensure risk assessments are completed by staff leading day trips or residential stays.

8. Slips and trips

In line with HSE guidance, control measures are in place to effectively control slip and trip risks. The college utilises the following procedure:

- Identify the hazards – risk factors considered include:
 - Environmental (floor, steps, slopes, etc.)
 - Contamination (water, food, litter, etc.)
 - Organisational (task, safety, culture, etc.)
 - Footwear
 - Individual factors (rain, supervision, pedestrian behaviour, etc.)
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Consider the risks and decide if existing precautions are sufficient, or if further measures need to be introduced
- Record the findings
- Review the assessment regularly and revise if necessary

The college will remain especially vigilant to the following hazards:

- Members of staff or students running or carrying heavy or awkward items
- Wearing unsuitable footwear
- Poor lighting – particularly where there are uneven surfaces and level changes
- Contamination
- Obstructions, e.g. bags and trailing cables

9. Fire safety

All staff fully understand and effectively implement the fire evacuation plan, which will be implemented in the event of a fire.

The Head of College is responsible for certifying that procedures for ensuring that safety precautions are properly managed will be discussed, formulated and effectively disseminated to all staff. Staff will receive fire safety training to ensure they understand the procedure for fire drills and the use of fire extinguishers.

The college will test evacuation procedures on a termly basis. Firefighting equipment will be checked on an annual basis by an approved contractor. Fire alarms will be tested weekly from different 'break glass' fire points around the college, and records will be maintained and held in the college office. Emergency lighting will be tested on a six-monthly basis, and records will be maintained and held on the college cloud.

The evacuation of visitors and contractors will be the responsibility of the person they are visiting or working for.

The college will implement its Fire Safety Policy to ensure that staff, students and visitors are safe and aware of the potential risks of fire.

10. Sharps

For the purposes of this policy, "**sharps**" is defined as sharp objects such as needles, scalpels, razor blades and broken glass which pose a risk of an accidental penetrating injury or laceration or puncture to skin.

- Sharps are not likely to be found commonly on college premises; however, staff will be vigilant towards the following circumstances in which sharps may be found:
- Where an individual within the college requires injections to manage a health condition
- Where a student brings a sharp into the college
- Where glass is broken within the college, or broken glass is found on or around the college premises
- Where drug paraphernalia, e.g. heroin needles, is found around the college premises

In the context of this policy, offensive weapons are not considered sharps. Offensive weapons will be handled in line with the College procedures

Handling and disposing of a sharp

All staff members will receive health and safety training as part of their induction, which will be refreshed annually. This training will include:

- The safe collection and disposal of sharps.
- Assembling sharps boxes and verifying that they are compliant with the accepted standards.
- The procedure to log incidents and who to inform.
- Immediate action in the event of sharps or needle stick injury.

Where an individual brings a sharp onto the college premises, e.g. a needle to manage a health condition, they will be responsible for its disposal.

The Head of College will ensure that all students are informed that, where they see a sharp, they must alert the nearest staff member immediately and avoid touching the sharp.

Where a sharp is found, the nearest staff member will move all students away from the area in order to prevent accidental injuries and will guard the sharp while alerting another staff member to bring the sharps retrieval kit. Sharps retrieval kits will contain:

- Protective gloves.
- A pair of long-stemmed tongs.
- A pincer tool, e.g. tweezers.
- Brush and pan.
- Sharps box for disposal.

Sharps boxes will be marked 'Danger: Contaminated Sharps' and 'Destroy by Incineration'. They will be kept off the floor and out of the reach of students. Sharps boxes must not be filled above the designated fill line on the outside of the box. Once filled, boxes will be sealed immediately and removed by a clinical waste contractor or a specialist collection service.

The staff member will check the surrounding area carefully to ensure that no other sharps are in the vicinity. Where the sharp cannot be removed immediately, e.g. due to a delay in obtaining the sharps retrieval kit, the nearest staff member will place a cone or box on top of the sharp to prevent anyone from touching or finding it.

The following procedure will be followed in the event that sharps are found on the college premises:

- Staff will wear protective gloves and will not handle sharps with bare hands.
- Staff will not handle sharps while barefoot or wearing open shoes, as injury may occur if the sharp is dropped on feet.
- Only one sharp will be handled at a time and, where there are multiple, sharps will be carefully separated using the pair of tongs.
- Sharps will be picked up using the relevant equipment, e.g. pair of tongs or brush and pan for broken glass, and place it into the sharps box, which will be brought to the sharp rather than the other way around.
- The appropriate staff, including the Head of College and CEO will be informed.
- The incident will be recorded, with details of when, where and by whom the sharp was found.
- Sharps will be disposed of quickly and safely into the college's sharps bin.

Sharps injury

First aid staff will be trained in handling sharps injuries, and will adhere following guidelines in case of injury from a contaminated sharp:

- Encourage the wound to bleed gently, ideally by holding it under running water
- Wash the wound using water and soap
- Avoid scrubbing the wound while washing
- Avoid sucking the wound



- Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof dressing
- Seek medical advice

Injuries will be handled in line with the First Aid Policy.

11. Evacuation, invacuation, lockdown and bomb threat procedure

The college will follow the procedure outlined in the Invacuation, Lockdown and Evacuation Policy and in PEEPs in the event of a crisis.

All staff fully understand and effectively implement the college's Bomb Threat Policy.

In the event of an emergency, the procedures outlined in the Bomb Threat Policy, the Invacuation, Lockdown and Evacuation Policy, the Evacuation Procedure, and the appropriate Lockdown Procedure will be followed. All staff are trained in handling bomb threats and have easy access to instructions of the procedure, which can be found in the Bomb Threat Policy.

12. Visitors and contractors

Anyone hiring the premises will be made aware of their health and safety obligations when making the booking.

Contractors will be responsible for the health and safety of their employees and for ensuring safe working practices. They will not constitute a hazard to staff, students or visitors to the college.

13. Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The college will provide employees and students who are exposed to a hazard at the college, which cannot be controlled by other means, with PPE where appropriate.

Staff and students will use the PPE provided, and care for it according to the instructions and training given. Supervising staff will ensure PPE fits the wearer properly. Where more than one item of PPE must be worn, the items should be compatible and remain effective. PPE will not be worn if wearing it causes a hazard greater than the hazard it is intended to protect the wearer from.

Students will report any loss or defects to their teacher, damaged PPE will not be used and will be disposed of in line with the manufacturer's instructions if it is not possible to repair.

Thorough risk assessments will be carried out by the health and safety officer to determine the suitable PPE to be used for each hazard and these are reviewed on a termly basis.

Staff and students will receive appropriate health and safety training in order to ensure they know how to properly use, maintain and store PPE, and how to detect and report faults. Equipment manuals are readily available and warning signs are clearly displayed in areas, and on equipment, where PPE is mandatory. When not in use, PPE will be properly stored, kept clean, and in good repair.



The college will cover the costs of purchase, cleaning and repair for all clothing that is:

- Protective clothing that staff require to fulfil their roles.

14. Work-related hazards

Manual handling

Manual handling can prove hazardous when it has the potential to cause a musculoskeletal disorder. This can be due to repetition of the action, the force and/or posture involved in the completion of a handling task, and/or a person's ability to hold or grasp the particular item in a safe and balanced manner.

The college will, as far as practicable, will reduce the need for members of staff to carry out any manual handling tasks that involve a risk of injury. Where manual handling tasks are necessary, the college's Manual Handling Risk Assessment will be implemented. The control measures will be monitored to ensure they are reducing the risk of injury and being implemented correctly.

The capability and circumstances, e.g. age, of staff will be taken into account where manual handling tasks are required. Where there is an unacceptable risk of injury or harm, no manual handling tasks will take place.

All members of staff will receive manual handling information and training as needed.

In order to manage these risks, the college will implement and follow its Manual Handling Policy.

Working at heights

Policy and procedures concerning employees working at heights will be addressed in the Working at Heights Policy. Staff members are required to sign statements confirming that they have received, read and understood the policy, prior to being allowed to work at heights.

Lone working

Policy and procedures concerning employees' lone working will be addressed in the Lone Worker Policy. Staff members will be required to sign statements confirming that they have received, read and understood the relevant policies, prior to being allowed to undertake lone working.

Stress management

Staff will be aware of the symptoms of stress, including sleeping problems, dietary problems, mood swings, feeling lethargic, fatigue, emotional problems, chest pains and elevated heart rate, lack of focus, inability to concentrate and increased sweating. Staff members who suffer from any of these symptoms are advised to consult their GP as soon as possible. All staff wellbeing matters are managed in line with the Staff Wellbeing Policy.

Display screen equipment

Display screen assessments can be carried out by for teaching staff and administrative staff who regularly use laptops or desktops computers. Further policy and procedures concerning display equipment are addressed in the Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Policy.

15. Maintaining equipment

The college will ensure that staff and students can expect that any equipment they use is suitable for its intended use and is properly maintained. Inspectors, or a trained technician, will inspect the following equipment for health and safety issues annually:

- All electrical appliances
- Any workshop equipment,

It will be the responsibility of the CEO to ensure new equipment meets the appropriate standards and conforms to all health and safety requirements. A technician will be consulted if necessary.

Any portable electrical equipment will be visually inspected on a daily basis by the site manager and undergo PAT at intervals suitable for the type of equipment and its frequency of use.

The college will make use of automated external defibrillator (AED) as part of its first aid equipment through the DfE's [arrangements](#) to buy, install and maintain an AED.

16. Hazardous materials

The college will act in accordance with the college's COSHH Policy at all times.

The college will only purchase hazardous materials from a reputable source, making sure that the relevant material safety data sheet (MSDS) is provided by the retailer on delivery. The college will only order supplies of hazardous materials when existing stocks are no longer adequate, and in quantities that are no larger than necessary. No chemicals or other hazardous materials will be used without the permission of the Head of College.

The health and safety officer will be responsible for ensuring all products that may be hazardous to health are risk assessed before being used, taking into account the advice on the relevant MSDS or Hazard – the latter is provided from CLEAPPS, recognised by Ofsted and HSE as a definitive basis for undertaking practical work safely.

The CEO in liaison with the Head of College, will ensure that the relevant control measures and appropriate guidelines are put in place to manage the risks identified in risk assessments. Control measures will be checked and reviewed on a termly basis to ensure continued effectiveness, even when they are known to be reliable.

All equipment, materials and chemicals will be held in appropriate containers and areas conforming to health and safety regulations. Hazardous substances will be labelled with the

correct hazard sign and contents label. Storage life will be considered by senior leaders. All COSHH and ionising radiations regulations will be adhered to.

Low-toxic products, such as corrective fluid and aerosol paints, will be stored securely and only used under supervision in a well-ventilated area. Dust and fumes will be safely controlled by local exhaust ventilation equipment.

No staff member or student will ever be put at risk through exposure to any hazardous substance used in our practical curriculum. No potentially hazardous materials will be used in lessons without the approval of the health and safety officer. The health and safety officer will ensure staff are appropriately trained to use hazardous materials.

Where a substance has a workplace exposure limit, control measures will ensure that exposure is below the limit.

The site manager will keep an up-to-date inventory of all the hazardous chemicals and materials held at the college. A termly audit of hazardous materials will be undertaken by the site manager with routine surveillance to ensure that they remain safe to store. Unwanted or surplus chemicals and materials, including those that have become unsafe, will be disposed of by a registered waste carrier, in accordance with college procedures.

17. Cleaning

Contract cleaners are used on all sites. The standard required will be clear in the service level agreement held with the contracted cleaners. Special consideration will be given to hygiene areas.

The Head of College is responsible for ensuring that the college is at a safe temperature for staff and students to work in. The college will adhere to the provisions as outlined in The Education (College Premises) Regulations 1999, which state the following:

Areas	Temperature
Where there is a below-normal level of physical activity due to ill health or a physical disability, e.g. isolation rooms; however, this does not include sleeping accommodation	21°C
Where there is a normal level of physical activity associated with teaching, private study or examinations	18°C
Where there is a high level of physical activity, e.g. PE sports halls, washrooms, sleeping accommodation and circulation spaces	15°C

18. Infection control

The college will actively prevent the spread of infection through the following measures:

- Maintaining high standards of personal hygiene and practice

- Maintaining a clean environment

The college will ensure that arrangements are in place to minimise any health risks, e.g. flu, by ensuring hygiene standards are maintained and students and staff are not permitted in college if they are unwell. Staff and students displaying signs of infection will be sent home and recommended to see a doctor.

19. Allergens and anaphylaxis

Students will be required to provide the college with up-to-date information relating to their allergies, as well as the necessary action to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction, such as any medication required. Staff will also be required to provide the Head of College with a list of their allergies. Information regarding students' and staff members' allergies will be collated and stored securely.

Staff will receive appropriate training and support relevant to their level of responsibility, in order to assist students with managing their allergies.

20. Medication

The college will obtain notification from students regarding any medication that students are required to take.

20. Smoking

The college is a non-smoking premises and no smoking will be permitted on the grounds. All staff, students, visitors and contractors will be made aware that the premises are no smoking.

21. Security and theft

Steps taken to reduce security risks

CCTV systems will be used to monitor events and identify incidents taking place. CCTV systems may be used as evidence when investigating reports of incidents. CCTV footage is personal data, so will be handled in accordance with the college's Data Protection Policy.

Money will be held in a safe and banked to ensure large amounts are not held on site. Money will be counted in an appropriate location, and staff should not be placed at risk of robbery.

Staff and students will be responsible for their personal belongings and the college accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. Thefts will be reported to the police and staff will be expected to assist police with their investigation.

All staff will be expected to take reasonable measures to ensure the security of college equipment being used. Missing or believed stolen equipment will be reported immediately to a senior staff member.

The college will install access control and security measures to ensure the safety of the college. The college will ban individuals from the premises if they pose a risk to any member of the college community. The college will consider any risks that are posed by their local context, e.g. recent arson attacks.

22. Severe weather

The Head of College, in liaison with the CEO, will make a decision on college closure due to severe weather on the grounds of health and safety. If a closure takes place, the governing board will be promptly informed.

23. College trips and visits

Health and safety policy and procedures concerning college trips and visits, including trips abroad, are contained in the college's Educational Visits and College Trips Policy.

24. Near misses

A 'near miss' is an event not causing harm but has the potential to cause injury or ill health.

If staff members, students, contractors, or visitors see or are involved in a near miss, they will report it in order to allow consideration of how to prevent a possible accident happening in the future.

Reporting will be conducted verbally to the health and safety officer as soon as possible, who will then inform the Head of College as appropriate

The college will report near misses that constitute as dangerous occurrences to the HSE. A 'dangerous occurrence' includes any incident which results in requiring hospital treatment or further attention.

All accidents and near misses, however small, will be reported and investigated by the health and safety officer and the outcomes recorded. The length of time dedicated to each investigation will vary depending on the seriousness of the accident.

After the investigation takes place, a risk assessment will be carried out, or the existing assessment amended, to avoid reoccurrence of the accident.

25. Monitoring and review

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored continually by the Head of College and the governing board. Any necessary amendments will be made immediately.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is 31 August 2026.

The college will establish a monitoring system that is backed up by performance measures and this will be reviewed following an incident.