



Fire Safety Management and Fire Risk Assessment Bennerley Fields School

Introduction

All establishments need to manage the risk of fire. To this end each establishment must have a designated person responsible for fire safety. This person should either be the senior manager at the establishment or a person with sufficient management authority to ensure matters of fire safety are complied with. This person must have received relevant training such as the Children's Services Department Fire Safety Management course.

Establishments must carry out a risk assessment to specifically assess the potential fire risks within the workplace. This risk assessment consists of 2 parts; a technical fire risk assessment carried out by a contractor that is suitably qualified, which relates to the building fabric and an operational fire risk assessment. The operational fire risk assessment relates to how the building is used and the day fire risk, and must be completed by the responsible person above.

This operational assessment requires establishments to identify hazards which have a potential to cause a fire. Any likely combustible and ignition sources in the work environment and the type of work being carried out there. Having identified the hazards, establishments then need to assess the likelihood that a fire will occur, the subsequent severity of the damage that may occur and any action required to reduce the risk.

Consideration needs to be given to the provision of:-

- Fire fighting and detection equipment
- Emergency routes and exits
- Maintenance of the workplace and safety devices
- Emergency evacuation procedures and subsequent health and safety arrangements
- Information to employees
- Co-operation and co-ordination between management and employees
- Co-operation and co-ordination of persons working in joint/host premises
- Appropriate training.

Management Guidelines

General Precautions

As the manager in charge of an establishment/workplace you will act as the “responsible person” on behalf of the Esteem Multi Academy Trust (EMAT) for that establishment/workplace.

As the responsible person you will have a duty to ensure that general fire precautions are in place to ensure the safety of employees, service users, visitors and other relevant persons who use the premises or are in the vicinity of the premises.

The general fire precautions include duties to:

- reduce the risk of fire on the premises.
- Reduce the risk of fire spreading
- Ensure that means of escape are available at all times
- Provide means of detecting, warning and fighting fire
- Provide emergency evacuation procedures
- Provide information instruction and training
- Co-operate and co-ordinate fire safety in your premises

Fire Risk Assessment

You also have a responsibility to ensure that a suitable and sufficient operational Fire Risk Assessment is undertaken in order to identify persons who are exposed to the risk of fire, the potential fire hazards and that appropriate control measures are in place.

The Fire Risk Assessment must be reviewed whenever it is considered no longer valid, i.e. where there have been significant changes to the structure of the building/workplace or there have been significant changes in operations or work activities within the establishment.

Irrespective of the above, the assessment should be reviewed on at least an annual basis to ensure it is still valid.

The operational Fire Risk Assessment is divided into four parts. As the manager of the establishment and ‘responsible person’ it is your responsibility to ensure the operational Fire Risk Assessment is complete and associated documentation is kept up to date.

How to Complete the Assessment

The assessor should methodically work through the operational risk assessment pro forma identifying any areas where ‘action’ is required. NB this is the current risk assessment pro-forma. It may change in light of changing legislation and any changes will be updated here and notification sent out on the extranet.

Any corrective action which can be taken at a local level (e.g. housekeeping) should be undertaken as soon as possible. Other actions may need to be agreed by the management team taking into account advice from appropriate sources e.g. Health and Safety Specialists, Local Fire Service & Fire Specialists.

All establishments are different and have differing fire related hazards.

The size, complexity and use of an establishment will determine the control measures required.

Below are control measures that should be considered.

Fire Fighting Equipment/Fire Detection & Warning Devices

Establishments need to be equipped with appropriate fire-fighting equipment and with fire detectors and alarms. What is considered appropriate will depend on the dimensions/layout of the premises and the use of the premises. Fire fighting / detection equipment should be checked annually by a competent person. This tends to be the body who installed the equipment. In addition, equipment should be checked monthly to ensure that it has not been tampered with (the plastic tag should still be in place on extinguishers) or relocated. It is a good idea to have a plan showing the location of equipment.

Warning devices may consist of manual or automatic systems. The purpose of a fire alarm system may simply be to alert the persons in the building in the event of an emergency or it may also be required to protect the building by activating automatic fire fighting systems.

Non-electronic Manual System

These consist of a means of raising the alarm which are hand operated e.g. wall mounted hand bell. These should only be used where the building is of such a size and nature that the bell can be heard from all areas of the building if operated.

Electronic Manual System

This consists of a number of call points (break glass) connected to sounders throughout the building.

Automatic Systems

This consists of a similar system to the manual type but contains additional features, such as heat and smoke detectors or radiation flame detectors which will cause the alarm to sound without the need for anyone to activate it. Ancillary features which may be added to an automatic system could include:-

- actuation of fixed fire extinguishing systems, an example of which would be sprinklers or drencher systems

- closing fire doors
- control of ventilation systems.

Testing and Inspection

With both manual and automatic fire alarm systems, it is important that regular testing, inspection and maintenance are carried out by a competent person.

All fire alarm systems should be tested weekly and the tests should be recorded. Electronic systems should be operated from different call points which are numbered in rotation. This also applies to a wall mounted manual hand bell to ensure it is working correctly and can be heard.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

An adequate means of escape is essential for all premises. There are some general factors which should be taken into account when organising escape routes and which need to be adhered to if they are to help safeguard occupants:-

- In the event of danger, it must be possible for occupants to evacuate the workplace quickly and as safely as possible. It is recommended that the building should be cleared within 2 ½ minutes. This means the last person leaving the building not the roll call.

There should be procedures in place to evacuate people who cannot leave the building quickly unaided. It may be necessary to develop Personal Emergency Evacuation Procedures for such persons which detail formally the arrangements to be followed. Consult your Area Health and Safety Adviser for assistance.

- emergency routes and exits must lead as directly as possible to a place of safety;
- the number, distribution and dimensions of emergency routes and exits must be adequate having regard to the use, equipment and dimensions of the workplace and the maximum number of persons that may be present there at any one time;
- emergency doors should open in the direction of escape;
- sliding or revolving doors must not be used at exits specifically intended as emergency exits;
- emergency doors must not be so locked or fastened such that they cannot be easily and immediately opened by any person who may require to use them in an emergency;
- emergency routes and exits must be indicated by signs; and
- emergency routes and exits requiring illumination must be provided with emergency lighting of adequate intensity in the case of failure of their normal lighting.

- the route must be sufficiently wide and of sufficiently short distance, to allow rapid and safe evacuation.
- there should be alternative routes leading in different directions
- the route should lead directly to open air via a protected route and should not be to an enclosed area with no exit
- the distance between workstation and the nearest fire exit should be minimised
- the escape route should be adequately signposted and easy to follow

Fire action notices should be displayed throughout the premises informing occupants of the action to be taken in the event of a fire. An example of the layout of such a notice is detailed at the end of this guidance.

Evacuation drills should be undertaken at least twice a year and in schools ideally three times a year (every other term). Records should be kept of the drills.

Do not call the fire and rescue service for the purpose of a drill – it is an offence. If you would like the fire service to be in attendance when you conduct a fire drill to offer advice, contact your local station who may be willing to attend and offer advice on your arrangements.

In any drill, it is essential that a check be made to ensure that all persons have evacuated the premises. This can be achieved by operating a roll call which should include visitors to the establishment. An alternative method if a roll call is not possible is to have ‘sweepers’ who are designated to be the last person to leave an area and who ‘sweep’ the area, checking that everyone has left, and then report that the area is clear to a designated “fire Marshall”. Sweep systems should have designated areas to be swept and designated named ‘sweepers’ and deputy’s for each area such that 1 of them will always be present in the area and should include all areas such as toilets etc. Sweepers should not have to go into the building thus putting themselves at risk to sweep an area. The sweep should always be of areas on their way out.

Record Keeping

There are a number of records which must be kept regarding fire in accordance with the legislation.

These include:-

- Fire Risk Assessments
- Fire drill details
- Fire instruction/training of staff
- Fire extinguisher maintenance/test details
- Fire warning devices/maintenance test details
- Emergency lighting maintenance details
- Self closing door mechanism maintenance/test details

Employee Guidelines

As an employee it is your responsibility to take reasonable care for the safety of yourself and other persons who may be affected by your acts or omissions.

In relation to fire safety it is important that you co-operate with your manager in all general fire precautions provided for your safety and the safety of others in accordance with current legislation.

In particular you should ensure you are familiar with the following:

- Fire hazards applicable to your workplace
- The action to be taken on hearing the fire alarm
- Raising the alarm, the location and operation of alarm points
- The correct method of calling the Fire and Rescue Service
- The location and use of fire fighting equipment
- Knowledge of escape routes
- Appreciation of the importance of fire doors (and not wedging them open) and of the need to close all doors at the time of fire.

Fire Action Notice

On Discovering a Fire

1. Activate the alarm.
2. Dial 999 to call the Fire Services
3. The Fire Brigade to be contacted by Ruth Fowler / Shirley Sewell or Barbara Joss
4. If safe to do so, tackle the fire using the equipment provided.
(Do not endanger yourself or others in doing so.)

On Hearing the Alarm

5. Leave the building by the nearest available exit.
6. Close all doors behind you.
7. Report to your designated assembly point, which is set out on the Fire Procedure.

Do not stop to collect personal belongs.

Do not use lifts.

Do not re-enter the building for any reasons unless authorised to do so by the Fire Officer.

Model Fire Policy Statement

Establishment:

Management and staff at Bennerley Fields School will take all measures reasonably practicable to prevent or minimise the likelihood of fire within the establishment.

It is acknowledged that despite measures being in place for fire prevention it cannot be assumed that a fire will never break out. Management will therefore put in place systems to deal with the consequences of any outbreak of fire.

These systems will be regularly monitored to ensure they are adequate, e.g. fire evacuation drills, inspections of the means of escape, maintenance of fire warning systems and fire fighting equipment.

Establishment Management will ensure that all employees are given suitable instruction on basic fire prevention measures.

Any employees involved in activities that give rise to an increased fire risk shall be given appropriate training in fire prevention.

All employees will be expected to report all concerns regarding fire hazards to their line manager so that appropriate action can be taken to eliminate the problem.

In the event of a fire, the safety of life shall override all other considerations. If a fire is discovered the alarm shall be raised immediately. Responsibility for summoning the Fire and Rescue Service is detailed in the Fire Evacuation procedures.

No employee will be required to attempt to extinguish a fire unless it is safe to do so. All persons must evacuate the building once the alarm has been raised and congregate at the designated assembly point/s.

No person shall re-enter the building until the Fire and Rescue Service or the Officer in Charge of the establishment declares it safe to do so.

The person responsible for the implementation of this policy is: Alex Pawlitta



WORKPLACE FIRE PRECAUTIONS LEGISLATION

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

Introduction

Under current Fire Safety legislation there is a requirement to undertake a 'suitable and sufficient' Fire Risk Assessment in order to assess the risk to employees and others who use the establishment and where appropriate take action to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.

The Fire Risk Assessment and associated documentation is divided into seven sections.

Responsibilities

General: The head of establishment will usually have overall responsibility for fire safety (Responsible Person). He/she may nominate other responsible persons to undertake certain tasks. These must be recorded within the Fire Risk Assessment and their responsibilities clearly stated.

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| Section 1 | : Operational Fire Risk Assessment |
| Responsible Person | : Alex Pawlitta – School Business Manager |
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| Section 2 | : Building and Technical Fire Risk Assessment
Survey and Plan / Annual Premises Review |
| Responsible Person | : Lantern Fire & Security Ltd |
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| Section 3 | : Fire Log Book |
| Responsible Person | : Nick Capstick – Site Manager |
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| Section 4 | : Fire Evacuation Procedures |
| Responsible Person | : Alex Pawlitta – School Business Manager |
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| Section 5 | : Test Certificates (where applicable) |
| Responsible Person | : Competent person |
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| Section 6 | : Supporting Fire Safety Management
Documents |
| Responsible Person | : Nick Capstick – Site Manager |
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| Section 7 | : Archive Documentation |
| Responsible Person | : Head of Establishment or nominated person/s |



OPERATIONAL FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The Operational Fire Risk Assessment is divided into four parts:

- Part 1** : General Information
- Part 2** : Identification of Potential Fire Hazards and appropriate Control Measures
- Part 3** : Fire Safety Procedures and Arrangements
- Part 4** : Significant Findings and Priority Action Plan

All parts must be completed by the responsible person.

Part 1

General Information

Establishment Name:

Establishment Address:

Establishment UPRN
(Property Number if known)

Type of Premises:
(School, HOP, Office etc)

Area covered by Operational Fire Risk Assessment (All, Block No. etc)

General Activities Undertaken:
(Office, workshops, repair/maintenance, teaching etc)

Teaching, Office

Occupancy of Premises:

Approximate maximum number of employees at any one time: N°

Approximate maximum number of clients/service users at any one time: N°

Approximate maximum number of members of the public/visitors at any one time: N°

Known Occupants at Special Risk:

People with restricted mobility:	N°	<input type="text" value="10"/>
People with vision/hearing impairment:	N°	<input type="text" value="6"/>
Children/Young Persons (<16 years old):	N°	<input type="text" value="100"/>
People asleep in premises:	N°	<input type="text"/>
People with learning difficulties:	N°	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Others (please specify):	N°	<input type="text"/>

Do you have visitors to the establishment who may be at special risk? Yes No

If YES, approximate maximum number at any one time. N°

Responsible Persons:

Name of person responsible for Establishment:
 Position:

If different from above:

Name of nominated person responsible for fire safety:
 Position:

Name of person responsible for fire safety in the absence of the above nominated person:
 Position:

Names of other persons responsible for implementing the establishment's fire management procedures (e.g. Alarm tests, Fire Wardens, alerting the Fire and Rescue Service in an emergency):

Name	Position	Responsibility
Jenni Wright	Headteacher	Fire Warden
Alex Pawlitta	SBM	Operational Fire Risk Assessment / Fire Safety Procedures / Fire Warden
Nick Capstick	Site Manager	Fire Log Book / Archive Documentation / Supporting Fire Safety Management Documents / Fire Warden
Dolcie Broughton	Teaching Assistant	Fire Warden
Ellis Kyle	Teaching Assistant	Fire Warden
Sarah Allen	Business Assistant	Fire Warden / Alerting Emergency Services
Joanne Grundy	Teaching Assistant	Fire Warden
Rebecca Owen	Head of Forest Schools	Fire Warden
Amabel Badder	Teaching Assistant	Fire Warden
Shirley Sewell / Ruth Fowler	Business Assistant	Alerting Emergency Services

Operational Fire Risk Assessment

Identification of Potential Fire Hazards and Appropriate Control Measures

Below is a non-exhaustive list of potential fire hazards that should be considered as part of the operational fire risk assessment in order to ensure that management have appropriate procedures in place to reduce the risk by controlling ignition sources to an acceptable level.

If any of the fire hazards are present in your establishment you should complete the associated questions. If you answer NO to any questions you should indicate why no procedures are in place and what further action is required, if any, at the end of the assessment (Part 4).

1. Electrical Equipment : Fixed or Portable

- 1.1 Are control measures in place to prevent fires of electrical origin? Yes No
- 1.2 More specifically:
- Are fixed electrical installations periodically inspected and tested? (usually 5 yearly) Yes No
- Is portable electrical appliance testing carried out? Yes No
- Are formal visual inspections of portable appliances undertaken at regular intervals? Yes No
- Is there suitable control regarding the bringing on site and use of personal electrical appliances i.e. portable heaters, toasters, etc? Yes No N/A
- Are there suitable restrictions in the use of trailing leads and multi plug adapters? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

2. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings

- 2.1 Are control measures in place to prevent fires as a result of smoking? Yes No N/A
- 2.2 More specifically:
Do you have a copy of the DCC No Smoking Policy? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

No smoking allowed on school premises.

3. Arson (external exposure to)

- 3.1 Are there procedures in place to prevent arson? Yes No N/A
- 3.2 More specifically:
- Are waste wheelie bins and other flammable materials stored in a secure store or compound or at least 10 metres away from buildings and securely anchored by chain and padlock? Yes No N/A
 - Where builders' skips are on site are:
 - open skips sited at least 10m from the building? Yes No N/A
 - closed/lockable skips sited at least 5m from the building? Yes No N/A
 - Where recycling is undertaken are the external storage containers located in a secure compound or at least 10m from the buildings and securely anchored? Yes No N/A
 - Are all wooden sheds/structures at least 8m from the building? Yes No N/A
 - Are site inspections carried out to identify and remove combustible materials? Yes No N/A
 - Is shrubbery and undergrowth trimmed back from the building to prevent fire hazards? Yes No N/A
 - Have the number of mailboxes been minimised and sealed where possible? Yes No N/A
 - Is the building security system effective and

- minimises the risk of unauthorised access?
- 3.3 Is there an effective visitor control system in place? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
 Annual Landlord's visits to ensure compliance where applicable. Site Manager performs regular site inspections. Vertas Grounds Maintenance package purchased. Perimeter fence around whole site. Electronic gates installed.
 Foremost security employed to respond to out of hours alarm calls.

4. Portable Heaters and Heating Installations

- 4.1 Is the use of portable heaters avoided as far as is reasonably practicable? Yes No N/A
- 4.2 If portable heaters are used, Is the use of the more hazardous types (e.g. radiant bar fires or calor gas appliances) avoided, where possible? Yes No N/A
- Are suitable measures taken to minimise the hazard of ignition of combustible materials, (e.g. portable heaters fitted with suitable guards and positioned away from combustible materials?) Yes No N/A
- 4.3 Are fixed heating installations subject to regular maintenance and inspection? Yes No N/A
- 4.4 Are boiler houses/rooms kept clear of all flammable materials? Yes No N/A
- 4.5 Is access always available to the boiler house, i.e. key available on site at all times? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
 Regular site inspections undertaken by Site Manager. Annual H&S walk by SBM & H&S Governor.

5. Cooking Facilities

- 5.1 Are control measures in place to prevent fires as a result of cooking? Yes No N/A
- 5.2 More specifically:
 Are filters and ductwork cleaned regularly? Yes No N/A
- Are suitable extinguishing appliances available, either CO₂, Dry Powder and Fire Blanket? Yes No N/A

Are there regular inspections of the kitchen area to check for potential fire hazards other than normal cooking operations?

Yes No N/A

Is appropriate fire prevention training provided for kitchen staff?

Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence: DCC catering service purchased – all checks done through DCC.

6. Housekeeping/Cleaning

6.1 Is the standard of housekeeping adequate, i.e. are circulation areas, under stairs areas and corridors kept free of combustible materials?

Yes No N/A

6.2 More specifically:

Are combustible materials kept separate from ignition sources, i.e. paperwork away from heaters?

Yes No N/A

Is the accumulation of combustible materials or waste kept to a minimum?

Yes No N/A

6.3 Are hazardous materials stored appropriately?

Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Vertas Cleaning services purchased. Site Manager oversees all cleaning staff.

7. Hazards introduced by maintenance/building works undertaken by internal staff or outside Contractors

7.1 Is there satisfactory control over works carried out in the building? (Management and Supervision)

Yes No N/A

7.2 Are fire safety procedures discussed?

Yes No N/A

7.3 Are suitable precautions in place to ensure the work does not increase the fire risk?

Yes No N/A

7.4 Are checks made to ensure that building works do not compromise any fire safety precautions (e.g. fire stop, fire doors, alarm systems etc)?

Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

8. Science department

- 8.1 Are there gas shut off valves in each laboratory? Yes No N/A
- 8.2 Can the valve be locked in the closed position? Yes No N/A
- 8.3 Are they close to the exit from the lab? Yes No N/A
- 8.4 Is there a lockable mains isolation switch for each lab? Yes No N/A
- 8.5 Are flammables materials appropriately stored in lab/prep room? Yes No N/A
- 8.6 Are suitable precautions in place to ensure the work does not increase the fire risk? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

9. Design and Technology department

- 9.1 Is welding bottle gas adequately stored? Yes No N/A
- 9.2 Does brazing and forge have gas isolation points? Yes No N/A
- 9.3 Are suitable precautions in place to ensure the work does not increase the fire risk? Yes No N/A
- 9.4 Are checks made to ensure that building works do not compromise any fire safety precautions (e.g. fire stop, fire doors, alarm systems etc)? Yes No N/A
- 9.5 Is there a maintenance contract for ovens? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

10. Other Significant Ignition Sources and Control Measures Specific to your Establishment

Applicable:

Yes No

If Yes, list sources:

We have two oxygen cylinders stored in the medical room. These are in school for emergency use only.

Outline control measures in place:

Are the above control measures adequate to control the risk?

Yes No

FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Means of giving warning in the event of a fire

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

1. Are systems in place (either electrical or manual) to alert occupants in the event of a fire? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Alarm Installed covering both buildings.

2. Where there is an electric fire alarm system:

- Is the system in good working order? Yes No N/A
- Is the system tested weekly? Yes No N/A
- Are the tests recorded? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Annual testing completed by Lantern Fire. Weekly tests completed by Site Manager.

3. Can the fire alarm be raised without placing anyone in danger? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Alarm points placed at regular locations around the site.

4. If an electric fire alarm is installed are the break glass call points clearly visible and unobstructed? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Regularly checked by Site Manager. Annual H&S Walk with governors.

5. Is the alarm audible in all parts of the building? This should be checked on a normal working day and where appropriate include people with hearing impairment. Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Fire drill undertaken at least once a term.

6. Are procedures in place for contacting the Fire & Rescue Service in an emergency? You should record your procedures in writing for contacting the Fire Service. Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Key staff identified for each part of the premises.

7. Have all staff been made aware of how to raise the alarm in the event of fire? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Part of staff induction.

Means of Escape in the event of a fire

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

8. When the establishment is occupied can all final exit doors be easily and immediately opened? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

The opening up procedures first thing in the morning ensures all the final exit doors are opened before the building is occupied.

9. Can all designated fire exit doors be easily and immediately opened without the use of a key? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

The opening up procedure first thing in the morning ensures all final exit doors are opened before the building is occupied.

10. Do all fire exits lead to a place of safety?
Have all fire assembly points been identified? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Regular fire drills ensure everyone can exit safely and assemble at identified points.

11. Are all passageways and corridors, both internal and external, which form part of an escape route, free from obstructions? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Daily inspections by the Site Manager to ensure all egress routes are clear.

12. Are all escape routes free from tripping and slipping hazards, eg filing cabinets, waste bins and displays? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Daily inspections by the Site Manager to ensure all egress routes are clear.

13. Are steps and stairs in a good state of repair (including external fire escapes)? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

One set of external steps, installed by DCC in 2015, and in good repair.

14. Are final fire exit doors and escape routes clearly signed? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Evidence of signs during annual H&S Walk.

15. Do the fire exit signs depict the 'running person' symbol? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Evidence of signs during annual H&S Walk.

16. If self closers are fitted to fire doors are they operating correctly, ie do doors close fully into the door frame? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Checked by Site Manager.

17. Are escape routes adequately lit by natural or electrical means? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Emergency safety lighting tested yearly by Lantern Fire.

18. If emergency lighting is provided is it tested regularly? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
All tests and checks done by Lantern Fire.

19. Are the tests recorded? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Kept by Site Manager and inspecting by Landlord during annual visit.

20. Are 'Fire-Action' notices completed and displayed prominently throughout the building? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Signs not currently displayed at every single exit door.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

21. Does the establishment have written fire evacuation procedures in place? Yes No N/A PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

Comments/Evidence:
Staff induction and available on R Drive.

22. Is there suitable access to site for emergency vehicles? As a general rule a minimum opening width of 3.1m is required. Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Fire engines have previously accessed the site.

23. Are there procedures in place to brief the Fire & Rescue Service on arrival. (Information should be kept available within the "Red Box".) Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
All necessary documentation in the Red Box in the school entrance.

24. Are regular fire evacuation practices carried out (at least annually)? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Done at least once every term.

25. Are arrangements in place for the safe evacuation of people at specific risk identified in the General Information, Section 1? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Part of the Manual Handling Procedures for individual pupils; Personal Emergency Evacuation Procedures.

26. Do fire evacuation practices include out of hours staff? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

27. Are there procedures in place to ensure no-one is left in the building on evacuation (roll call, evacuation attendants, etc)? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Sweep is done by Fire Wardens and roll call done from visitor register and evacuation reports cross referenced with records of those out of school on visits.

28. Are records kept of fire evacuations? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Kept by Site Manager and inspecting by Landlord during annual visit.

Fire Fighting Equipment

29. Is suitable fire fighting equipment provided at each floor level on escape routes and final exits? (Usually water fire extinguishers or hose reels) Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Fire extinguishers sited appropriately around site – single level only.

30. Is the fire fighting equipment appropriate for the Yes No N/A

risks and the nature of the fire eg electrical, CO₂ or dry powder?

Comments/Evidence:

Yes – installed and checked by Lantern Fire.

31. Where fire fighting equipment is provided is it securely mounted on wall brackets? Extinguishers should be in a fixed position usually adjacent to exit doors. Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Yes – installed and checked by Lantern Fire.

32. Is fire fighting equipment unobstructed and easily visible and accessible? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Yes – installed and checked by Lantern Fire.

33. Is fire fighting equipment serviced annually by a competent person? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Yes – installed and checked by Lantern Fire.

34. Are the results of servicing recorded and kept at the Establishment? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Recorded on extinguishers and now a report is provided by Lantern Fire following the service.

35. Where a 'fixed' system such as a sprinkler system is in place, is it checked and tested in accordance with manufacturer's/installer's instructions? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

Management and Training

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

36. Are all employees given instruction on the action to take in the event of fire on induction and at regular periods afterwards? (once/twice per year) Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Staff Induction and staff meetings.

37. Have employees with special responsibilities, eg Fire Wardens, been given suitable additional training/information? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
All staff have received suitable training by TES Education training.

38. Is/Are there nominated person/s responsible for fire safety at the Establishment? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Alex Pawlitta SBM

39. Are there procedures in place to ensure regular fire safety inspections are undertaken and recorded? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Site Manager undertakes inspections and records them.

40. Are there procedures in place to enable day to day fire related issues to be reported to Management? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Any issues raised verbally with Site Manager or Senior Leaders, as appropriate.

41. Are there procedures in place for fire safety at lettings/meetings outside of normal hours? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

42. Are there procedures in place for sharing information regarding fire safety with persons working in joint/host premises? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:

43. Has an emergency/business continuity plan been drawn up in case of a major fire? PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX
Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Critical Incident Plan in place which names Cotmanhay Junior School as alternative site.
Business Continuity Plan in place.

44. Is a copy of the emergency/business continuity plan kept in a separate location other than at the workplace? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Keep at home by Headteacher.

45. Is there a management system in place to ensure fire risk assessments and associated documentation is reviewed as required or at least annually? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Policy Committee reviews all school policies as required.

46. Is the Fire Risk Assessment accessible and its location made known to all employees? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Discussed at Staff Induction and stored on Shared Server.

47. Has a Building & Technical Fire Assessment or Landlords Visit been undertaken? Yes No N/A

Comments/Evidence:
Building & Technical Fire Assessment completed May 21.

If you answered NO to any of the questions in Parts two or three above, the matter must be regarded as significant and will impinge upon the effectiveness of the premises' fire precautions. Clearly describe on the significant findings and priority action plan (Part 4) overleaf what further actions need to be taken, if any, to ensure compliance.

Part 4



Significant Findings and Priority Action Plan

Question No.	Description of Inadequate Arrangements	Persons at Risk	Action Required	Priority H/M/L	By Whom/ Planned Completion Date

Completed by: Name Jenni Wright, Alex Pawlitta & Nick Capstick

Position Headteacher, SBM & Site Manager

Date 27/09/2023

- Copies to:**
- Establishment Fire Document
 - Red Box
 - Health & Safety Trade Union Representative (where available)

Reviews			
Next Review Required	Review Completed Date	Any Changes Required	Signature
	June 2021	No	
	June 2022	No	
June 2023	Sept 2023	No	
July 2024			



Section 2

BUILDING AND TECHNICAL FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

TECHNICAL SURVEY REPORT



Section 3

Bennerley Fields School

FIRE SAFETY LOG BOOK



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Guidance On Frequency Of Fire Safety Systems Inspection/Test Procedures

The table below provides guidance on the recommended frequency of inspection and testing of the fire safety systems that may be in place within your establishment.

Fire Safety System	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	6 Monthly	Annually
Emergency Escape Route	Visual Check ✓		Visual Inspection ✓		
Fire Alarm System	Panel Check ✓	Alarm Test (from different break glass points) ✓			✓ *
Fire Fighting Equipment			Visual Inspection ✓		✓ *
Automatic Fire Detection			Visual Inspection ✓		✓ *
Emergency Lighting			Test & Visual Inspection (all units) ✓	Residential Only ✓	✓ *
Fire Instruction/Drill					Refresher ✓
Fire Risk Assessment					Review ✓

* Inspection/testing of the items should be carried out by a competent person. All test certificates/reports should be filed in Section 5.

Note: The frequency and type of inspection may vary dependent upon the systems in place and hazards identified within the establishment/workplace.

Responsible Persons

Listed below are the names of the responsible persons and the nominated substitute in their absence to undertake the inspection/checks identified in the Fire Safety Log Book.

Name/s	Position	Responsibility

Weekly Checklist

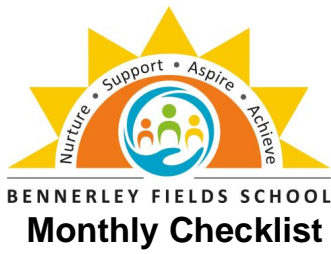
- Visually check that all escape routes are clear of obstructions and all final exit and emergency fire exit doors are available for use while ever the premises are occupied.
- Visually check the fire alarm panel for normal operation of the system.

Date	Inspected By	Faults Found	Action Taken



- Test the fire alarm system – same day and time if possible to minimise confusion.
- The alarm should be tested at different call points on a rotational basis (number call points if necessary).
- All automatic ‘hold-open’ door systems should be checked to ensure they have been released and the door closes fully into the frame rebates.

Date	Call Point Position	Tests and Checks Carried out by	Faults Found	Action Taken



Inspection of Emergency Escape Routes

- Inspect all emergency escape routes paying particular attention to:
 - Obstructions
 - Tipping/slipping hazards
 - Exit route signs
 - Lighting
 - Final exit doors
 - Fire notices
 - Condition of steps/stairs
 - Fire door self closing devices

Date	Inspected By	Faults Found	Action Taken



Monthly Checklist

Fire Fighting Equipment

- Visually inspect fire extinguishers to ensure they are in the correct location and have not been discharged or suffered obvious damage.
- Check hose reels for leaks and correct operation.
- Check fire blankets to ensure they are in correct location and not suffered obvious damage.

Date	Inspected By	Faults Found	Action Taken



No. of Extinguishers:
No. of Hose Reels:
No. of Fire Blankets:

Monthly Checklist

Automatic Fire Detection

- Inspect smoke and heat detectors for damage, unusual accumulations of dirt, heavy coats of paint and other conditions likely to interfere with the correct operation of the detector

Date	Inspected By	Faults Found	Action Taken



No. of Detectors:
Smoke No:
Heat No:

Monthly Checklist

Emergency Lighting

- Test the emergency escape lighting by simulating failure of the normal lighting supply.
- Check all emergency lights are operating.

Date	Checked By	Faults Found	Action Taken



Once/Termly/Twice Yearly Checklist

Fire Drill

- At least annually, a fire drill should be conducted to simulate fire conditions, e.g. one escape route should be obstructed. No advance warning should be given other than to specific staff for the purposes of safety. In residential establishments, clearly the well being of residents is vital and it may not therefore be possible to involve all residents for reasons of sickness or disability. Similarly, some staff may need to be excluded to care for any residents not taking part in the drill. However, careful timing of the exercise should minimize this problem. In the event of a real fire ALL residents may have to be evacuated. Suitable staff instruction must be given as to how the evacuation of poorly residents is to take place.

Do not call the Fire and Rescue Service for the purposes of a drill – it is an offence.

Date	Time Taken to Evacuate	Roll Call Number			Record of Exclusions		
		Staff	Residents	Visitors	Staff	Residents	Reason
					Names		



Annual Checklist

Fire Instructions/Training

- All Employees should receive instruction and/or training in respect of the following:
 - Action taken on discovering a fire
 - Action taken on hearing the fire alarm
 - Raising the alarm
 - Calling the Fire & Rescue Service
 - Operation and use of fire extinguishers
 - Emergency evacuation routes
 - Location of assembly points
- All new Employees must be instructed on fire precautions and procedures as part of their induction on their first day in post.
- Specific Employees with additional duties for fire safety e.g. Fire Wardens, may require additional training.

See next page for Record Sheet

Employee Fire Training Record

Employee Name	Instruction/Training	Date	Refresher Date



Record Sheet

Inspections made by Fire Safety Officers or Safety Officers

Date	Inspecting Officer	Department	Reason for Inspection



Section 4

FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Establishment

Name:

Address:



Section 5

TEST CERTIFICATES



Section 6

SUPPORTING FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS



Fire Safety Management

Version	Reviewed in School	Approved by GB/SLT/HT/IG	Ratified at LGB	Minute Number
1-Date Approved	-	-	07.11.2016	10.5
1.1	-	-	26.02.2018	13.2
1.2	-	-	26.11.2018	20.9
1.3	23.06.2021	23.06.2021	11.5	19.07.2021
Please Note: Fire Procedures have been regularly updated throughout 2020/2021 due to COVID 19				
2	21.10.22	31.10.22 - SLT	NA	NA
2.1	27.09.23	27.09.23 - HT	NA	NA
Review Requirement:		1 Year		
Approval Level:		HT		