



# CONTROL PUPL ACCESS TO RISKY AREAS POLICY

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**Signed – Governor**

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## **Aim**

The aim of this Policy is to state the School's procedures for controlling or denying unauthorised access by pupils to potentially dangerous or risky areas of School buildings and grounds.

## **Introduction**

The Governors, Headteacher and staff of Falconer School are fully committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all pupils at the School.

On a large and complex site such as this there are bound to be areas within the buildings or the grounds that are considered to present risks to the safety of pupils who may accidentally or deliberately stray into them.

## **Procedures**

The School makes every effort to ensure that all potentially dangerous areas are, wherever possible, made secure by fencing, locking or otherwise physically preventing access to them. Areas temporarily out of bounds are fenced or cordoned off and appropriate warning notices are placed to describe the danger.

Much of the School grounds away from the central buildings are unlit and hence unauthorised access to these areas is prohibited during the hours of darkness.

Pupils are informed or reminded regularly by Residential Care and staff of the dangers of entering risky areas of the School. They are made aware that to enter such an area deliberately is regarded as a very serious disciplinary offence that will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

A risk assessment for the school site and areas deemed as potential risks is regularly updated.

Unsupervised Access by pupils

- We ensure that pupils do not have unsupervised access to potentially dangerous areas, such as the science laboratories and the design technology room.
- Doors to these areas are kept locked at all times when not in use. All flammables and laboratory chemicals are kept securely locked in appropriate storage facilities.
- Pupils are not allowed to use gymnastic, athletic, or climbing equipment without supervision.
- Pupils do not have access to the Grounds, Maintenance, Catering and Caretaking areas of the school. Clear signs are displayed.
- There are areas of the school site which are out of bounds.

## **Boarding Specific**

During the school day boarders are out of the boarding area and integrated into the day school life and access during the day is not permitted or must be agreed by a senior member of staff. Students will be accompanied at all times.

## **Security**

The surrounds of Falconer School are protected by CCTV. The duty caretaker patrols the school site in the evening and makes sure it is secure. All doors that provide access to the main school buildings and/or classrooms areas are locked and are alarmed during periods of unoccupancy. Additionally the school has staff residing on site.