

Health and Safety “H&S” Code of Practice

CURRICULUM

Purpose:

Health and Safety is an important consideration for all within Wingate School. The School will take all reasonable steps to provide a safe and suitable environment for students, staff and visitors.

Practical activities can take place during any lessons to enhance and enrich the Teaching & Learning. Teachers must take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of students at all times whether inside or outside the classroom. See also the Code of Practice for Trips and Excursions.

Physical Education “PE”:

- If students are taken down to the School Pitch, the Lead teacher must take a mobile phone to contact the office in an emergency and advise the School Office which member of staff is the lead teacher with the mobile phone.
- **The wearing of any jewellery is not permitted during sport or PE lessons.** Any earring studs, any necklace, even those of religious or personal significance and tummy piercings **must** be removed for the duration of the lesson. As PE is a compulsory part of the UK National Curriculum, parents cannot request their child opts out of this lesson unless supported by a doctor's letter or medical certificate.

As of September 2018, a letter disclaiming the school of any responsibility in the event of an accident regarding the wearing of jewellery **is no longer applicable or accepted.**

Please also refer to the Student School Uniform & Dress Code.

Sciences:

The Science Department has local H&S rules and criteria held within the Department. However:

- Protective eye goggles and gloves should be worn by staff and students during all practical experiments
- All experiments must be Risk Assessed and deemed necessary by the Head of Department
- No students are ever allowed in the Science Prep area
- No food or drink should be consumed in any of the Science Labs

Art & Design:

- Protective clothing should be worn when working with paint and other Art materials

ICT Firewall Room:

- No food or drink should be consumed within the small room housing the Firewall

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