

St Anne's RC Primary and Nursery School Audenshaw

Curriculum Health and safety

Mission Statement

Our Mission is

"To help every person to achieve his or her best in work and play. To celebrate whatever is good and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by supporting and forgiving each other for the honour and glory of God."

Rationale

In line with the ethos of our Mission Statement we have this policy to ensure our children are provided with the appropriate range of tools to enhance and enrich their practical skills and experiences of the curriculum, whilst protecting them from any danger that may arise from inappropriate use of equipment.

Scope

This applies to all aspects of the curriculum but in particular to science, design and technology, information and communication technology, art and design, and physical education.

GUIDELINES

When working with tools, equipment and materials, in practical activities and in different environments, including those that are unfamiliar, teachers and responsible adults will:

- ensure appropriate teaching regarding the use of each piece of equipment.
- discuss clear, agreed instructions about hazards and highlight risks.
- encourage children to employ all agreed risk controls.

Children will:

- not take part in any activity unless appropriately attired
- not wear jewellery
- be assisted in recognising hazards and how to respond appropriately if at risk
- assess consequent risks and take steps to control the risks to themselves and others
- to manage their environment to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others
- explain the steps they take to control risks.

As a school St Anne's prides itself on tidiness. Apart from aesthetics this ensures the highest standards of health and safety. Edges and ledges will not be cluttered.

Children and adults will ensure

- quality equipment is purchased and respected
- equipment is placed appropriately at all times
- floor and work surfaces are clear as a matter of routine
- materials and equipment are stored appropriately
- apply the school movement rule at all times
- lifting and moving of equipment is appropriate as per Health and Safety Policy
- any broken or damaged resources are disposed of and reported to the headteacher
- appropriate attire including footwear.

Adults will:

- consult with colleagues and carry out any necessary risk assessment
- ask for additional staffing if necessary to ensure curriculum Health and Safety
- not use any inappropriate resources
- ensure specialist equipment and resources are returned to appropriate storage after the lesson.

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This Policy will be reviewed in November 2017