

FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES

Appleton Wiske CP School

General Statement

We are a responsible establishment and take our fire safety duties seriously. For this reason we have formulated this policy to help us comply with our legal obligations to all building users under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. These include the provision of a safe place of work where fire safety risks are minimised.

Employees Duties

All employees have a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that they do not place themselves or others at risk of harm. They are also expected to co-operate fully with us in complying with any procedures that we may introduce as a measure to protect the safety and well-being of our staff and visitors.

Communication

We will keep staff informed of any changes that are made to our fire safety procedures and fire risk assessment. We will also ensure that all persons on our premises are briefed in the evacuation procedures and not left alone unless they are aware of, and familiar with, all available escape routes.

Procedures

We have introduced the following procedures in order to maintain high standards of fire safety

- A fire risk assessment has been undertaken which will be reviewed annually. However, more frequent reviews will occur if circumstances change or there are reasons to believe it is no longer valid. These may include alterations to the premises, new work processes, false alarm activations, fire drill related issues, equipment failure and changes to personnel/site users.
- Fire Awareness Training will be provided to all staff.
- Fire Extinguisher training will not be provided to staff. NYCC Policy is to provide fire extinguishers however there is no expectation placed on staff to use them. Staff are instructed to get out and get the children out. The only time NYCC advocate the use of fire extinguishers is if
 - a) the fire is small & contained (ie wastepaper bin sized) and in its early stages and/or
 - b) the fire is blocking an escape route.
- All new members of staff and temporary employees will be provided with induction training on how to raise the alarm and the available escape routes.

- The fire evacuation procedures will be practised and timed at least termly and documented.
- All escape routes will be clearly signed and kept free from obstructions at all times.
- All fire-related equipment will be regularly serviced and maintained. If any employee notices defective or missing equipment, they must report it to a manager.
- Alarm systems will be tested weekly. Staff will be told when a test is scheduled.
- Any other safety systems will be checked regularly to ensure correct operation, where necessary, e.g. emergency lighting is tested monthly.
- In the event of a fire it is expected that members of staff will call the fire brigade.
- In the event of the site needing to be totally evacuated, we will evacuate to
- Named Fire Warden/s are not required at this time as strict visitor controls and the use of registers mean that school is 100% aware of who is on site at any one time.

Named staff have the following responsibilities:

- **Mrs Karen Metcalfe/Mrs Karen Curran** are responsible for taking out registers/staff lists/visitors book and the emergency grab bag
- The fire assembly point is located on **the rear Playground**
- **Headteacher or Senior teacher Mrs Karen Hainsworth** is responsible for liaising with the Fire Service
- Fire awareness training for all staff is every **3 years**
- Fire Warden training is not required at this time
- The PEEP (if applicable) will be documented by **Class Teacher & SENCO** and kept in child's file.
- This policy forms part of employees' conditions of employment. Failure to comply may be treated as a disciplinary matter.

Signed:	Mr Neil Clark Headteacher
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