



## Fire Safety & Fire Risk Management Policy and Procedures

The Green Room School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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## Scope and Purpose

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Procedures cover each school premises (including the grounds).

### Purpose of Procedures

The purpose of these Procedures is:

- To ensure the safety and well being of all staff, pupils, volunteers and other persons who are in the property if a fire starts
- To prevent accidental fires from starting within the premises and the uncontrolled spread of such fires
- To ensure compliance with existing fire safety legislation
- To minimise damage to the property in the event of fire as far as possible without endangering lives

Each person's primary responsibility in the event of a fire alarm being sounded is to their own safety. No person should deliberately or recklessly endanger themselves in an attempt to follow these Procedures or save the lives of others.

## Basic Fire Prevention Methods

In order to prevent fire:

- All areas should be kept as clean and tidy where possible
- Where possible, flammables will be stored in designated storage areas (clearly marked and locked at all times when unattended)
- Where flammable substances are required and need to be stored, quantities should be minimised and they should be kept in locked storage areas. (COSHH sheets should be provided for each of these substances)
- Action points identified by a Fire Risk Assessment and subsequently agreed with Management must be addressed within an agreed time scale
- All existing health and safety procedures of the school sites and such safe systems of work relating to fire safety must be adhered to

## Fire Risk Assessment

Each school premises will undergo Fire Risk Assessments. A schedule of Risk Assessments will be created and reviewed in accordance with the rules of the insurers (either annually or biannually)

Following each assessment the Fire Wardens will make recommendations for action. These recommendations will be in the form of actions and the Fire Evacuation Record which is then filed in the Fire File on the Google H&S Drive. It is the duty of the Fire Wardens to ensure these actions are carried out within the appropriate timescale.

A copy of each completed Fire Risk Assessment will be retained for at least three years. Any updates to the fire procedures will be made clear to all staff upon induction, in annual refresher training or when any significant changes are made to policy and procedures.

## Procurement and Maintenance of Fire Fighting, Fire Evacuation and Fire Detection Equipment

### Fire Extinguishers

Fire fighting equipment will be provided by an accredited supplier and serviced annually. Any faulty equipment will be recorded and replaced as necessary. The Fire Warden/Office Administrator will carry out monthly checks of fire extinguishers to ensure they have not been removed, damaged or vandalised. Staff may also report any defects or missing fire fighting appliances to the Office Administrator.

### Fire Log Book, Maintenance and Testing Records

The following will define what will be recorded in the Fire Log Book (and may be duplicated where records are required elsewhere for maintenance records):

- Log book - kept in the main office of each establishment and in the H&S Google Drive
- Escape routes – Incorporating all doors
- Fire Warning systems (Fire alarms/horns) including testing communication system (Google Chat) and recording fire drills, and smoke detectors
- Fire Fighting Equipment
- Torches, emergency lighting, all tested monthly and recorded in the log book
- Radios (GRK) are used and checked daily
- Emergency Lighting
- Evacuation Equipment

Any reports of periodic servicing from contractors of certain tests will have copies filed in the Fire Safety File and uploaded to the H&S Google Drive

- Fire Warning System
- Fire Fighting Equipment
- Emergency Lighting
- Boiler systems

The Fire Wardens / Office Administrators will ensure that remedial action is taken to rectify any faults identified.

Copies of all reports relating to the testing and maintenance of fire fighting, detection and evacuation equipment must be retained for a minimum of three years.

## Fire Alarm Activation and Investigation of Cause

### Activation

The Fire Alarm/horn may be activated should any emergency occur where the immediate evacuation of the building is required. Any person discovering a fire should sound the alarm, dial 999, exit via the nearest emergency exit, assemble at the fire assembly point. (Please see Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure).

### Accidental Activation

Anyone who has accidentally activated the fire alarm/sounded the horn or by undertaking an activity which has resulted in an automatic detection device (for example, a smoke/heat detector) being activated must inform a member of staff immediately.

The fire alarm system located at The Green Room School Windsor operates on an auto dialler system. If the school is not occupied it will dial a list of selected staff. The closest member of staff will confirm whether there is a fire before either calling 999 or turning off the fire alarm if it is a false alarm. All staff are

trained how to use the fire alarm system. The fire alarm systems at GRK and The Swan do not currently include an autodialler.

### **Malicious Activation**

Malicious activation of the fire alarm is defined as deliberately activating or causing another person to activate the fire alarm without suspecting a fire or other emergency. This action constitutes a disciplinary offence and will be dealt with by the Head of School (See [Behaviour Policy](#))

All staff and pupils should be encouraged to report any information they have in the event of a malicious activation to the office.

### **Investigation of the Cause of the Alarm after the Incident**

Upon notification of a Fire alarm incident the Fire Warden will investigate the reason for activation and progress any action to prevent a recurrence.

## **Evacuation Procedure During Hours of Building Closure**

During the hours of building closure the School Managers monitor phone messages via email should anyone need to contact the school in an emergency (and where appropriate messages are passed on to Heads of School). No person should be on the School premises after the hours of building closure unless they have permission from the Head of School and have undertaken a lone working risk assessment. Note: any staff on the premises need to sign in on Google Chat.

At The Swan, the site will usually be occupied by staff of The Swan CIC after school closure hours, and a designated responsible person will be in charge of evacuation.

Any person discovering a fire should proceed to the nearest fire exit. They should then telephone 999 to summon the emergency services. They should not attempt to tackle the fire alone unless their fire extinguisher training is current and they feel confident to do so, it is safe to do so and the fire is no larger than a waste paper bin.

## **Evacuation of People with Disabilities**

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) are in place for the evacuation of people who have disclosed any disabilities to the School which may impact on their ability to exit a building unaided. (Please see Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure and PEEP plans).

## **Evacuation of Children (under 16 years of age)**

It is expected that children will not normally be allowed on the premises unsupervised. In the event of a fire alarm any person supervising children should lead them to the nearest exit and then to the appropriate Assembly Point. Staff are trained in the evacuation procedures upon induction into the School (and given annual training and/or when any significant changes are made to policy and procedures).

## **Evacuation of Visitors**

All visitors/volunteers must be asked to sign in upon arrival at The Green Room facilities and sign out upon leaving.

Visitors/volunteers will be informed of the fire evacuation instructions either upon receiving their Visitors Pass, or by the staff member that they are meeting. Members of Staff who are receiving a visitor are

responsible for the safe conduct of persons in his/her care, and are expected to help the visitor find the nearest fire exit and appropriate assembly point where applicable.

## Evacuation of Contractors

Where Contractors are working on a job for which a risk assessment has been created then they will be advised on the Emergency Fire Evacuation Plan by the relevant staff member appointing the work.

## Use of Fire Fighting Equipment

Portable fire fighting equipment is provided on the premises for staff use. Staff are trained in the use of fire fighting equipment.

Prompt use of equipment can prevent a small fire developing into a large one.

Do not attempt to fight the fire if you do not think it is safe to do so, (for example)

- The fire is large with a large amount of smoke being produced
- Your escape route may be compromised
- You have not received appropriate training

No person, other than a member of the Fire Department should re-enter the building specifically to fight a fire.

## First Aid Provision and Evacuation of Casualties

Upon activation of the Fire Alarm it is the duty of the office staff to collect the first aid kit and take to the assembly point. At The Swan, the designated fire wardens (or any staff in the vicinity of the School House first aid kit) will collect the main first aid kit located in The School House and take it to the assembly point . If, however, there is a casualty within the building, a first aider can collect the nearest first aid kit to them before exiting the building unless:

- There is not one in the immediate vicinity
- To do so would place the First Aider in immediate danger

First Aiders should then evacuate in accordance with the Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure. Casualties should not receive first aid treatment inside the building during a fire alarm unless it is absolutely necessary and it is safe for the First Aider to give this treatment.

Where possible, casualties who are able to walk can be assisted from the building, preferably by a First Aider and treated at the fire assembly point. Casualties who are unable to walk should only be evacuated if their life is in immediate danger, otherwise, they should be left inside the building. Such casualties may be assisted to a refuge point if possible. There is no obligation for individual staff members to assist in the evacuation of casualties; however, anyone may assist where it is safe to do so.

No person should risk their health, safety or wellbeing in an attempt to evacuate or treat a casualty. In addition, no person should re-enter the building to attempt to evacuate or treat a casualty. Any person who is aware of a casualty inside the building should report this to the Fire Warden/Emergency services giving the name, location and condition of the casualty where possible.

If the Fire Warden is aware of any person outside the building requiring first aid treatment, he/she will direct a First Aider to the casualty(s) and use the first aid kit provided as appropriate.

## Fire Drills

The Head of School, with the Fire Warden and Office Administrator will arrange for fire drills to be conducted during term time. It has been recommended by Ofsted that 2 drills per term should take place.

When scheduling these drills, the Fire Warden and Office Administrator will consult the appropriate staff to ensure the drill does not coincide with assessments or other activities which must not be disturbed (this does not normally include teaching activities). Consideration should be taken when scheduling fire drills to ensure they occur on a variety of days/times.

The Fire Warden and Office Administrator will make suitable arrangements to monitor the fire drill in terms of success of evacuation and performance of appropriate equipment. The Fire Warden should follow up by issuing the results of the fire drill making specific reference to where improvements need to be made. Fire drills are recorded in the H&S Google Drive

## Control of Site During a Fire Alarm

During a Fire Alarm the Fire Warden, in liaison with other staff, will be in charge of the site (at the Swan this is during School hours only). It is the responsibility of the Fire Warden to:

- Coordinate evacuation activities as described above
- If necessary, move the assembled group to an **end point of safety** following registration
- To ensure a pathway is kept clear for emergency vehicles
- To prevent unauthorised access to the building as far as is possible
- To prevent unauthorised access to the site as far as possible (including all vehicular access except for emergency vehicles and members of staff who have been called to the scene)

If the emergency services arrive on the scene the Fire Warden will hand over control of the site to the Senior Fire Service Officer in attendance. The Fire Warden will liaise with this Officer and follow any instructions given.

All staff should attempt to ensure (as far as possible) that once people have reached their assembly points they do not leave the assembly point unless directed to do so either by the Fire Warden or the emergency services.

Where the fire is serious, please see the Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure in the 'ON HEARING FIRE ALARM' section.

## Re-entry to the Building following a Fire Alarm

Once the Fire Warden has satisfied himself/herself that it is safe for people to re-enter the building following a fire alarm he/she will sound the "all clear signal" by saying 'ALL CLEAR'. No person, unless specifically directed by the Fire Warden or emergency services, must enter the building until the "all clear" signal has been given.

When the Fire Department is in attendance, the Fire Warden must not sound the 'ALL CLEAR' signal until the Senior Fire Service Officer in attendance is satisfied that it is safe to do so and has handed back control of the site.

If part of the building has been affected but the fire has been extinguished, the “all clear” may still be given if suitable arrangements are in place to prevent unauthorised access to the affected part of the building.

## Fire Alarm Activation Follow Up

Following the activation of a Fire Alarm the Fire Warden or nominee will collate any paperwork completed during or following the alarm. This paperwork should be retained in the Fire folder on the H&S Google Drive for at least two years.

The Fire Warden or nominee will then complete an Emergency Evacuation Record and provide copies of this report to:

The Head of School and Office Administrator to be kept on file.

Any actions arising from a Fire Evacuation will be identified by the above appointed persons and added to the building Fire Action Plan.

Where a fire has occurred, the Head of School will commission an investigation into the cause of the fire. All members of staff are required to assist in any fire investigation conducted by the emergency services or other enforcement authority.

## Emergency Fire Procedure Policy

The Policy owners will ensure that any issues arising out of the Fire Alarm Activation Follow Up (found in section above) are reflected in the Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure Policy.

## Training

All persons with roles and responsibilities identified in the Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure will receive suitable training.

All staff/volunteers will receive information on fire safety on induction, in annual refresher training, and after any significant changes to the procedures. All pupils should also receive a fire safety briefing during their induction.

Visitors and guests will be informed of the fire evacuation policy and procedures upon arrival on the premises.

## Covid-19

The Green Room understands the importance of safety with regards to Covid-19 and preventing transmission is of paramount importance. In the event of an Emergency Fire Evacuation staff and pupils will ensure they keep socially distanced on exiting the building and when assembled at the Fire Assembly Point unless doing so endangers the lives of themselves or others.

APPENDIX:

See [Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure Policy](#) for Fire Evacuation Maps

This policy is approved by the Co-CEO of The Green Room Foundation

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