



POLICY TO CONTROL PUPIL ACCESS

TO RISKY AREAS OF THE

SCHOOL'S BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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Aim

The aim of this Policy is to state the School's procedures for controlling or denying unauthorised access by pupils to potentially dangerous or risky areas of Northern House School, Wokingham buildings and grounds. Rather than formalising our education of these risky areas and pupil access, for the most part the flow of pupils around the school site and off-site is based on common sense and trust. There are times when a formal proactive or reactive instruction is required, but common sense prevails on many occasions.

Introduction

The Governors, Head Teacher and staff of Northern House School are fully committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all pupils at the School. On a fairly small but complex site such as this there are bound to be areas within the buildings or the grounds that are considered to present risks to the safety of pupils who may accidentally or deliberately stray into them.

Procedures

The School makes every effort to ensure that all potentially dangerous areas are, wherever possible, made secure by fencing, locking, signage or otherwise physically preventing access to them. Areas temporarily out of bounds are, where possible, fenced or cordoned off and appropriate warning notices are placed to describe the danger.

Much of the School grounds around the central buildings are lit from dusk to dawn and every effort is made to assess that the level of lighting is suitable.

Pupils are informed or reminded regularly by all staff of the dangers of entering risky areas of the School. They are made aware that to enter such an area deliberately is regarded as serious and that in doing so will result in an appropriate consequence to reinforce the seriousness of their behaviour.

Much of the site at Northern House School is protected by CCTV. The Site Management Team patrols the School site ensuring the safety of the premises and grounds during the school day. All school staff should leave the school building by 5:00pm or gain permission from the Head Teacher if they need to stay later. In these circumstances staff must be aware of the lone working policy. All School buildings have access through a school master key.

Only residential pupils have access to the main school building after these times to gain access to their boarding provision. Under supervision they may access other parts of the school to undertake various activities.

A security risk assessment for the School site and areas deemed as potential risks is regularly updated. We ensure that pupils do not have unsupervised access to potentially dangerous areas, such as the science and the design technology rooms. Doors to these areas are kept locked at all times when not in use. All flammables and laboratory chemicals are kept securely locked in appropriate storage facilities.

Pupils are not allowed to use gymnastic, athletic or climbing equipment without supervision.