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# Health and Safety Policy

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### Intent

Health and Safety is a vital concern at Newton International School D Ring. Our intent are as follow:

- To maintain a safe environment wherein staff and students can work and move around without risk to themselves or their good health.
- To plan for the safety of students and staff in the event of fire or any other critical emergency.
- To develop, maintain and implement procedures to secure a safe working environment for all members of the school community.
- To educate students in staying healthy by eating properly, getting enough sleep and exercise and avoiding harmful substances.
- To ensure students observe all safety rules of the school and in particular the directions of the teaching staff in the event of an emergency.
- To ensure all accidents and injuries are reported to the Principal (or the Deputy in her absence) as soon as possible and properly recorded on the relevant forms.
- To ensure all staff report defects in equipment and potential safety hazards to the designated Health and Safety Officer.
- To assist in the investigation of injuries, accidents and dangerous occurrences.
- To monitor and review our health and safety policy and procedures consistently so that they remain fit for purpose.

### This Policy is made up of two parts



#### Promoting Safety and Good Health in School

How we keep children safe in school



#### **Critical Incident Procedures**

What we do in the event of an incident.



Promoting Safety and Good Health in School



#### In the Play Area

Supervision by staff at all times.

Designated play areas assigned.

Children participate in considerate play.

In event of an accident:

- Examine injury and comfort child if required.
- Send student to medical room, if not possible send for nurse to attend.



#### In the classroom

Teachers are responsible for:

- Keeping classrooms tidy and hazard free.
- Report any faulty equipment to maintenance including Air Conditioners.
- Ensure children are following all expectations in the classroom including safe use of educational equipment and furniture.
- Classroom resources used are age appropriate and do not pose any risk to the children. Supervision is in place during structured play and practical activities.
- All dangerous solvents are locked away securely.
- Promote healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.
- Encourage good personal hygiene habits.



### **Out of School Activities**

This encompasses a range of visits, attendance at events and trips.

- Written parental permission for all out of school activities.
- Parents informed of aims of visit, duration, travel method, clothing requirements, financial costs parental responsibilities, expected conduct from students.
- Ratio in place and nature of activity considered.
- Risk Assessment completed and shared prior to approval.



#### Responsibilities



#### **Principal**

Ensure all teaching staff hold appropriate qualifications to teach the subjects required of them and to use the necessary equipment and machinery.

Ensure that all staff are provided with regular training that will assist them to work safely.

Ensure the provision and maintenance of safety procedures.

Put in place adequate arrangements for carrying out regular fire drills and ensure that all staff participate in and are aware of such arrangements.

Report to the CEO, all defects and hazards which are their responsibility.

Report all accidents to teaching staff promptly to the CEO. In the case of non-teaching staff, all accidents must be reported to the HR.

Ensure all staff operate safe working practices in the execution of their duties.

Apply all relevant policies to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all staff and students.



#### Teachers

#### Each teacher has a responsibility to exercise care and attention regarding the safety of themselves and their students.

Each teacher shall:

Ensure that they take reasonable care during their work activities to avoid accident or injury to themselves and others.

Exercise effective supervision of the students and know the emergency procedures eg in case of fire, first aid etc.

Report all potential hazards to the Principal.

Report all accidents and complete accident forms.

Co-operate fully with the Principal on all health and safety matters.

Give clear instruction and warnings as often as necessary and follow safe working procedures personally.

Ensure that all protective clothing and equipment are both available and used by themselves and students.



Fire extinguishers and electrical equipment will be checked on an annual basis.

Fire alarms are monitored in line with the schools alarm maintenance agreement with the service provider.

## Safety Equipment



### Responsibilities



#### All Staff

All staff have a responsibility to exercise personal care and attention for the safety of themselves and others as well as co-operate with their colleagues in the execution of this policy. In the discharge of this responsibility, all staff shall: Perform their duties in a safe manner and pay particular attention to safety procedures.

Report all accidents and injuries to their KS leader/manager as soon as possible.

Obtain adequate treatment for injuries as soon as it is practical.

Report all defects in equipment or potential hazards to their KS leader/manager.

All staff have a responsibility to ensure their own health and safety as well as those of their colleagues.



#### **Students**

#### All students are expected within their ability to:

Exercise personal responsibility for safety of themselves and other students.

Observe all the safety rules of the school and in particular the instructions of the teaching staff in the event of an emergency.



The responsibility for the implementation of the Health and Safety policy rests with the entire school community. The Principal in collaboration with the Health and Safety Committee, will oversee the implementation of the policy. However, all members of the school must ensure the policy is implemented by them.



### Critical Incident Procedures

The chief aim of the critical incident procedure is to move all students and staff to a safe location as speedily and safely as possible, maintaining a sense of calm and reducing the disruption to students and classes.

Incident	First Response	Secondary Response	
Fire	Evacuation	Alternative evacuation point	
Intruder	Amber Alert	Buddy Classrooms	
Abduction/Missing Child	Amber Alert	Buddy Classrooms	
Extreme Weather	Amber Alert	Buddy Classrooms	
Earthquake	Drop, Cover, Hold	Evacuation	
Electrical Fault	Amber Alert	Evacuation	
Water/Gas Leak	Amber Alert	Evacuation	



In event of critical incident follow First Response unless otherwise advised by Designated Responsible Individual (DRI)
This will be the Principal, in their absence Head of Primary will replace.



Designated Responsible
Individual
Assess the risk
Contact CEO
Contact authorities
Report incidents
Contact 999 and MoEHE
Emergency Management
Committee



Security will ensure in all scenarios entry and exit routes are kept clear for emergency vehicles.



### Critical Incident Procedures - Evacuation



#### Communication

Communication will take part in three parts.

Management Team

**Building Wardens** 

Health and Safety Committee 1

In the event of a fire and/or other critical incident:

A fire bell with ring as a continuous sound.

2

Teachers will take emergency register from behind class door. Teaching Assistants and specialist teachers will remain with allocated students and along with the class teacher, take them to assembly point.

3

Staff will walk children sensibly to the assembly area (School Field) and line up in register order. All remaining staff will evacuate. Fire wardens will check buildings.

4

Unaccounted personnel will be totaled by Deputy Head of Primary Pastoral Assessment of risk will be made by Principal

Emergency Management of staff and pupils Designated Safeguarding Lead

5

The Principal and Deputy will communicate with Middle Managers if alternative evacuation area needs to be used.

Alternative Evacuation point is Tanga Road, security will block vehicle access to ensure safe evacuation for all students.

## Fire

In the event of a fire

- Activate the alarm to ensure safe evacuation of all students.
- Calmly line students up and move calmly to the evacuation area closing all doors and windows along the way.
- Do not stop to collect belongings
- Wardens check
   building and give all
   clear to Principal
- Register the class, once complete show the clip board Green

   All Present Orange
   Student missing

   Red - SMT support needed immediately
- Await all clear from Principal until returning to classrooms



### Drills

Evacuation Drills will take place half termly, evaluated and monitored by the Health and Safety Committee.



### Critical Incident Procedures - Amber Alert



#### **Amber Alert**

In cases of emergency when possible students will be kept in a safe controlled area of their classrooms. In these cases staff will be given the code word 'AMBER ALERT' This will take effect in cases of extreme weather (flooding and storms) and intruders on site.

In these cases:

- Staff without classroom responsibility report to building warden for allocation.
- Monitor and close all doors and windows from the inside
- Communication will be via management and wardens from each building.
- Classroom teachers including team leaders priority is to maintain calm with students.
- Students will not be moved around the school unless requested from management.
- All access to building monitored by lead assistant in each building.



### Designated Classrooms

In the event of damage to school buildings or classrooms students will be calmly moved to their designated buddy classes or same colour in alternative buildings in the school

Year 1 - Year 3

Year 2 - Year 4

Year 5 - Year 7

Year 6 - Foundation 1

Year 8 - Foundation 2

### Critical Incident Procedures - Events



#### **Extreme Weather**

In the event of extreme weather including heavy rain and storms the school will follow Amber Alert routines. In the cases where buildings are heavily affected by conditions students will be moved calmly to buddy classrooms in alternative buildings. In the event of movement or evacuation registers will be taken in designated safe spaces.



#### Water/Gas Leak

In the event of an electrical or water fault following below procedures:
Contact SMT and
Maintenance immediately
Keep children inside classrooms, unless alarm rings and Evacuation
Procedures are put into place.
In the event of a gas fault evacuation procedures will be followed.



#### **Earth Quake**

In the event of an earthquake teachers will follow below guidelines:

#### Drop, Cover, Hold

**Drop** – to the ground, take shelter under a nearby desk or table away from windows.

**Cover** – your eyes by leaning against your arms.

**Hold** – on to the legs of any table or desk and stay where you are.

Support individuals who may need assistance Wait for further instructions

In the event that it will be safer to take children outside than remain in the building an alarm will sound, the following procedures will be followed taking into account utmost safety of all students. Shut windows and doors Support anyone needing assistance Take class clipboard and hi vis Remain calm and orderly following evacuation procedures Take attendance Check for injuries Be alert for instructions from the management team.



## Violent threats to students and staff

In the event where students and staff are in immediate threat by either an internal person or an outside visitor Amber Alert will be put in place. If the threat is in a classroom or area where students are they will be moved immediately and calmly to buddy classrooms (Appendix 4). In the cases where you have concern about an unknown person on site:

Identify the issue and location of threat
Identify purpose or reason for presence in the school
Request identification
Request them to escort you to SMT
If refusal call SMT who will then contact local authorities on 999.

### Critical Incident Procedures - Events



### Missing Child

In the event of a missing child who is suspected of being a victim of abduction.
Contact authorities on 999 giving clear description of both child and suspected abductor.
Security staff lock down gates and sweep school and immediate local area.
All students on Amber Alert with no movement around school and registers taken.
Work with police to provide all information needed.



#### Endemic or Disease Outbreak

In the case of sudden endemic, outbreak of disease or other sudden mass health outbreaks:

Seek medical advice from school nurse or first aid trained (Appendix 6).

Call 999 providing information about symptoms and number of cases.

Separate infected cases and isolate awaiting further advice.
Maintain calm with all students, attempting as much as possible to stick to routine.



### Medical Emergency

In the event of a medical emergency:
Alert school nurse or first aider Do not move if injured, if required move children to buddy classroom to avoid unnecessary trauma.
Follow advice of first aider or school nurse
Alert SMT
First Aid Kits and First Aider staff is displayed around the school

#### Death of a school member

In the event of a fatality on school grounds or during a trip. Contact authorities on 999 immediately
Secure and isolate area Notify SMT immediately
Maintain calm and quiet, discouraging speculation or discussion regarding the event, including amongst adults. Identify students requiring immediate support.
Working with authorities to assist in investigations

**End of critical incident** 

When it is safe to re-enter the building or end AMBER ALERT, permission to do so, will be given by the Principal or designated staff member. All classes will be accompanied by their class teacher and will re-enter the school/classrooms in an orderly manner.



## **Impact**

RELATIONSHIP OF THIS GENERAL POLICY TO OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES /GUIDELINES This policy is informed by a number of specific policies and guidelines including:

Fire evacuation procedures
Healthy Eating Policy
Guidelines for school trips
Anti-Bullying Policy
Sun-smart guidelines
Cyber-safety guidelines
Communicable Illnesses and Exclusion Policy
Risk Assessment procedures for Off-site activities

#### Appendix 1: Risk Assessment Form



Location:

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Risk Assessment Off Site Visits (Complete as many sheets as required)

Hazards	People	Risk Control	Further Action
This risk assessmer DHOP Pastoral:	nt seen and agreed b	у	
Group Leader:			
Date:			



#### Appendix 2: Incident Form



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Incident/accident form
NAME OF CHILDREN/CLASS:
DATE:
Name of teacher in Charge
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Site where incident/accident took place
Date of accident
Name of injured person

Give details of how and precisely where the accident took place. Describe what activity was taking place, for example in class/game/getting changed, etc.



#### Appendix 2: Incident Form



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Incident/accident form

Give full details of action taken during any first aid treatment and the name(s) of first-aider(s).

Were any of the following contacted?

Parents/Carers	Yes χ	Νο χ
School Doctor	Yes $\chi$	Νο χ
Ambulance	Yes $\chi$	Νοχ

What happened to the injured person following the accident? E.g., carried on with session, went home, went to hospital etc.

All of the above facts are a true record of the accident

Signed: Date:

Name:

Please give copy to Principal to sign and approve.



#### Appendix 3: Health and Safety in the classroom Checklist



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Questions you should ask		Yes	Further Action needed	N/A
Movement around the classroom (slips and	Is the internal flooring in a good condition?	6.8		
trips)	Are there any changes in floor level or type of flooring that needs to be highlighted?	- 37		
	Are gangways between desks kept clear?			
	Are trailing electrical leads/cables prevented wherever possible?			
	Is lighting bright enough to allow sale access and esit?	- 33		
	Are procedures in place to deal with spillages, eg water, blood from outs?	i ši		
	For stand-sione classrooms:  Are access steps or ramps properly maintained?	: 33	48	50-
Furniture and fixtures	Are permanent fixtures in good condition and securely fastened, eg cupboards, display boards, shelving?	- 35	4	
	is furniture in good repair and suitable for the size of page, whether adult or child?			
	la portable equipment stable?			
	Are windows on upper floors safe?	8.8	7	
	Are A/Cs in good working order and safe?	. 00	1	
Computers and similar equipment	If you have a computer, has the area where it is usually situated or used been checked as being safe?	- 45 - 48	l v	
	Have pupils been advised about good practice when using computers?	1 00		
	Are computers on a suitable workstation for use by pupils or adults?	. 197		
Electrical equipment and services	Are fixed electrical switches and plug sockets in good repair?	25		
	Ace all plags and cables in good repair?	: 69		



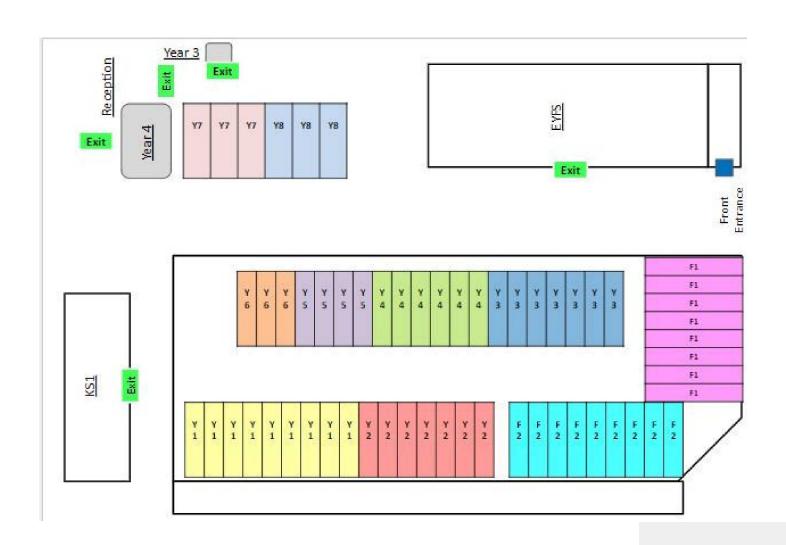
#### Appendix 4:

Evacuation Plan (To be found on G Drive in Health and Safety File)



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Appendix 5: First Aid Trained Staff



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#### First Aiders 2022 - 2023

EYFS	EYFS TA	KS1	KS1 TA	KS2	KS2 TA	KS3	KS3 TA
Aber Duale	Miriam Eborde	Natalie Bolton	Irene Padilla Pineda	Cara O' Neill	Vilma Javar	Jake Booth	Janiece Genilla
Jennifer O' Hare	Minda Rodriguez	imogen Huxley	Irish Ringor Gonzalez	Katie McShane	Rowena Manzano	Piaras McConnell	Rhonna Cruz
Rachel Roberts	Maria Grace Aquino	Lauren Moore	Reysa Lumague	Sonia Santos	Geraldine Tamayosa	Francine Kennon	
Paula Anderson	Marilyn Sedagor Seacor	Kerry Garvey	Gnei Soraya Zahireer	Eoin Lally	Gemma Gaddi	George Melani	
Carys Kelly	Liza Dato	Tadzmahal Andami	Tess Quimba	Aoife O'Hara	Jocylie Pang - Es	Amine Nahili	Te-
	Katherine Barcenas			Roy Adams	Eudora Aquino	24	
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SMT	Specialist Staff
Nathan Unwin	Gia Mercado
Ciara Lynch	Lamia Aouni
Tamara Hartman	Ana Braga
Zoe Hardman	Gerald Goodman
Anne - Marie Powell	Jaylee Nicholas
Pauline Penney	Paul Brennan

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