



# OLD BUCKENHAM HALL

Risk Assessment Policy  
OBHP12

# **Risk Assessment Policy**

## **Introduction:**

**This Policy also applies to the Pre Prep and EYFS.**

Risk assessments are required by the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. This policy is intended to act as guidance to staff to help ensure:

- That suitable and sufficient risk assessments are undertaken for activities where there is likely to be significant risk.
- That identified control measures are implemented to control risk so far as reasonably practicable.
- That those affected by school activities have received suitable information and training also have access to personal protective equipment when appropriate for specific tasks.
- That risk assessments are recorded and reviewed annually and shared with the relevant staff

## **Guidance:**

**This Policy to is be read in conjunction with the Health & Safety Policy.**

This guidance is applicable to general risk assessment. There are some areas where more specialist skills are required, e.g. asbestos, fire, water quality and hazardous substances. These areas are the responsibility of the Director of Finance and Operations and the Estate Manager. Teaching area risk assessment are the responsibility of the subject leader. A template risk assessment form is included at Appendix 1 to this guidance. The school adopts the CLEAPSS Advisory.

## **What is Risk Assessment?**

A risk assessment is a systematic method of looking at the school environment and activities to identify things that could happen or go wrong and cause injury or ill health, and deciding on the actions needed to prevent this. It is not always possible to remove all the risks, but they should be reduced or minimised to an acceptable level.

Risk assessments take into account:

- hazard - something with the potential to cause harm
- risk - an evaluation of the likelihood of the hazard causing harm
- risk rating - assessment of the severity of the outcome of an event
- control measures - physical measures and procedures put in place to mitigate the risk

The risk assessment process consists of the following 6 steps:

- what could go wrong
- who might be harmed
- how likely is it to go wrong
- how serious would it be if it did
- what are you going to do to stop it
- how are you going to check that your plans are working

**Risk assessments should be reviewed:**

- when there are changes to the activity
- after a near miss or accident
- when there are changes to the type of people involved in the activity
- when there are changes in good practice
- when there are legislative changes
- annually if for no other reason

## Old Buckenham Hall Risk Assessment Register:

### The Site

Asbestos	Completed by specialist contractor (TBC)
Fire Safety	FRA completed by specialist contractor
Legionella	Completed by specialist contractor (TBC)
Building integrity e.g. roof tiles, brick work, windows, ceilings	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Contractors working on site	Contractors Working on School Premises Risk Assessment
Mains electricity	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Biomass Boiler & Oil tanks	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Bulk LPG / calor gas storage tanks	Calor Gas Tanks Risk Assessment
Glazing and window safety	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Doors - finger trapping risks	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Site and building security	Site Security Risk Assessment
Trees	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment Tree Survey contractor risk assessment
Vehicle movements on site	Vehicles and Pedestrian Segregation Risk Assessment
Water temperature	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Hazardous waste, e.g. scientific, sanitary, sharps & medical waste	Legionella specialist contractor risk assessment
Paths, walking routes and steps	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Playing fields, pitches, courts, & jumping pits	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Play grounds and outside play areas	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Grassed and paved areas e.g. lawns and courtyards	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Onsite roads and car parks	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment, Car Parks and Onsite Roads Risk Assessment
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External fire escapes	Assessment, Fire Escapes External and Internal Risk Assessment
Refuse areas	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Ponds	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment
Wooded areas and shrubberies	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment

**Communal areas in the buildings:**

Boarding accommodation  
Entrances, corridors and staircases,  
Toilets, cloakrooms, changing rooms and showers  
Staffroom  
Reception areas

Boarding Houses Risk Assessments  
Corridors, Stairs and General Circulation Risk Assessment

PE Risk Assessment (Changing rooms)  
Staffroom Risk Assessment  
Reception Area Risk Assessment

**Teaching areas:**

Labs & prep rooms,  
DT workshops & prep rooms  
Food Studies  
Art studios & textiles rooms,  
Music rooms, practice rooms  
Britten Hall & Sports grounds  
Productions and Performance Hall,  
Swimming pool

Science Risk Assessments  
DT Risk Assessments  
Food Studies Risk Assessment  
Art Rooms Risk Assessment  
Music Risk Assessment  
PE Risk Assessments

Department Classrooms  
Library  
ICT Lab  
Theatre, sound and lighting control, moveable walls and seating

Productions Risk Assessment  
PE Risk Assessments, Pool NOP  
Classics, English, Geography, History, Maths, French, Risk Assessments  
Library Risk Assessment  
ICT Risk Assessment

Drama/Music Risk Assessment,  
External Contractor annual inspection

**Other areas**

Kitchen and servery  
Medical room  
Provision of first aid, use of defibrillators and care for sick pupils  
Offices  
Server room & Site WiFi  
Boiler rooms, plant rooms, electrical intake rooms  
Estates Team Storage sheds and garages Cellars  
Use of computers /lap tops/ tablet (DSE)

Kitchens and Serveries Risk Assessment  
Medical Room Risk Assessment

First Aid Risk Assessments  
Office Areas Risk Assessment  
Site IT Risk Assessment  
Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment and Contractor Risk Assessment

Individual staff display screen equipment assessments and ICT equipment Risk

## Assessment

### **Other Activities**

Playtimes (Pre Prep pupils)  
School transport & minibus services

Playground Equipment Risk Assessment  
Driving at Work Risk Assessment,  
Vehicles and Pedestrian Segregation Risk Assessment

Regular enrichment activities  
Cleaning activities

Deputy Head holds all activities Risk Assessments  
Cleaning Risk Assessments: Collecting Rubbish, Dusting, Polishing, Floor Scrubbing, General Cleaning, Hoovering, Mopping  
Estates Team Grounds Maintenance Risk Assessment

Ground-keeping activities

### **Premises / site team activities**

Swimming pool management and maintenance

Pool Risk Assessment

Pool activities

PE Risk Assessment, Pool NOP

Plant room activities

Pool Risk Assessment

Dealing with trespassers and intruders

Lone Working Risk Assessment

Maintenance activities

Digging- Fork Work Risk Assessment, Painting Risk Assessment

Opening & locking up  
Collecting litter/waste, storing refuse

Security and Lone Working Risk Assessments

Window cleaning

Cleaning Risk Assessments

Contractor Risk Assessment

Snow clearance

Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment,

Work at height

Working at Height Risk Assessment,

Lone working

Lone Working Risk Assessment

Manual handling

Manual Handling Risk Assessment, Department Risk Assessments

### **Use and storage of equipment**

Playground equipment

Playground equipment Risk Assessment,  
Contractor Risk Assessment

Sports & PE equipment

PE Risk Assessments

DT equipment

DT Risk Assessments

Science equipment, fume cupboards,

External Contractor Risk Assessment

Equipment in theatres, stages

Drama Risk Assessment, External Contractor

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Interactive projectors and whiteboards	Risk Assessment Department Risk Assessments, ICT Risk Assessment
Minibuses and other school vehicles	Driving at Work Risk Assessment
Height access equipment, e.g. steps, ladders, towers etc.	Working at Height Risk Assessment
Maintenance equipment	Power Tools Risk Assessment, Jigsaw Risk Assessment, Rechargeable Drills Risk Assessment, Bolt Cutters Risk Assessment
Catering equipment, Ground keeping equipment/chemicals, Cleaning chemicals	Kitchens and Serveries Risk Assessment
Swimming pool chemicals	Risk Assessment provided by External Contractor
Chemicals and substances used in Art and DT	Cleaners COSHH Risk Assessments
Chemicals and substances used in Science	Pool Risk Assessment
Chemicals and substances used by caretakers	DT/Art COSHH Risk Assessments
LPG	Science COSHH Risk Assessments
	Caretakers COSHH Risk Assessments
	Whole School Building & Site Safety/Integrity Risk Assessment, Calor Gas Tanks Risk Assessment



### **Lettings – regular and one offs**

Open days	Opening Morning Risk Assessment
Sports days	Event Risk Assessment: Sports Day
Parent's evenings	Parents Evening - Event Risk Assessment
Drama productions	Drama Production - Event Risk Assessment
Careers fair	Exhibitions Risk Assessment
Summer festivals and Christmas fairs	Event Risk Assessment, Summer Festival and Christmas Fete - Event Risk Assessment
Fire Works Evening	Event Risk Assessment, Fire Works Evening
BBQs	Specific Risk Assessment- BBQ
Cake sales	Risk Assessment Sale of Cakes
Balls	Ball - Event Risk Assessment
Quiz nights	Quiz - Event Risk Assessment

### **HR related activities**

Maternity	Maternity Risk Assessment
Pupil Safeguarding	Recruitment Risk Assessment
Stress – a whole school risk assessment	Stress Risk Assessment
Lone working	Lone Working Risk Assessment

### **Responsibilities:**

The Director of Finance and Operations is our designated member of staff for Health & Safety. The Director of Finance and Operations with the Headmaster provide guidance, training and assistance to staff to enable them to write and review risk assessments.

For monitoring purposes, when a member of staff writes a risk assessment or prepares their risk assessments for an external visit, they send it/them to The Deputy Head and Headmaster for approval.

### **Monitoring & Review:**

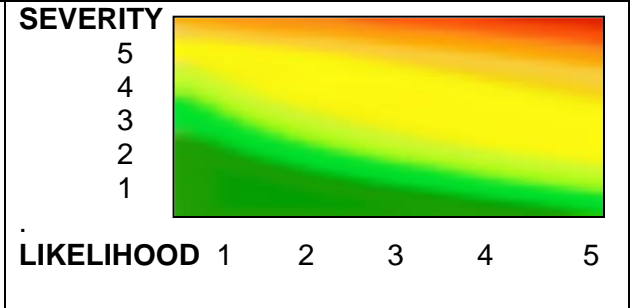
This policy is to be monitored by the Director of Finance and Operations and shared with the Heads of Departments/Estate Manager/Catering Manager or Domestic Manager. It is to be reviewed at least annually and shared with the Health and Safety Committee during the Michaelmas Term meeting.

**Appendix 1 – Proforma Risk Assessment**  
**OLD BUCKENHAM HALL SCHOOL – RISK ASSESSMENT**

**No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVERITY - the most likely worst case scenario that could result from the hazard**  
 Catastrophic – 5 (multiple death)  
 Major – 4 (single death or permanent disability)  
 Moderate – 3 (broken bones, several days off work)  
 Minor – 2 (basic first aid treatment required)  
 Insignificant – 1 (minor scratch or bruise)

**LIKELIHOOD of the risk occurring**  
 Certainty – 5 (could happen at any time and on any day)  
 Probable – 4 (could happen perhaps once a term)  
 Likely – 3 (could happen perhaps once a year)  
 Conceivable – 2 (might happen perhaps once in 5 years)  
 Improbable – 1 (will probably never happen)



**Activity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Review Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Persons at Risk:** **Staff and Pupils** **Next Review Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFIED HAZARD	SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK SCORE Severity x Likelihood	CONTROL MEASURES	RESIDUAL RISK SCORE*
	1 Insignificant	1 Improbable	If Risk Score is more than 9 – further immediate assessment is needed	What control measures are currently in place and any further measures required to reduce the risk score below 9?	*this is the risk which remains after suitable & sufficient control measures are in place
	2 Minor injury	2 Conceivable			
	3 Moderate injury	3 Likely			
	4 Major single death	4 Probable			
	5 Multiple deaths	5 Certainty			

**Name of assessor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures of all department staff after reading this risk assessment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_