

POLICY STATEMENT



Policy	Pupil Access to Risky Areas
School Department	HHS

Date Updated	12/12/2018
Updated by	Anthony Hougham AIOSH
Approved by	K Samson
Date of Approval	12/12/2018
Next major review date	December 2019
Location and disseminations	A copy of the policy can be found, in the school admin office and on the school website.

Aim

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

Introduction

2. Buckswood school, the School Director and Management Team 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. Such areas include the Ponds, areas where building work is going on, car parks, scaffolding, Science Labs, Art and Design Studios etc.

Procedures

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

4. Traffic control measures, such as speed bumps and speed limitation signs are in place to manage the risks from vehicle movement around the campus. When a large volume of traffic is expected (e.g. for major School events), stewards are in place as a further risk control measure.
5. Areas 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. The extent of the "Bounds" is indicated clearly to pupils via House Notice Boards.
6. Boarding houses and classroom blocks are accessed by keypad/code or smart card. Pupils are briefed formally, usually at the start of academic courses and years, about safety measures in classrooms as appropriate (e.g. Science). In addition, pupil access to other areas, used primarily on the co-curriculum side, such as the Gym, Swimming Pool, Sports Hall etc., is controlled by clear timings and by appropriate staffing deployment.
7. In addition, pupils are informed or reminded regularly by Boarding House staff, other staff and via assemblies 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 serious disciplinary offence that will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.