

Ark Statement of Intent

The Ark Board recognises that under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 it has a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, the safety, health and welfare of all persons affected by its activities. The Ark Board has a responsibility to take all reasonably practicable steps to secure the health and safety of pupils, staff and others using Ark premises or participating in Ark-sponsored activities.

Ark aims to provide a safe and healthy working and learning environment for staff, pupils and visitors. In pursuit of this, we seek to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- The provision and maintenance of safe workplaces and safe systems of work.
- A clear definition of responsibilities of employees at all levels.
- The provision of appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision.
- The provision of effective systems of communication on all health and safety matters.
- Adequate opportunities for employee consultation on health and safety matters.
- Co-operation with other organisations in respect of health and safety.

The arrangements outlined in Ark's Health & Safety policy and the various other safety provisions made by Ark will not prevent accidents nor ensure safe and healthy working conditions on their own. Ark strongly believes that only the adoption of safe methods of work and good practice by every individual can ensure everyone's personal health and safety.

Ark will take all reasonable steps to identify and reduce hazards to a minimum but all staff and pupils must appreciate that their own safety and that of others also depends on their individual conduct and vigilance. Health and safety standards will only be maintained with the co-operation of all staff, pupils and visitors to our schools.

We expect all staff to co-operate fully with this policy, and that procedures to ensure relevant health and safety issues are embedded within the curriculum at all levels where appropriate.

The effectiveness of the policy will be regularly monitored to ensure that health and safety arrangements are being implemented and that the responsible persons identified within the policy are carrying out their duties correctly.

The policy will be reviewed annually and revised where necessary.

Signed:  **CEO, Ark**

Dated: September 2017

Next Revision due: May 2018

Note: This Statement of Intent should be displayed in staffrooms, on electronic filing systems and intranet, and in the main reception areas.