



Health & Safety Policy Statement

The Leadership Team of Cambridge Education Group is committed to achieving, so far as is reasonably practicable, the highest standards of health, safety and welfare for its employees, wards, visitors and any other person who may be affected by its activities or operations.

It is our belief that accidents, injuries, occupational illness and damage to property and the environment can often be avoided with good management and training. We are determined to ensure safe working practices in all departments through good management, training and awareness of our procedures and policies.

Our Health & Safety management structure is in place and has been enhanced further by the Campus Management team, which is tasked with ensuring that the Health & Safety Policy is implemented and maintained. A Health & Safety manager has been appointed to co-ordinate all Health & Safety issues, carry out accident investigations and submit reports in conjunction with department managers. The manager will also report directly to the Chief Executive any failings in the Health & Safety policy with recommended solutions. A Fire Safety officer has been appointed who will ensure that all fire safety issues are promptly brought to the attention of Group directors.

All employees have a responsibility for their own and that of others health, safety and welfare whilst at work, they also have a responsibility to their employers to work safely and ensure that others work safely. Managers will establish and maintain procedures for consultation with staff and staff representatives on health, safety and welfare issues.

This Health & Safety Policy Document (procedures) sets out the management of health, safety and welfare, and details the arrangements made by the Management Team to achieve the aims of the policy statement. The arrangements cover areas where risks have been identified and recorded, or are likely to occur, and can be reduced by carrying out or applying the correct procedures, thus reducing the risk to an acceptable level.

Managers at all levels are responsible for Health & Safety within their area of responsibility. They will ensure that suitable systems of work, suitable procedures, training and training records, risk assessments, monitoring of risks and reporting dangerous practices, accident procedures, fire procedures, and welfare matters are in place within their area of responsibility. Managers will ensure that all members of staff are conversant with such procedures, that staff are appropriately trained or retrained, and consultation with staff on health, safety and welfare is conducted on a regular basis.

Health & Safety failures, such as accidents, fires, and damage to property etc, will be reported to the Health & Safety Manager who will take the appropriate action. Where necessary, incidents will be investigated. The Health & Safety Manager will work with the relevant department manager, specialist advisors and school/college principals and senior management to determine causes and appropriate action to prevent future occurrences.

It is the intention of the Management Team to provide safe access and egress to all working, teaching, storage and residential properties owned, rented or leased by the Group, to all employees, students, visitors, contractors etc. It is also the intention to ensure a safe working environment for employees through the employment of safe systems of work.

This policy will be the subject of constant review and updating as circumstances and legislation change to ensure that the policy remains relevant to Group activities.

Specifically the Group undertakes:

- i. that adequate resources will be provided to ensure that proper provision can be made for health & safety;
- ii. that risk assessments will be carried out and periodically reviewed;
- iii. that systems of work will be provided and maintained, that are safe and with minimal risk to health;
- iv. that arrangements for use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances for use at work will be safe and with minimal risk to health;
- v. that all employees will be provided with such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure their health, safety and welfare at work, and ensure the safety of all others that may be affected by their actions;
- vi. that where appropriate, health surveillance will be provided to employees;
- vii. that the provision and maintenance of all plant, machinery, and equipment will be safe and with minimal risk to health;
- viii. that the working environment of all employees will be safe and with minimal risk to health, and that adequate provision will be made with regards to facilities and their arrangements for their welfare at work;
- ix. that the place of work will be safe and that there is safe access and egress from the work place;
- x. that monitoring activities will be undertaken to maintain agreed standards;
- xi. that the Health & Safety Policy will be reviewed at least annually and updated as and when necessary. Communication of any such changes will be made to all employees on all matters of health, safety and welfare.

Signed.....
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