



Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust (DNDLT)
Company Number 10847279

Asbestos Statement of Intent

Vision Statement:

At the heart of our vision is our commitment to ensure all our schools are places where children and young people develop and thrive academically, socially, culturally, and spiritually. The drive for excellence and effectiveness in our schools is paramount, but not merely because the Government says so. The enabling of every child to flourish in their potential as a child of God is a sign and expression of the Kingdom and is at the heart of the Trust's distinctive mission. This vision statement will be considered in all our policies and their implementation.

Introduction

The purpose of this statement is to indicate DNDLT's commitment to achieving a safe working environment for all staff, pupils, and visitors connected with our sites and activities.

This statement will be reviewed annually in line with the school's Asbestos Management Plan's by the Chief Operating Officer and ratified by the Board of Directors.

ASBESTOS STATEMENT OF INTENT

The presence of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) does not in itself constitute a danger. However, it is hazardous when disturbed or damaged and must be treated accordingly. Activities which give rise to airborne dust, e.g., abrasion, breaking, sawing, cutting, drilling, or machining ACMs, are most likely to present risks.

Staff and contractors not trained to work with asbestos are not expected to work with or be exposed to asbestos. A limited number of staff whose normal duties may bring them into contact with existing asbestos containing materials (e.g., electrical, mechanical, or building maintenance staff) will be trained in asbestos awareness, refreshed annually, and have access to the Asbestos Management Plan.

1. The Board of Directors recognises its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and will take account of all related Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance (including <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-asbestos-in-your-school-or-college/managing-asbestos-in-your-school-or-college>) in order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all its employees, pupils, and visitors to the MAT's premises.
2. The Board of Directors will individually and collectively, take all steps within their power, where reasonably practicable, to meet their responsibilities.

The Board of Directors will;

- Ensure that the headteacher of each constituent school of the trust has been appointed to be responsible for the day-to-day management of asbestos in their individual school overseen by the CEO with the support of the Trust Estate Management service (Eddisons).
- Ensure that each school produces an Asbestos Management Plan (based on an appropriate survey undertaken by a competent asbestos surveyor and supported by Eddisons) including the implementation of an effective asbestos containing materials management plan so that appropriate measures, such as monitoring, encapsulation, sealing, labelling, inspection, or removal of the material are undertaken. This shall be reviewed every 12 months
- Periodically review this statement in the light of any legal changes, further information or incidents;
- Require each school to produce and maintain an asbestos register and make this available to staff, contractors and others who may be brought into contact with asbestos as part of their activities;
- Promote awareness of the hazards of asbestos and the management procedures through information and training (with the support of the Trust Health and Safety consultants, Citation);
- Prevent exposure to hazards associated with asbestos.
- Ensure that a Refurbishment and Demolition Survey is undertaken by a competent asbestos surveyor, prior to any intrusive work be undertaken as part of maintenance or construction activities.

Responsibility for the implementation of this statement and the management of asbestos for all schools is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer with support from Citation's Health and Safety Team.