



PRESTFELDE

Risky Areas Policy

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Aim

On a large 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. 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 Prestfelde buildings and grounds.

Procedures

Prestfelde makes every effort to ensure that all potentially dangerous areas are, wherever possible, made secure by fencing, locking, access control, 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.

Prestfelde is proud of the quality of its pastoral care from the very youngest children in the Early Years Foundation Stage to those in Senior School, however the key principles of effective supervision and control of defined hazards by careful risk assessment are central to our approach.

1. All children are closely supervised throughout the day with playtimes in restricted areas. Pupil access to wider areas of the grounds is risk assessed and managed by the staff responsible for an activity. Supervision levels are strictly adhered to at all times.
2. Risk assessments and the procedures in place provide a clear protocol for staff supervising pupils while they undertake outdoor learning activities in the grounds. Risk assessments are also in place for pupils' use of outdoor play equipment.
3. Certain areas of the sites are considered out of bounds with designated staff having access to key codes:
 - Laboratories are locked when not in use
 - Boiler rooms and plant rooms are locked
 - Maintenance workshops are locked when not in use
 - Art and Design and D&T are locked when not in use
 - The swimming pool is locked with access only when supervision is in place
 - All high level windows have restrictors fitted preventing access onto roofs
 - Ladders to roof areas are secured
 - Sports facilities are only used in defined circumstances and under supervision
 - Roof levels and high areas are not to be accessed by pupils
4. Speed limits are in force and wherever possible there is traffic and pedestrian separation with use of pedestrian crossings and promoted safe routes about the sites. Pedestrian crossings are lit during the hours of darkness and during busy times, some routes are kept traffic free.
5. There is a pond in the grounds which is out of bounds unless accompanied by a member of staff for a specific lesson. The pond has fencing around through which you are able to see if anyone has entered the area unsupervised. Children play near the pond, but only under supervision.
6. Lighting is in place during the hours of darkness to ensure that anyone moving through the main site is both able to traverse easily and is visible to traffic.
7. Periodic walks of the sites by senior staff and grounds personnel ensure review of the grounds/buildings with attention to reduction of risk and avoidance of harm.
8. All flammables and laboratory chemicals are kept securely locked in appropriate storage facilities. Cleaning materials are secured within cleaning cupboards around the site.
9. Pupils are not permitted to use gymnastic or athletic equipment without supervision.

Pupils and staff are encouraged to report any locations or occurrences which they deem to be risky. This will always be acted upon immediately.