

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

2025-26



Kings' School Al Barsha, Dubai, UAE Reviewed and Updated: November 2025 Compliant with:

- Dubai Health & Safety Standards (DCD, DHA, MOE 2025)
 - Dubai Municipality Environmental Health & Safety (EHS)
 Guidelines
 - UAE Fire and Life Safety Code 2023
 - DHA School Health Manual 2024

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PART ONE – STATEMENT OF INTENT

Kings' School Al Barsha is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of all staff, pupils, contractors, and visitors. We recognise that a safe and healthy environment is essential for effective teaching, learning, and overall school success.

We are committed to:

- a) Providing and maintaining a safe, secure, and healthy environment for learning and work.
- b) Preventing accidents, injuries, and occupational ill health.
- c) Conducting comprehensive risk assessments for all school and extracurricular activities.
- d) Ensuring that safe systems of work and appropriate safety equipment are in place.
- e) Providing information, instruction, supervision, and training to staff and students.
- f) Monitoring and reviewing health and safety performance regularly.
- g) Promoting a positive safety culture through communication and consultation.
- h) Setting measurable safety objectives for continuous improvement.
- i) Providing adequate welfare and first aid facilities in compliance with DHA standards.
- j) Allocating sufficient financial and human resources for effective safety management.

Approved by:
Name:
Position: Principal / Headteacher
Signature:
Date:

PART TWO – ORGANISATION

1. Introduction

The school's health and safety management system aligns with Dubai Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) Frameworks. Specific roles and responsibilities are delegated to ensure accountability and compliance.

2. Responsibilities

Headteacher / Principal

The Headteacher has overall responsibility for ensuring that:

- The Health and Safety Policy complies with current UAE and Dubai regulations.
- Risk assessments are conducted, documented, and reviewed annually.
- Emergency and crisis management procedures meet DCD and DHA requirements.
- All incidents and near misses are reported and investigated promptly.
- Adequate resources and staff training are provided.
- Regular safety inspections and audits are conducted.
- Contractors and visitors adhere to school safety rules and UAE regulations.
- Annual review and approval of the policy are completed before the start of each academic year.

Premises Officer / Facilities Manager

Responsible for:

- Conducting building and equipment inspections in line with Dubai Municipality and DCD requirements.
- Maintaining records of maintenance, testing, and safety certification.
- Ensuring fire detection, emergency lighting, and alarm systems are tested as per DCD guidelines.
- Managing contractor safety, permits, and compliance.

- Reporting any health and safety concerns to the Headteacher.
- Coordinating waste management and environmental health compliance.

Teaching and Administrative Staff

Responsible for:

- Implementing health and safety practices within their classrooms or departments.
- Completing risk assessments for curriculum and extracurricular activities.
- Ensuring pupils understand and comply with safety rules.
- Reporting hazards, accidents, or unsafe practices immediately.
- Attending safety training as directed by the school.
- Supervising students to prevent unsafe behaviour.

All Employees

Every employee must:

- Follow all health and safety policies and safe working procedures.
- Report hazards, incidents, and unsafe conditions immediately.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) when required.
- Participate in drills and training.
- Maintain cleanliness and hygiene in their work areas.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to:

- Act responsibly regarding their safety and that of others.
- Follow the instructions of staff during lessons, drills, or emergencies.
- Maintain personal hygiene and adhere to dress codes.
- Refrain from tampering with safety equipment or alarms.

PART THREE - PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Risk Assessment

- Annual comprehensive risk assessments will be conducted by the Headteacher and Premises Officer.
- Curriculum-specific assessments will be conducted by teachers and department heads.
- External trip and event assessments must be submitted using the school's Risk Assessment Form (Appendix 1).
- Special consideration must be given to high-risk activities (e.g., science labs, PE, swimming).

Emergency Procedures

Fire and Evacuation

- Fire safety and evacuation plans are reviewed annually with DCD.
- Fire drills are conducted once per term and logged.
- All staff must know the location of alarms, exits, and assembly points.
- Firefighting equipment is inspected by DCD-approved contractors.
- Evacuation signage and lighting are maintained as per UAE Fire Code.

First Aid and Medical

- A DHA-licensed school nurse is on site during school hours.
- First aid boxes are available in classrooms, sports areas, and administrative zones.
- Nominated teaching staff receive certified Basic Life Support (BLS) or CPR training every two years.
- Records of treatment and medication are maintained confidentially in compliance with DHA and MOE data protection standards.

• Emergency contact numbers (999, 998, 997) are displayed in key areas.

Incident and Accident Reporting

- All incidents, injuries, or near misses must be reported using the Incident Report Form (Appendix 3).
- Serious incidents are reported to the MOE, DHA, and Dubai Municipality as required.
- The Headteacher and Premises Officer will conduct an investigation and implement corrective actions.

Security and Access Control

- Visitors must sign in and wear identification badges.
- CCTV systems monitor key areas per Dubai Data Protection laws.
- Security guards are licensed by SIRA (Security Industry Regulatory Agency).

Educational Visits and External Activities

- Trip leaders must complete a risk assessment and seek written approval.
- Adequate supervision and emergency communication procedures must be ensured.
- Transport must comply with RTA school transport safety standards.

Training and Competence

- Annual health and safety induction for all staff.
- Mandatory refresher training for fire safety, first aid, and evacuation leadership.
- Premises and admin staff receive DCD-certified fire warden and emergency response training.
- Regular student awareness sessions are integrated into the curriculum.

Health and Safety Monitoring

• Monthly workplace inspections by the Premises Officer.

- Annual audit by external safety consultants (if applicable).
- Termly reports to the School Governing Body.
- Action plans reviewed and documented.

Premises and Contractor Management

- Contractors must comply with DCD and Dubai Municipality EHS regulations.
- Work permits and risk assessments are mandatory for all contracted work.
- Hazardous materials (cleaning chemicals, lab substances) are stored and labelled per Dubai Municipality requirements.
- Safe access and signage must be in place for all maintenance work.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed **annually (or sooner if regulations change)** by the Headteacher, Premises Officer, and School Nurse in consultation with the Health and Safety Committee.

Next Review Due: November 2026

Appendix 1

DEPARTMENT:	RA LEADER:	APPROVED BY: (SIGNATURE)	REFER ENCE NO.:
LOCATION: Kings School Al Barsha	RA MEMBER:		
ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT DATE:		NAME:	
LAST REVIEW DATE:		DESIGNATION:	
NEXT REVIEW DATE:		DATE:	

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION		RISK EVALUATION				RISK CONTROL							
No.	Work Activity	Hazard	Possible injury / Ill- health	Existing Risk Controls	S	L	RPN	Additional Controls	S	L	RPN	Implementation Person & Due Date	Remarks
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Likelihood Severity	Rare (1)	Remote (2)	Occasional (3)	Frequent (4)	Most Certain (5)
Catastrophic (5)	Medium (5)	Medium (10)	High (15)	High (20)	High (25)
Major (4)	Medium (4)	Medium (8)	Medium (12)	High (16)	High (20)
Moderate (3)	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Medium (9)	Medium (12)	High (15)
Minor (2)	Low (2)	Medium (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	Medium (10)
Negligible (1)	Low(1)	Low(2)	Low(3)	Medium (4)	Medium (5)

SEVERITY (S)

Level	Severity	Description
5	Catastrophic	Fatality, fatal diseases or multiple major injuries
4	Major	Serious injuries or life-threatening occupational disease (includes amputations, major fractures, multiple injuries, occupational cancer, acute poisoning).
3	Moderate	Injury requiring medical treatment or ill-health leading to disability (includes lacerations, burns, sprains, minor fractures, dermatitis, deafness and work-related upper limb disorders).
2	Minor	Injury or ill-health requiring first-aid only (includes minor cuts and bruises, irritation, ill-health with temporary discomfort)
1	Negligible	Not likely to cause injury or ill-health

LIKELIHOOD (L)

Level	Likelihood	Description
1	Rare	Not expected to occur but still possible
2	Remote	Not likely to occur under normal circumstances
3	Occasional	Possible or known to occur
4	Frequent	Common occurrence
5	Most Certain	Continual or repeating experience

$\label{eq:risk_priority} \textbf{RISK PRIORITISATION NUMBER (RPN) = S X L (multiply Severity and Likelihood)} \\ \underline{\textbf{RISK MATRIX}}$

RPN	RISK LEVEL	RPN	RISK LEVEL	RPN RISK	LEVEL
1 - 3	Low Risk	4 - 12	Medium Risk	15 - 25	High
				Risk	

Appendix 3

Incident Report Form

To be completed by	staff within 12 hours of incident/accident
Incident Date: Name:	Incident Time:
Location:	
Details of Incident:	
If any person was injured- Did Injury require Hospital/Physician? Hospital Name: Address:	
Address:Hospital Phone Numbers:	
Important Notes and Instructions:	
Prepared By:	Date: