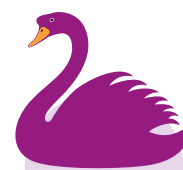


Health & Safety

2022-2023



POLICY

Swansfield Park
Primary School

Introduction

The health and safety of both staff and students has always been of paramount importance in the Education Service. The Head teacher is traditionally responsible for the discipline and internal organisation of the school, and for the safe conduct of the staff and students and all school related activities.

Since the introduction of Local Management of Schools, the Governing Body has fulfilled many of the functions of the employer and has significant responsibility for the day to day running of the school and the management of the delegated budget. Consequently, the Governors share with the LA responsibility for health and safety in the school to the extent to which they have control over the management of the school and the budget. The modern management of schools is, therefore, a well-integrated partnership between the LA and the Governing Body, with the LA providing many of the services and technical expertise required for safety matters.

The Health and Safety at Work Act requires the employer to publish a Health and Safety Policy that sets out the policy of the employer with regard to health and safety, describes the management organisation responsible for implementing the policy, and details all the arrangements in force with regard to health and safety. The policy must be brought to the attention of every employee.

In order to comply with this requirement, the Children's Services Safety Policy and Safety Information Manual (LA Safety Policy) has been issued to all schools. However, due

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to the inevitable differences in the internal management and organisation of schools, the LA Safety Policy is:

- in parts, of a broad and general nature
- unable to provide all the detailed information required by law
- unable to describe the safety management systems and procedures adopted by different schools
- unable to provide for the Governing Body to acknowledge its responsibilities and set out its own policy and arrangements for health and safety.

In view of this, the school's own safety policy has been devised to complement that of the LA and provide those details that an LA policy cannot. The full concept of a school policy is described in Part 2.

In order to issue this policy, many members of staff have already done much work, and the Governors wish to acknowledge their appreciation of all their contributions. It is important that a regular update of the policy is carried out, so that over a number of years the policy grows into a comprehensive and up to date resource. Further contributions or suggestions from members of staff would be most welcome.

Clearly, the maintenance of a detailed policy will require a continuing commitment from staff. In return it can offer the worthwhile advantages of a clear and well organised system of safety management, and access to clear safety information, to the benefit of everyone.

This detailed approach to safety management also plays an essential part in the County Council's approach to risk management, and will help to reduce the rapidly increasing costs of litigation that impose an unacceptable burden on the budget.

I warmly commend it to all staff.

Governor Representative

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Date **14 July 2023**

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The Concept of a School Safety Policy

The School Safety Policy is the means whereby:

- the Governing Body acknowledges its extensive role and responsibilities in the local management of the school
- the Governing Body and the senior school management express their commitment to a high standard of safety, for both students and staff
- the staff and management organisation is clearly set out and the delegation of tasks and responsibilities required for the effective management of health and safety is clearly identified
- coordinators required to fulfil key tasks or oversee the implementation of particular pieces of legislation are identified
- the LA Safety Policy is adopted and, where relevant, additional specific details as to the safety arrangements in force in the school are set out. Where appropriate, key information is summarised, without reproducing unnecessary detail from the LA Safety Policy
- safety standards and future objectives are identified
- key reference books and other relevant texts which include adequate safety information are adopted and listed for the purpose of statutory risk assessments
- arrangements are set out for:
 - the systematic planning of health and safety objectives and, when relevant, the inclusion of such objectives in the School Development Plan
 - the monitoring of progress towards those objectives
 - the continuous assessment of needs and priorities with regard to health and safety
 - the feeding back of this information into the planning process
- a positive safety culture is fostered, in which all staff share the safety objectives identified by management, and in which all staff, at every level, contribute to the safety effort and strive to make continuous improvements
- the school demonstrates compliance with a wide range of very detailed safety legislation concerning standards, safe systems of work and systems of safety management
- via the LA, good practice in the safety management of schools can be disseminated, to the benefit of all the schools.



General Statement of Policy

In partnership with the LA, the Governing Body recognises its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for teaching and non-teaching staff, students, contractors and other visitors to the premises and will take all reasonably practicable steps within its power to fulfil this responsibility. Such matters include:

- a safe place of work and a safe working environment
- safe plant and equipment
- safe systems of work
- safe access to and egress from places of work
- the assessment of all significant risks associated with work processes, and the adoption of appropriate precautions
- the provision of adequate information, instruction, training and supervision
- adequate consultation with staff on all matters relating to health and safety, and the fostering of a positive safety culture in the school
- keeping abreast of legislation by obtaining advice from the LA and through persons competent in health and safety matters
- a written system of safety management which includes:
 - the identification of needs and objectives, in order of priority
 - the allocation of appropriate funds
 - the integration of health and safety planning within the School Development Plan
 - the regular monitoring of progress, and of safety performance, to be used in the planning process
 - an annual review of the safety policy
 - the inclusion of health and safety on the agenda of Governing Body meetings, at least annually.



General Statement of Policy

Title	Name
Chair of Governors	Mrs Angela Jefferies
Governors with Safety Responsibilities	Mr Bill Gridale
Head teacher	Mrs Anne-Marie Grimes
School Safety Coordinator	Mrs JAnne-Marie Grimes
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Anne-Marie Grimes
Subject Coordinators	Mrs Katie Chambers (P.E.) Mrs Annabel Edwards (D.T.) Mrs Laurie Horne-Smith (Art) Miss Tanya Thompson(Science)
Coordinator - COSHH	Mrs Yvonne Hammond
Coordinator - Manual Handling	Mrs Pauline Barrass
Coordinator – Fire and Emergency	Mrs Anne-Marie Grimes
Coordinator – First Aid	Mrs Yvonne Hammond
Educational Visit Coordinator (EVC)	Mrs Charlotte Murdy
Membership of the Safety Management Team	Ms Maria Luisa Avila-Jimenez Mr Bill Gridale Mrs Anne-Marie Grimes Mrs Pauline Barrass Mrs Victoria Young

Head teacher

The Head teacher is responsible to both the LA and the Governors for all matters concerning the safe conduct of staff and students in the school and all its related activities. Assistance in this task is provided by the senior school staff who comprise the management team i.e. the Deputy Head and key stage team leaders.

The Head teacher, assisted by the management team, is required to:

- establish a structured system of safety management, in accordance with LA guidance and the LA Safety Policy, comprising:
 - the identification of safety requirements and objectives
 - the clear identification of priorities
 - the incorporation of safety requirements and future objectives in the development and budget planning of the school, and where appropriate, inclusion in the School Development Plan

- the regular monitoring and review of safety performance, progress and future needs so that this information is fed back into the planning process.
 - implement a system for protecting all persons on the premises, or involved in school activities, from risks which are reasonably foreseeable
 - coordinate any necessary safety arrangements with any contractors working on the site
 - implement such procedures as are necessary to comply with all legislation concerning health and safety, in accordance with LA guidance
 - provide regular reports on significant issues and general progress to the Governing Body
 - foster the growth of a positive safety culture, in which all the staff share the aim of continuous improvement in health and safety.
- (Ref in LA Policy: D)

The Deputy Head teacher

The Deputy Head teacher assists the Head in the day-to-day management of the school, and deputise for the Head during any period of absence.

Subject Coordinators

The Subject Coordinator is responsible to the Head teacher for the safe management of the Subject, in accordance with LA guidance and the LA Safety Policy, and for implementing all school procedures relating to health and safety.

The Subject Coordinator will identify and clearly prioritise both the immediate and long term requirements of the subject with regard to health and safety and provide this information to the Head teacher so that it may be included in the normal budget planning arrangements.

The Subject Coordinator will maintain a permanent file of all safety publications and guidance issued by the LA, or any other relevant bodies or professional associations, relevant to the subject concerned or relevant to his/her subject. He/she will ensure that it is freely accessible to all relevant staff, and that all subsequent additions are brought to the attention of all such staff, and added to the file, as appropriate.

The Subject Coordinator will make appropriate arrangements for the periodic monitoring of safety standards, arrangements, and progress towards identified objectives. He/she will report the results to the Head teacher, for incorporation in the regular review of safety matters and inclusion, where appropriate, in the School Development Plan and/or budget planning.



The Subject Coordinator will assist in the fostering of a positive safety culture within his/her Subject.

Kitchen Manager

This school manages the catering services directly and reference should be made to section E3 of the LA Safety Policy.

The Head teacher and Kitchen Manager will liaise so as to coordinate any necessary safety arrangements which relate to staff and the management of the building in general.

Cleaners in Charge

The cleaners in charge are responsible to the Head teacher for the safe organisation and work of the service, and, as Heads of a 'Service Department', for fulfilling all those functions listed under 'Head of Department', with respect to cleaning staff.

All Staff

Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act places duties on all staff to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and of other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work and to cooperate with the employer and his representatives so far as is necessary in order for the employer to fulfil any of the relevant statutory provisions.

Section 8 of the Health and Safety at Work Act makes reckless interference with or misuse of anything provided in the interest of health, safety or welfare an offence.

Health and safety legislation requires all staff to:

- use all materials, machinery and equipment etc in accordance with the information, instruction and training which they have received
- report immediately to their line manager any defects in the equipment etc
- report immediately to their line manager any serious and immediate danger to health and safety
- report to their line manager any matter which they, taking into account their instruction and training, would reasonably consider represented a shortcoming in the protective arrangements for health and safety (it is sufficient to report a given matter once only, and not to have to repeat it)



All members of staff are responsible for:

- observing all instructions on health and safety issued by the Executive Director of Children's Services, Head teacher, Subject Coordinator or any other person delegated to be responsible for a relevant aspect of safety
- observing all safety rules relating to the use of specific machinery
- reporting all accidents to their Subject Coordinator and ensuring that an accident report form is completed
- reporting all potential hazards to health and safety to their Subject Coordinator or Head teacher
- assisting Officers of the County Council in their inspections and investigations
- assisting Inspectors of the Health and Safety Executive to carry out inspections and investigations.

The Management of Health and Safety

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations require that a thorough and modern system of safety management is adopted as described in Section B of LA Safety Policy.

General Arrangements

The arrangements set out in Sections E to L of the LA Safety Policy remain in effect. The purpose of this section is to amplify those arrangements with the inclusion of specific details and, where necessary, the naming of individuals. This clearly explains how the matter in question is managed within the school. It also provides an opportunity to include individual topics which do not appear in the LA Safety Policy, so that over a period of time this section may develop into a comprehensive and valuable resource.

Over the course of time circumstances may change. It is, therefore, important that these arrangements are amended when necessary so as to remain fully up to date.

Meetings of the Safety Management Team

Purpose of Meetings:

- To direct and coordinate the necessary planning for Health and Safety, and to draft the School's Safety Policy



- To review, prioritise and direct the safety initiatives arising from:
- plans submitted by departments and/or coordinators
- reports concerning safety inspections, accident reports and other means of monitoring performance
- new information or guidance received from the County Council, enforcing authorities or consultants
- To audit all parts of the safety management system on an ongoing basis.

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be held once per term but additional meetings should take place after serious incidents or where necessary.

Working parties will be established to deal with specific issues.

Accidents

(LA Ref: F1)

Accident Procedure

- In the event of an accident any member of staff is expected to give comfort and aid to the injured person whilst ensuring that an urgent message is sent to the school office. An assessment of the injury should be made by a first aider at the earliest opportunity.
- Should an ambulance be required it will be summoned from the main office unless the seriousness of the injury requires immediate medical attention. In the latter case any member of staff should summon the ambulance from the nearest telephone extension by calling 999 and send a message to inform main office as soon as possible.
- In the event of serious injury or ill health to a student, the parent (or emergency contact should the parent be unavailable) should be contacted immediately using the contact numbers held in the main office and requested to collect their child to take home or to hospital, as appropriate. Medical treatment or advice should not be delayed if parents or emergency contacts are not available.
- In circumstances where a student needs to be taken to hospital immediately by ambulance and a parent is not available to accompany him/her, a member of the school staff should go to the hospital to await the arrival of the parent. On occasion it may be necessary to take an injured student to hospital in a vehicle belonging to a member of staff. Before this occurs, staff should ensure that their insurance covers this eventuality. Staff should be aware that hospital; staff will stabilise the



casualty's condition until the parents arrive and give consent to further treatment.

- Students should only be sent home when a responsible person is present to take care of them. This would normally be a parent/guardian, second emergency contact or close relative.

Completion of the Accident Report Form (ACC1)

- The school's accident file should be used to record the more trivial incidents which are not recorded on form ACC1. It is important that treatment rendered by the first aider is recorded. In order to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act only one record per page should be completed. Each record should be detached on completion and kept in the school office.
- It is important to indicate the responsibilities of staff when reporting accidents. The Safety Coordinator or senior member of staff should check the completed ACC1 forms and countersign them and should monitor records to identify accident trends.
- The ACC1 should be completed for all significant injuries and sent to the Health and Safety Team. It is important that the member of staff supervising at the time of the accident records the details. The injured person should not complete the form. Again, first aid treatments should be recorded. It is important that actions to prevent recurrence are always recorded on the ACC1.
- A VI form should be sent to the Health and Safety Team in the case of a violent incident. A senior member of staff, in conjunction with the member of staff involved, should complete this.

Accident Investigation

The Safety Coordinator should advise staff on the appropriate level of response.

A senior member of staff should undertake an investigation using the form ACC2 if the incident is serious, complex or one which may have serious repercussions.

In the most serious cases the school should call in a Health and Safety Officer. If appropriate, he/she will undertake a full accident investigation and will take photographs and witness statements.



Reportable Injuries

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Call Centre should be contacted by telephone immediately in the following circumstances:

- 'major injuries' in respect of employees
- 'dangerous occurrences'
- 'occupational diseases'
- 'injuries resulting in hospital visits for treatment in respect of students and non-employees who are injured out of or in connection with work activities'.

In the case of injuries to employees resulting in over-three days' absence from work, these should be reported to the HSE within 10 days. Again, the Call Centre can be used as an alternative to sending form F2508. Office staff should undertake these tasks using information recorded on the ACC1 or VI form. The information should then be checked and countersigned by the Safety Coordinator or senior member of staff.

The HSE Call Centre number is 0845 300 9923.

All accidents which are recorded on an ACC1, V1 or reported to the HSE must be brought to the attention of the governing body via the head teacher's termly report.

First Aid Arrangements

(LA Ref: F3)

First aid arrangements are given below:

- Mrs Yvonne Hammond has been nominated to act as first aid coordinator. She should take on the responsibility for ordering items and replenishing first aid boxes and ensuring that certificates remain current
- Staff with full paediatric first aid qualifications are Kerry Wallace, Lisa Pickard, Claire Hornsby, Hannah Ridley and Liz Tears.
- Pauline Barrass, Jane Crowe, Gillian Givens, Yvonne Hammond, Sheila Imeson, Kim Grieve, Ewelina Sapor, Maja Bordowska, Karen Straughan, Gill Sutherland, Claire Wallwork and Victoria Young are qualified first aiders.
- All staff will be notified of first aid courses available and funding will be available.
- A register of first aid certificates will be maintained to ensure that these are renewed before they expire.

- The Head Teacher is to take responsibility for accidents in the absence of a qualified first aider.
- First aid boxes are located in the main office, next to the staff room, next to the meeting room, next to Pear and Plum classes and in nursery.
- A portable first aid kit is available, along with epipens and inhalers, and must be taken on all trips.
- A first aid reference book is available in the school office.

Health matters

- Students' medical needs are established by:
 - Discussion during home visits prior to entry into school
 - By completion of intake forms which require parents to identify medical needs
- Staff should only administer prescribed medication with the agreement of the Head teacher and only when a parental consent form has been completed. The medication should only be administered during school hours where this is unavoidable.
- All medication in school must be stored in the secure locked cabinet within the main office
- Inhalers for children with asthma will be kept in safe place within the classroom
- Only prescribed medication which is suitably labelled with details of name and dosage will be administered
- All staff are aware of medical conditions and students' health details are kept with their internal records. First aiders have a comprehensive list of a student's medical requirements. Medical input to the individual health care plans is sought from the School Medical Service.
- Staff training is provided when necessary to recognise and deal with anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy via the School Medical Service.

This school has adopted a no-smoking policy throughout the school site in order to protect non smokers from the effects of tobacco smoke.

Children need positive role models, smoking has a detrimental effect on health and therefore children must not be exposed to adults smoking within the school environment.

Building and Site Maintenance

- The Head teacher is in charge of the maintenance of the school site and its buildings. The Head teacher is responsible to ensure that protocols detailed in section E3 are applied when the school commissions services independently.
- Any defects must be reported to the Head teacher or cleaners in charge.

The cleaners in charge are to consult with the Head teacher. Depending on the nature of the defect the Head Teacher will arrange for an approved contractor to carry out the repair or will contact the governing body for authorisation.

The cleaners in charge are responsible for liaison with Community and Environmental Services staff and contractors in order to co-ordinate any necessary safety precautions during the progress of any building/site maintenance. This may entail completion of the HSC1 forms, when required.

(LA Ref: J2)

- All contractors must report to the Head teacher prior to entering the site with machinery or vehicles and before commencing work
- A contractors' induction pack will be made available to those carrying out appropriate works
- All contractors must be aware of relevant risk assessments
- All contractors must sign an Swansfield Park Health and Safety information sheet and complete Form HSC1 and Hot Work Permit if necessary
- All contractors must be made aware of the asbestos survey
- All contractors must provide relevant COSHH forms
- The cleaners in charge are to co-ordinate the Health and Safety precautions during building/site maintenance.

Grounds Maintenance

The Grounds Maintenance contract has been awarded to Stable Yard Landscapes.

All health and safety documentation pertaining to grounds maintenance has been provided by Stable Yard Landscapes and details procedures for risk assessments and [COSHH](#) assessments.

Stable Yard Landscapes operate in accordance with an agreed work schedule

and only enter the school site before or after school times, during holidays or during lesson times.

The contractor always maintains site security.

Maintenance and Testing of Equipment

The cleaners in charge are to maintain/monitor equipment and notify the Head Teacher if the equipment is dangerous. The Head teacher will contact the County Council or contractors

- (a) Annual safety tests of 240v portable electrical appliances (LA Ref: L4)

The caretaker liaises annually with electrical inspectors and maintains records for portable electrical equipment

RCD testing will also be carried out and the results recorded.

- (b) Weekly testing of the fire alarm system. The caretaker tests the fire alarm system every Monday morning. Break glass tests are carried out in rotation. A record is kept in the log book which is held in the Health and Safety library in the school office.

Fire Log Book

Fire Safety and Emergencies

Fire Log Book

- The Head ensures that the fire risk assessment in section 4 of the Fire Log Book is completed.
- The Fire Coordinator (the Head teacher) is responsible for devising and coordinating fire drills and maintaining records in the Fire Log Book, such as fire drills and fire alarm tests
- Fire drills take place each term
- Fire procedures are displayed next to the classroom doors. Each procedure includes a map which highlights the fire escape route.
- The following arrangements for fire precautions are in place to ensure that:
 - Flammable liquids are stored in a locked metal cupboard
 - Fire doors are always closed and never wedged open
 - Waste materials are collected daily and are stored in a locked area until collection by the local council
 - Electrical equipment not in use is always isolated from the mains.
 - No smoking policy exists on the school site.

Security

This is a secure school with all main entrances locked, visitors gain admittance via an intercom system at the main entrance.

Yard doors can only be opened with a swipe ID card or by using the code pad.

Doors lock automatically after visitors leave the building.

All visitors on site must wear an identity badge, sign in and out and read the health and safety information sheet prior to working in the school.

Any adult working with children must have clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service before they commence work.

Such measures enable schools to be secure and safeguard staff and students against the risks of unauthorised entry to the buildings.

Risk Assessments

LA Ref: E6

A written assessment of all activities that involve a significant risk to health or safety is produced, in which the hazards, risks and necessary precautions are identified. The Health and Safety Team provides further guidance and several generic assessments have adopted by the school. However, most assessments are completed by school staff in light of the particular circumstances in the school.

With regard to teaching, in most cases identifying and adopting the relevant reference books and noting any variations or special circumstances existing in the school, is be sufficient.

Where appropriate, the precautions detailed in the risk assessment are transcribed into relevant working documents, such as a lesson plans or worksheets. Risk assessments are numbered for easy retrieval.

Manufacturers' safety data sheets should be obtained for all hazardous products used in school. Risk assessments should be completed for all activities. Further information is contained within the [COSHH](#) section of the LA Safety Policy.

LA Ref: H1

The safety management team are responsible for co-ordinating and maintaining records of risk assessments and they are available to all staff in the staff guidance PDF.



Manual Handling

LA Ref: L1

A written assessment of all manual handling tasks likely to involve risk of injury is produced. Written assessments for standard manual handling tasks in caretaking are provided by the LA. Other regular and ad-hoc manual handling tasks are to be assessed in the school.

Wherever reasonably practicable, procedures and practices are changed to eliminate or otherwise reduce manual handling tasks.

Mrs Barrass is responsible for co-ordinating and maintaining records of manual handling risk assessments.

Display Screen Equipment

LA Ref: L2

Staff who are using a computer workstations regularly and for a significant part of their working day are provided with a suitable workstation, ergonomically designed to minimise the stresses and strains of this type of work. In practice this requires the provision of adjustable furniture to provide optimum support and comfort for the user and a clear screen display which is set up to avoid unwanted reflections.

A member of staff will be trained in carrying out [DSE](#) workstation assessments. All workstations must be assessed periodically and new workstations must be assessed before being put into use.

Eye-screening is recommended by the LA Safety Officer, for designated computer “users”.

Machinery and Work Equipment

LA Ref: G1

All future purchases require a careful selection process so as to ensure that any machine or item of work equipment obtained for use at work is the most appropriate and safe for its intended purpose. All machinery and work equipment intended for use is to be maintained in safe working order.

Educational Visits

A School Educational Visits Coordinator (Mrs Charlotte Murdy) has been appointed and attends the County Council’s recognised training course. The EVC ensures that members of staff have access to the County Council’s guidance for educational visits. In the case of Category 2 visits the school must submit the correct forms to the Outdoor Education Safety Adviser for approval.

The EVC ensures that risk assessments are in place to cover the trips made by the school for both Category 1 and Category 2 visits. All school visits are supervised by a trained Visit Leader.

It is essential to follow the school's educational visit protocol prior to the visit, this highlights the recommended adult/child ratio and the necessity to complete a risk assessment.

Play Equipment

The school play equipment is checked regularly by school staff and inspected at least annually by a competent contractor via the [SLA](#) with Community and Environmental Services. For further information C&ES should be contacted.

Further details about outdoor play equipment can be found in section G5 of the Children's Services Health and Safety Policy.

Information and Training

Staff are provided with appropriate information and training to enable them to undertake and supervise school activities. Examples of such activities include the safe use of substances, machines and other items of work equipment. Any specialist safety training requirements are identified through training needs analysis, prioritised and costed to allow appropriate allocation of the school's training budget.

Personal Protective Equipment

LA Ref: L7

Where [PPE](#) is identified as a control measure in a work activity risk assessment, the equipment selected must be appropriate for the task so as to ensure that it will provide adequate protection and must be compatible with other equipment in use.

The assessment is reviewed if there is significant variation in the activity. Advice on the selection of [PPE](#) is available from the Health and Safety Team.

All [PPE](#) must be maintained in good working order, and any defect reported immediately to the Head teacher, for repair or replacement.

Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) must be maintained in good working order, kept hygienically clean, stored in clean condition, and inspected at monthly intervals (3 monthly where use is infrequent) by the cleaners in charge. A written record will be kept for inspection. Alternatively, disposable RPE can be used provided that this is suitable for purpose and worn in line with the manufacturer's instructions.



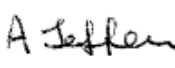

Subject Areas

Each subject area within the school may have health and safety arrangements that are unique. Where appropriate, Subject Coordinators monitor risk assessments and include health and safety within the subject policy.

ACRONYMS

LA	Local Authority
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
RCD	Residual Current Device
DSE	Display Screen Equipment
SLA	Service Level Agreement
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment

This policy has been formally adopted by the governing body.

 APPROVAL AND AUTHORISATION				
	NAME	JOB TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE
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Approved	Angela Jefferies	Chair of Governors		July 2023
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