

## **Health and Safety Statement of Intent**

The Directors of Dales Academies Trust acknowledge the overall responsibility to provide and maintain safe and healthy conditions for all staff, volunteers, children, clients, the community and any other parties that may be affected by our work activities.

As a Trust we undertake, as far as is reasonably practicable, to provide safe places of work, safe equipment, safe systems of work, information, training and supervision as may be needed to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

The Trust will strive to achieve the highest standards of health, safety and welfare consistent with their responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other statutory and common law duties.

As a management body, the Trustees must ensure that academy staff and premise comply with the extant health and safety policies and practices (e.g. reporting accidents, first aid provision etc.), and:

- Develop, implement and regularly update an Academy specific health and safety policy and advise staff and volunteers of it.
- Have a critical incident/emergency contingency plan.
- Ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and wellbeing of teachers and other education staff, the health and safety of students both in the academy and on off-site visits, and the health and safety of visitors to the academy including volunteers involved in any academy activity and contractors working on the academy site.
- Assess the risk of all activities, both in the academy and off-site, introduce measures to manage the risks, and instruct staff and volunteers about the risks and measures to control them.
- Ensure that staff and volunteers are competent and trained in their responsibilities (including written records of training), and are actively involved in health and safety.
- Take reasonable steps to make sure that the buildings, equipment and materials are safe and do not put the health of users and visitors at risk.
- Workplace temperatures in academies should be reasonable, although there is no law for minimum or maximum, guidance suggests 16°C to be a minimum or 13°C if doing physical work. If in doubt please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/workplace-temperatures>

In practice, the Board of Directors delegate these tasks to each Local Governing Body and Head Teacher/ Principal.