



# New Elizabethan School

## Risk Assessment Policy

### Introduction

This policy is written in line with the Independent School Standards (ISS) April 2019. This policy is written for New Elizabethan School.

### What does the Standard Say?

The independent School Standards [The Independent School Standards - Guidance for independent schools \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk) says on page 32 (Standard 16) -

***(a) the welfare of pupils at the school is safeguarded and promoted by the drawing up and effective implementation of a written risk assessment policy; and***

***(b) appropriate action is taken to reduce risks that are identified.***

Well-run schools have proper risk assessment across the whole range of their activities affecting pupils. Risk assessment should not be an afterthought or confined to 33 the most obvious dangers for pupils. This standard requires schools to consider risk in relation to all activities which could place pupils in serious jeopardy, and during inspections evidence will be sought that this has been done systematically in order to inform the written risk assessment policy required by this standard, and that appropriate action has been taken to reduce any risks that are identified.

### Public access to the school and its pupils when the school occupies shared premises, including premises which incorporate places of worship

At New Elizabethan School, the grounds are used exclusively for school purposes.

## **Safeguarding risks posed during educational visits, either from staff or from members of the public**

At New Elizabethan School, there is a comprehensive procedure for risk assessment and approvals.

The school is supported by former External Visits Co-ordinators from Worcestershire Local authority:

- B and S (Educational and Systems Ltd).

## **Safeguarding risks arising from the presence of non-staff adults (e.g. adult children of boarding staff) in boarding premises**

New Elizabethan School is a day only school. All visitors to site will be escorted as per the visitors on site policy.

## **Risks arising from pupil access to roofs, poorly secured windows and so on**

New Elizabethan School has comprehensive Health and Safety risk assessments in place and measures in place to safeguard children from avoidable risks.

A container on the school grounds has been accessed by children previously but this is risk assessed.

## **Safeguarding risks posed by inadequate staffing cover at weekends in boarding schools**

New Elizabethan School is a day only school.

## **Failure to consider dangers from traffic when large numbers of pupils leave a school building immediately adjacent to a road, e.g. between lessons and at the end of the school day**

One-way system in the school with assigned staff and students all access taxi or car.

## **Failure to consider dangers posed by other pupils and the risk of pupil-on-pupil abuse, including 'sexting'**

New Elizabethan School has a comprehensive suite of Safeguarding policies which include:

1. Child Protection Policy



2. The Role of the DSL Policy
3. Child on Child Abuse Policy
4. Filtering and Monitoring Policy
5. Managing Low Level Concerns Policy
6. Absent from Education Policy
7. Schools Safer Recruitment Policy
8. Managing Contextual Risks to Children

## Additional Risks considered

New Elizabethan School has:

- a Sports Hall and large playing fields;
- a Food Technology room;
- an Art room;
- Science room;
- outdoor play equipment (swings not trampolines)

Each has been individually risk assessed by the school Health and Safety advisor and members of the school leadership team.

## Approach to risk management

As per the school's health and safety policy, the school is regularly checked for known risks and when accidents, incidents or near misses occur, risk assessments and the policy is reviewed with any lessons learned. All risks are reduced as far as reasonably practicable to ensure our pupils can learn in a fun, safe environment.

The school has a lead pastoral and health and safety person. The school also has a maintenance person in school full time.

Learning about risk, meeting challenges and having new experiences are an important part of growing up. However, we take an active approach to managing risk, and thereby reduce the likelihood that pupils will be harmed through negligence and a lack of foresight or proper planning.

## Date Written

08 November 2023 by Matt Nicholls and agreed by Headteacher Steve O'Gara.

## Review

This policy and accompanying risk assessments are reviewed regularly and/or when accidents, incidents or near misses occur.