

St Mary's Catholic Primary SCHOOL



FIRE SAFETY POLICY

Overall responsibility for fire precautions and fire safety management within St Mary's School lies with the Headteacher. The Fire Safety Policy reflects the importance that the school attaches to the safety of its staff, pupils members of the public and other persons who may be affected by its activities and its premises in relation to fire safety. The School takes all reasonable and practicable steps to achieve the objectives and measures outlined below.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School will endeavour to comply with all relevant fire safety legislation and standards.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the fire safety policy and procedures are to:

- Safeguard all persons on the school premises from death or injury in the event of a fire.
- Minimise the potential for fire to occur.
- Ensure proper control of any fire that does occur.
- Reduce incidents of fire.
- Report on all incidents where fire occurs.
- Regularly survey the building.

The school will use a Fire Risk Assessment to review and improve fire safety standards.

In pursuance of these objectives, the School will ensure that:

- Appropriate and adequate means of escape from fire is provided in all school buildings.
- All means of escape are properly maintained, kept free from obstruction and available for safe and effective use.
- A means of escape is provided with adequate emergency lighting that is maintained and in efficient working order.
- The alarm system (bells) is properly installed and maintained.
- Appropriate fire fighting appliances and devices are supplied, properly installed and maintained.
- Safety plans are provided stating the precautions to be observed and steps to be taken to protect people and property.
- Measures, which are appropriate for the risks and the significance of consequential losses, are taken to protect buildings from fire.
- We work with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service to promote fire safety within School.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Individual responsibilities and legal duties of fire safety for all St Mary's school employees are detailed in the School's Health & Safety/ Induction Booklet. The duty of the Headteacher extends to ensuring a suitable and sufficient risk assessment for fire safety is in place and that any essential actions to remedy any shortcomings are taken.

The Staff Health and Safety committee, in conjunction with Office Staff, the Premises Officer and other responsible persons will monitor and advice on the effectiveness of fire safety arrangements on behalf of the School to enable it to meet both its legislative and other fire safety management requirements.