

The Aldenham Foundation Health and Safety at Work General Statement of Policy

In accordance with the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974

The Governors of The Aldenham Foundation believe that the health and safety of its staff, pupils and members of the public visiting the Schools are of prime importance to the continued prosperity of the School. It is the aim of the Governing Body to provide as safe and healthy a working and learning environment for staff, pupils and visitors as is possible.

The Governors, through their management at all levels, have a responsibility to provide for, as far is reasonably practical, the health, safety and prevention of injuries to all staff whilst at work and to all pupils whilst in the custody of the School. In accepting this responsibility the Governors will, so far as is reasonably practicable:-

1. Provide and maintain plant and systems of work that are safe and which avoid undue risk to health.
2. Ensure safety and absence of risks to health in connection with the use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances.
3. Provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to promote the health and safety of its employees and pupils.
4. Maintain the School in a condition that is safe and without risks to health, and provide and maintain means of access to and egress from the School that are safe and without risks to health.
5. Provide and maintain environments for working, learning and for School activities that are safe, without risks to health, and adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for staff and pupil welfare.
6. Where appropriate, seek full co-operation of Unions/Staff Associations in implementing this policy.
7. Ensure that staff are physically and mentally fit for the work they are required to do, and minimise the risks of disability and loss of working time due to injury or illness.

The Governors, also, have a responsibility to remind each member of staff that he/she has a legal responsibility whilst on School Premises or engaged on School activities to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of those around them; and further all staff are required to co-operate with the Governors in pursuit of their responsibilities.

In order to promote high standards of health and safety, the Governors will encourage responsible participation and involvement at all levels.

A Health and Safety Committee meets twice each term with the aim of promoting a safe working environment for all employees and addressing concerns raised by staff. Meetings are minuted and minutes are made available to all staff.

The members of the committee are:

Andrew Fraser (Bursar & Chairman)
Mrs Vicky Gocher (Head of Prep School)
Nick Pulman (Senior Master)
Andrew Stephenson (Housemaster & Director of Sport)
Pat Reid (Head of Science)
Ms Sarah Nicholl (Head of Design Technology)
Mrs Caroline Dowse (School Medical Sister)
David Boothby (Common Room Representative)
Hugh Bailey (Head of Estates)
Andrew Dawson (Sports Centre and Lettings Manager)

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