

Cambourne Village College Premises Management Document	
A working document, to be read in conjunction with a range of the key school policies	
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1. Aims

Our school aims to ensure that it:

- Manages its buildings and equipment in an efficient, legally compliant way.
- Inspects and tests buildings and equipment regularly, taking into account statutory requirements and best practice recommendations.
- Promotes the safety and wellbeing of our staff, pupils, parents and visitors through effective maintenance of buildings and equipment in accordance with the [Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#)
- Complies with the requirements of the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) \(England\) Regulations 2010](#), as [amended](#)

2. Guidance

This document is based on the [Compliance Monitoring in Council Buildings report](#) from the Federation of Property Societies, which provides an overview of the legislation and compliance requirements related to premises management in schools. It is also based on the Department for Education's guidance on [Good estate management for schools](#).

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board, the headteacher and the site manager will ensure this premises management policy is properly implemented, and that tests and inspections are carried out in accordance with this policy.

The headteacher and site manager are responsible for ensuring relevant risk assessments are conducted and for reporting to the governing board, as required.

The site manager is responsible for:

- Inspecting and maintaining the school premises
- Conducting repairs and maintenance
- Being the first point of contact for any issues with the premises
- Conducting and keeping a record of risk assessments and incident logs related to the school premises
- Liaising with the headteacher about what actions need to be taken to keep the school premises safe
- This list is not intended to be exhaustive

4. Inspection and testing

The school maintains accurate records and details of all statutory tests which are undertaken. This includes relevant paperwork and certificates.

All requirements and recommendations highlighted in inspection reports and certificates are reviewed and acted on as necessary.

As part of the records of completed works, the school includes the dates when the works were undertaken and the details of the individual or company who completed them, along with their qualifications/certifications and/or experience.

The table below sets out the issues to inspect, the inspection frequency and the person responsible for checking each issue.

Issue to Inspect	Frequency	Person Responsible
Air Conditioning Systems	Inspected once every 12 months (the air conditioning system must be inspected by an energy assessor at least once every 5 years). There is also an annual certificated inspection to ensure there is no leakage of refrigerant. All maintenance and certification is conducted by a qualified energy assessor.	Site Manager
Asbestos Register	New build – not applicable	-
Chemical storage	Inventories are kept up-to-date. Risk assessments for the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) are reviewed on a regular basis, plus whenever it's considered that the original assessment may no longer be valid, or where the circumstances of the work change significantly and may affect employees' exposure to a hazardous substance (in line with HSE guidance on COSHH assessment).	Site manager / Head of Departments
Electrical testing and inspection	A PAT exercise takes place annually. The schematic of the supply route and primary distribution is updated annually. Fixed wiring and all distribution boards and safety devices are inspected annually. All fixed wiring and all distribution boards are tested at least once every 5 years. Testing of all distribution boards in mobile	Site Manager

	accommodation is conducted on an annual basis. All electrical testing and inspection is carried out by a competent person.	
Extraction systems	For extraction equipment in catering facilities, grease filters are removed and cleaned at least each term, and ductwork is also cleaned at least yearly.	Site Manager/Kitchen contractors
Fire safety	<p>Our fire risk assessment is reviewed and updated by a competent person on an annual basis, and when any changes are made that might impact fire safety.</p> <p>Fire detection and alarm systems are tested weekly. Formal quarterly and annual inspections are completed by a competent person.</p> <p>Fire doors are inspected weekly over a 5-week cycle.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers are inspected and maintained on an annual basis by a competent person, with monthly checks on the condition of the fire extinguishers.</p> <p>The fire sprinkler system is inspected and tested annually (with weekly test checks completed as needed to meet insurance requirements).</p> <p>Fire blankets are inspected annually and replaced as required.</p> <p>Refuge points will be tested over a 5-week cycle and inspected by a competent person annually.</p> <p>Facilities for the fire service, including dry risers, fire hydrants, access for emergency vehicles, and emergency switches for installations, are maintained and tested annually.</p> <p>Lightning conductors are inspected and electrically tested on an annual basis by a competent person.</p> <p>All staff will complete fire awareness training course annually.</p>	Site Manager
First aid equipment	First aid equipment is inspected every term. Any equipment which has passed its expiry date is replaced.	On site First Aiders / Site manager
Gas safety	<p>Gas safety inspections are completed and certificates obtained as required by law (including annual test certificates for boilers). Gas appliances are identified, and their location recorded on an annual basis.</p> <p>All gas appliances are serviced annually.</p> <p>A visual condition inspection (and testing if required) is conducted on gas pipework on an annual basis.</p> <p>All work is carried out by a Gas Safe Registered engineer with a valid certificate of competence relevant to the particular type of gas work involved.</p>	Site Manager
Glazing	An initial survey has been made of the building to identify any areas where safety glazing should be	Site Manager

	implemented. Further checks that any replacements are with safety glass are made as needed.	
Lifts and hoists	<p>Passenger lifts receive a thorough examination, full maintenance and inspection by a competent person at least once every 6 months. All lifts are also tested and inspected after any significant changes have been made.</p> <p>Emergency calls in the lifts are tested every half term.</p> <p>Emergency Evac chairs will be maintained yearly with appropriate training given to all staff that will be reasonably expected to use Evac chairs.</p> <p>All hoists (chain and medical) will be inspected yearly by a competent person.</p>	Site Manager
Lighting systems	Emergency lighting systems are inspected and tested (flick switch) over a 5 week cycle by the site team. There is a 1 hour duration test once every 6 months, which includes a 3 hour battery test by a competent person. A full duration test takes place annually.	Site Manager
Partition Walls in main hall	These walls and the runners will be inspected annually by a competent person.	Site Manager
Playground and gymnasium equipment (fixed)	Sports equipment and gymnasium equipment is inspected and tested annually.	Site Manager / PE Department
Pressure systems	No fixed maintenance requirement (our programme takes account of the list on page 44 of the HSE's Safety of Pressure Systems guidance , and an examination of the system is carried out by a competent person by the date set at the previous examination – see pages 35 to 37 of the HSE guidance).	Site Manager
Tree safety	As part of risk assessment responsibilities, periodic visual checks for stability are carried out, with more detailed assessments if suspected structural faults or other risks are found.	Site Manager
Water hygiene and safety	<p>For cold water systems, the plan of primary pipework and main isolation points is updated annually. A visual condition and compliance inspection is undertaken on an annual basis, as is a tank condition and compliance inspection.</p> <p>For hot water systems, a visual condition inspection is conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>Maintenance checks are also carried out on all pipework devices annually.</p> <p>Water quality checks, and water and surface temperature checks, are completed at a frequency to be determined by our water safety risk assessment. These checks include identifying, assessing and monitoring sources of risk of</p>	Site Manager

	legionella bacteria.	
Workstation assessments	Staff workstations are analysed to assess any health and safety risks whenever a new staff member is appointed, and also whenever a staff member is relocated to a different area or significant changes are made.	IT Technicians / Site Manager
Working at height	Equipment used for working at height is inspected and tested on an annual basis, including roof access hatch ladders as well as fall arrest systems.	Site Manager

5. Risk assessments and other checks

Please refer to our Risk Management Procedures policy for information about the school's approach to risk assessment.

In addition to the risk assessments the school is required to have in place (please refer to our Risk Management Procedures policy and health and safety policy for more information), we ensure we have risk assessments in place, regularly updated, to cover:

- Car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation
- Traffic management
- Radon
- Shared premises
- Tree safety
- Vacant buildings
- Lettings

The school also ensures further checks are made to confirm the following:

- Correct and up-to-date information is displayed in all notices
- Compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 on letting of a construction project
- Contractors have the necessary qualifications to carry out the specified work
- Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 when making changes or alterations to a building or the external environment

6. Monitoring arrangements

The application of this policy is monitored by the Site Manager and the Assistant Principal through, among other things, visual checks of the school site and equipment, and checks of risk assessments.

Copies of risk assessments and paperwork relating to any checks are kept on school Sharepoint under Risk Assessments/.

This policy will be reviewed by the Assistant Principal, health and Safety, every 12 months. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board and approved by the Chair of Governors

7. Links with other policies

This premises management policy is linked to:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Risk Management Procedures policy (Trust)