



Health & Safety Policy Statement 2017-18

This policy was agreed by Trustees on:

Date: *Nov '17*

To be reviewed: *Nov '18*

Chair of Trustees: *Miche Foster*

CEO: *SKerwell*

The Eynsham Partnership Academy (the "EPA") recognises that it has a legal duty of care towards protecting the health and safety of its employees, pupils and others who may be affected by its activities.

While the Directing Board of the EPA has overall legal accountability for health and safety, school level responsibility is delegated to the Local Governing Body of each school, which in turn delegates management and operational duties to the Headteacher and his/her leadership team (collectively the "management").

In order to discharge its responsibilities and duties the management of each school will:

- bring this Policy Statement to the attention of all employees
- carry out and regularly review risk assessments to identify proportionate and pragmatic solutions to reducing risk
- communicate and consult with employees and pupils on matters affecting their health and safety
- comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations at International, National and Local levels
- eliminate risks to health and safety, where possible, through selection and design of materials, building, facilities, equipment and processes
- encourage employees and pupils to identify and report hazards so that we can all contribute towards improving safety
- ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with health and safety issues

- maintain our premises, provide and maintain safe plant and equipment
- only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to health & safety matters
- provide adequate resources to control the health and safety risks arising from our work activities
- provide adequate training and ensure that all employees are competent to do their tasks
- provide an organisational structure that defines the responsibilities for health and safety
- provide information, instruction and supervision for employees and pupils
- regularly monitor performance and revise policies and procedures to pursue a programme of continuous improvement

So that the EPA Board of Directors can ensure full compliance with the above, all EPA schools will undertake an annual Health and Safety audit. Any school within the EPA that fails the audit will notify the COO within 24 hours.

This Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed at least annually and revised as necessary to reflect changes to school activities and any changes to legislation. Any changes to the Policy will be brought to the attention of all employees.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair of the Directing Board