

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT



Beeston Hall School - Swindells, Pre Prep, Teaching Block, Art, DT and Out Blds

Beeston Hall School -
Main Block & Music
Block, West Runton,
Cromer, Norfolk, NR27
9NQ

VALID BETWEEN 17/10/2022 - 17/10/2023

ASSESSED BY Charlie Brough MIFSM, CFRAR ASSESSED
ON 17/10/2022

APPROVED BY Michael Wells TIFSM APPROVED ON
02/11/2022

ASSESSMENT REF. RB-IENKYD VERSION 2

No material changes or alterations have been made to any buildings in this risk assessment, so no further actions are required to be updated. An inspection of all buildings has been carried out.

Reviewed by:

Tim Cole

Date:

24/10/2024

Monitored by:

Sandra

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Date:

24/10/2024

Next review

23/10/2025

1 SUMMARY

Fire Risk Assessment

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATE REFERENCE
RB-IENKYD

ASSESSED BY, ON
Charlie Brough MIFSM, CFRAR, 17/10/2022

APPROVED / VALIDATED BY, ON
Michael Wells TIFSM (Fire Risk Assessor), 04/11/2022

START DATE – RECOMMENDED REVIEW DATE
17/10/2022 – 17/10/2023

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS
18 Actions / 29 Controls

PRODUCED FOR THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Beeston Hall School

SPECIFICATION CONFORMS TO
Our own internal quality system.

ASSESSMENT SCOPE
Assessment applies only to the building specified.

Assessed Property

PROPERTY NAME
Beeston Hall School - Swindells, Pre Prep, Teaching Block,
Art & DT and Out Blds

PROPERTY REFERENCE
RB-PSBAZ4

ADDRESS
Beeston Hall School - Swindells, Pre Prep, Teaching
Block, Art & DT and Out Buildings
West
Runton
Cromer
Norfolk
NR27 9NQ

FIRE RISK RATING

LIKELIHOOD **MEDIUM**

Normal fire hazards for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings).

SEVERITY **MODERATE HARM**

Reasonable risk of fire spread involving multiple occupants which could result in significant injury. Eg, poor construction detailing or breaches to purpose built construction.

RISK MODERATE

Essential action must be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period.

ASSESSING / ACCREDITED ORGANISATION
Morgan Fire (Marlowe Group)



2 PROPERTY

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Property Information

Property Construction

Construction

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Materials

Beeston hall was built in 1948 as a family home. Following improvements in 1967 and 1978, it was turned into Beeston Hall school. The building is constructed from solid traditional brick and blockwork with a concrete floor slab. Internally the walls are constructed from solid blockwork and plasterboard.

External Wall System

The external wall is solid brick work.

Number of floors

2

Height

3m

Property Type

School

Fire / Arson History

No

People and Use

Manager's Flat

No

Staff Accommodation / HMO

Yes

Hotel / Rooms for Hire

No

Occupancy Description

The school has 174 students in total, only 21 of which are boarders. The school can facilitate up to 80 boarding students, but this is highly unlikely. There are 68 staff members, and only 50 are likely to be present at one time. There are persons present within the building 24/7. The Main Block is where all students sleep.

During the assessment, Information was provided by Maureen Rumsby and the local caretaker.

Locally Responsible Person

Freddy Walton fire safety

Number of visitors

15

Fire Safety Protection

Fire Alarm System

There are areas with a fire alarm and detection installed and other areas without.

Sprinkler System

No

Fire Curtains

No

Smoke Vents

No

Extinguishers

Yes

Security

CCTV

Ansul System

No

Evacuation Chairs

No

Dry/Wet Risers

No

Emergency Lighting

Yes

Hose Reels

No

3 SERVICING AND INSPECTIONS

EQUIPMENT	FREQUENCY	DATE COMPLETED	STATUS
Emergency Lights	6 monthly	31/05/2022	Compliant
Fire Alarm System	6 Monthly	31/05/2022	Compliant
Fire Extinguishers	Annually	27/07/2022	Incomplete
A number of extinguishers have been missed from the previous service.			
Fixed Wire Testing	5 years	19/07/2021	Compliant
Gas Safety (Heating)	Annually	18/07/2022	Compliant
PAT Testing	Annually	27/07/2022	Compliant

4 BUILDING LAYOUT

Swindells building consists of two floors. The ground floor consists of showers, changing rooms and toilets. The first floor consists of classrooms, an office and a library. There is one internal and one external staircase. There are three fire exits from the building. The pre-prep building, linked to Swindells, is a single-storey open-plan area. There are two fire exits from the building. The teaching block consists of two floors. The ground floor consists of science labs, ICT and RE.

The first floor consists of classrooms. There are two internal staircases with three fire exits from the building. The art and DT building consists of two floors. The ground floor consists of art rooms and storage.

The first floor consists of an open-plan classroom. There is one internal staircase. There are four Fire exits from the building.

5 SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

This assessment identifies 18 actions and 29 controls.

18 ACTIONS		INCOMPLETE	29 CONTROLS		ONGOING
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Sources of Ignition

- ◆ Does the fixed electrical system appear to be in a good condition with a recent professional inspection? YES

 - A recent EICR was in place by a NICEIC registered contractor. There were no outstanding C1/2 findings and the installation was signed off as satisfactory.

 - ◆ Does portable electrical equipment appear to be in a good condition, safely used and regularly tested? YES

 - There are electrical appliances in use around the premises. All had labels indicating appropriate portable appliance testing (PAT). Where seen, electrical appliances appeared to be in good condition and carried a recent test label.
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- ◆ Is the use of multi way adapters and extension leads well managed? YES

 - There is good management of trailing leads and extension points. There are no trailing leads that could be caught or trapped, extension leads are all plugged directly into a wall socket and not plugged into one another leading to overloading, and no square plug adaptors are being used.

 - ◆ Were any issues identified in relation to smoking? NO

 - The building does not have a designated smoking facility, but there is a strict policy of none smoking within all areas of the property and in close proximity. The policy appeared to be fully adhered to at the time of the visit.

 - ◆ Were open fires or portable heaters (including external / patio heaters) used appropriately and safely? NO OPEN FIRES OR PORTABLE HEATERS

 - There were no portable appliances within the buildings. There is a gas supply which feeds the hot water radiators.

 - ◆ Does basic security against arson by outsiders appear reasonable? YES

 - The risk of arson is reduced by access control systems such as swipe and key access door entry and the installation of CCTV.

◆ Do the premises have a lightning protection system?

- It should be confirmed by a competent lightning protection engineer if the building is required to have a lightning protection system installed.

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WHY The school is located in a secluded area with no other building surrounding it. There did not appear to be a lightning protection system installed.

REFERENCE RB-1991ND
DUE 17/03/2023
CATEGORY Capital Works: Other Capital

Sources of Fuel

YES

◆ Is the level of housekeeping considered to be acceptable and combustible materials appear to be separated from ignition sources?

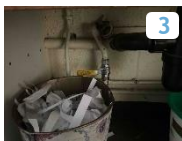
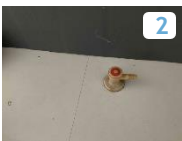
- The level of housekeeping was to a good standard throughout the building. There were no combustible items stored underneath or adjacent to sources of ignition.

◆ Was waste regularly collected and stored in appropriate quantities, safely away from the building? YES

- The perimeter of the building was clear of combustible items, and the bins were not over-filled and kept away from the building.

◆ Were any flammable liquids or gases stored on site? YES

- There is a gas supply to the teaching block for the use of the Bunsen burners. Each classroom is fitted with a gas shut-off valve. Staff are always present during the Bunsen burner lessons.



◆ Have appropriate COSHH, DSEAR or COMAH assessments been completed where required? N/A

- There was reported to be no requirement for the completion of a DSEAR assessment.

◆ Does the property contain communal use kitchens? NO

- There is no kitchen within the classroom's areas. Staff tea points are provided and well managed.

◆ Structurally, are there any combustible materials used that would aid the external spread of fire? NO

- There was found to be no external cladding or wooden balconies that would externally enhance the spread of fire. The classroom buildings are solid brick-built external walls.

Means of giving warning and Fire-fighting

◆ Is the fire detection and warning installation suitable for the usage of the building?

NO

- It is considered suitable to install a BS5839-1 to achieve a category L2 throughout all outer buildings. This should include smoke detection within all escape routes and rooms of the escape route. Heat detection should be installed within the science classrooms.



LOCATION Swindells building

WHY The outer buildings from the main block all feature different fire alarm detection systems. There is no consistency throughout the site. The Swindell building appears to have only a BS5839 - Part 1 category M only. The art and DT block appear to have an BS5839 - Part 1 category L2 category installed.



◆ Is there a suitable zone plan installed?

- Ensure a zone plan is established and fitted next to the fire alarm control panel.

WHY There was no plan adjacent to the fire alarm control panel.

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REFERENCE RB-UE5PFW
DUE 17/03/2023
CATEGORY Repairs: General Maintenance

◆ Is the property provided with a compliant level of fire extinguishers and readily accessible? NO

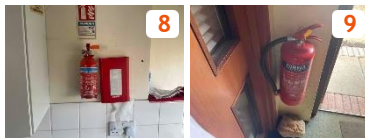
- The discharge of a powder extinguisher within buildings can cause a sudden reduction of visibility and can also impair breathing, which could temporarily jeopardize escape, rescue or other emergency action.

For this reason, powder extinguishers should generally not be specified for use indoors in accordance with the requirements of BS5306 Part 8 2012, unless mitigated by a specific health and safety risk assessment. As there has been no specific risk assessment identifying its requirement, it is recommended that dry powder extinguishers be removed and be replaced with a suitable alternative in line with current guidance.

WHY It was noted during this assessment that there are dry powder extinguishers installed within the premises.

LOCATION Throughout

REFERENCE RB-EQKNRH
DUE 17/11/2022
CATEGORY Servicing: Extinguishers



- In order to achieve compliance with BS5306-8, all extinguishers should be securely hung on wall brackets with the carrying handle of larger heavier extinguishers 1 metre from the floor. For smaller extinguishers (not heavier than 4kg), the carrying handle should be mounted 1.5 metres from the floor.

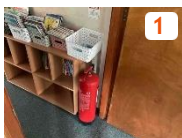
Where this is impractical, extinguishers should be located on suitable floor stands. In schools and similar locations, it is preferable to use recessed housing, suitable cabinets or extinguisher covers.

WHY A number of portable fire extinguishers were noted to be free-standing.

LOCATION Teaching Block



REFERENCE RB-DV9MWV
DUE 17/03/2023
CATEGORY Servicing: Extinguishers



- Ensure all fire extinguishers are serviced in accordance with BS5306.

WHY Fire extinguishers were labelled with out-of-date test records.

LOCATION Swindells Classrooms



REFERENCE RB-GN15U7
DUE 17/03/2023
CATEGORY Servicing: Extinguishers



◆ If (wet or dry) risers are installed do they appear in a good condition and regularly serviced?

RISERS NOT INSTALLED

Escape from Fire

- ◆ Are there a sufficient quantity of compliant final exits and do all travel distances seem reasonable? YES
 - The means of escape for this premises are adequate, travel distances are acceptable and cannot practicably be reduced, and exits are well indicated. The floor and surfaces are in good visual condition.

◆ Are all final exits easily openable (with electrical releases failing-safe)? YES

- Final exit doors were in good condition and fitted with suitable furniture in order to comply with 14 (2) (f) of the regulatory reform (Fire Safety) order



2005.

◆ Was a reasonable level of standard and emergency lighting provided? NO

- An electrical contractor should confirm that the solid red indication LED is not a warning lamp. If a warning lamp is diagnosed, the electrical lighting system should be tested, and any faults rectified

WHY An adequate level of emergency escape lighting is provided in the building. However, a mixture of red and green battery charging indicator LEDs was observed.

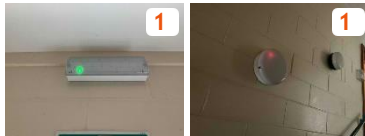
LOCATION Swindell building

REFERENCE RB-FRMRKT

DUE 17/01/2023

CATEGORY Servicing: Emergency Lighting

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◆ Are systems in place for compliant testing of the emergency lighting? YES

- It was discussed that the emergency lighting system is tested monthly and recorded within a fire safety folder, and then uploaded onto an online excel spreadsheet.

◆ Is there a procedure in place to identify and provide PEEPs for staff/visitors/residents with additional evacuation requirements? YES

- The building is a school, so people with reduced mobility would-be students, employees, or visitors to the school. Any students or employees with reduced mobility should have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) completed with them, which should be regularly updated in case of any changes. At the time of assessment, it was discussed that there are currently no persons with reduced mobility. Should the situation change, there will be control measures put in place. Visitors may also require a PEEP or be subject to a generic PEEP (GEEP) in certain circumstances. It is advised that GEEPs are held at the reception desk for visitors.

◆ If considered necessary, is the site supplied with adequate signage including fire action notices? NO

- It is recommended that a full sign survey is carried out to standardize all signs within the buildings to meet all current standards. It is recommended that this is carried out by a competent person.

WHY There is inadequate fire safety signage installed throughout the outer buildings. There are little amounts of fire action notices installed, limited directional signage and no external final exit escape route signage installed. Exit fastenings on final exit doors are not appropriately signed.

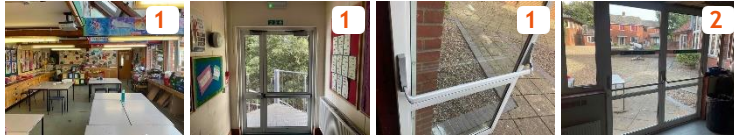
LOCATION Throughout all outer classroom and teaching buildings

REFERENCE RB-AAJS6U

DUE 17/03/2023

CATEGORY Repairs: Signage

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◆ Are there suitable exit route capacity?

YES

- The exit route capacity appears to be suitable. However, it is unknown how many students and staff are in the building.

◆ Are all fire escape routes clear and unobstructed?

YES

- Ensure that students do not store and hang their coats and bags within the escape routes during term, as this will enhance the spread of fire.

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WHY Final exits and escape routes were clear and available for use at the time of our assessment. No obstructions were seen anywhere on the premises. The fire risk assessment was undertaken during school holidays; therefore, there was no understanding of how students store their bags and coats during school hours.

LOCATION Escape routes

REFERENCE RB-HA4IV3
 DUE 17/01/2023
 CATEGORY Management: Housekeeping

- ◆ Is there a suitable fire assembly point located? YES
- The site-wide fire assembly point is suitable and is sited where persons will not be at risk from oncoming fire appliances and in an area where occupants can assemble and be accounted for.

Fire Spread & Development

- ◆ From a visual inspection, does compartmentation throughout the building appear to be uncompromised and offering a suitable level of protection? NO
- The compartmentation of the structure could not be confirmed because an intrusive inspection was not included in this assessment; however, from a visual inspection of the ceilings, walls and floors, they appeared to be adequate. Several fire doors throughout the building did not appear to be suitable and will be addressed below.

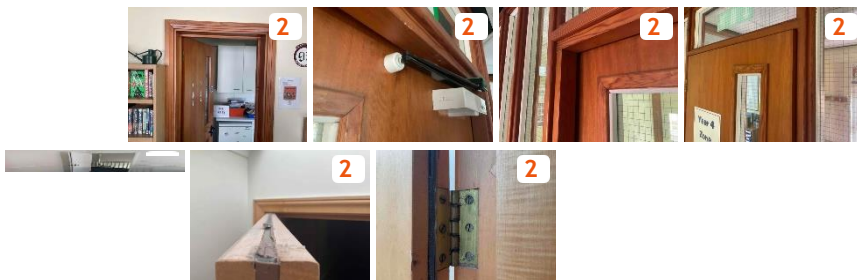
- ◆ Are fire doors, installed where required, in good condition, closing fully into the frame with an effective self-closer? NO

- Due to the number of deficiencies found, it is recommended that a complete fire door survey is undertaken and appropriate remedial works carried out to ensure they function as intended. This should include their fire resistance and smoke control suitability and if replacement door sets are required.

WHY During the assessment, it was noted that throughout the outer buildings, a number of issues were found with the fire doors, such as;

- Various fire doors have excessive gaps between the door leaf or between the leading edge of the door and the door frame.
- Damaged smoke seals and missing intumescent strips were observed,
- Self-closing devices missing from doors leading onto the escape route and from high-risk rooms.
- Fire door signage

LOCATION Throughout the outer buildings



REFERENCE RB-BQ5TFC
 DUE 17/11/2022
 CATEGORY Capital Works: Doors

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- ◆ Has the site avoided the wedging of fire doors? NO
- Fire doors should be kept closed at all times. If it is considered that the door is required to be held open for operational reasons a suitable hold open device which has been

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approved and tested to BS EN 1155:1997 should be installed.

WHY Fire doors were being wedged open, which compromises both compartmentation and provides an unprotected escape route.
LOCATION Swindells classrooms

REFERENCE RB-4QUJNJ
DUE 17/11/2022
CATEGORY Repairs: Doors



◆ Are doors fitted with correct signage?

- "Fire Door Keep Shut" signage requires fitting to identified doors.

WHY Doors lack correct signage.
LOCATION Swindells first floor classrooms



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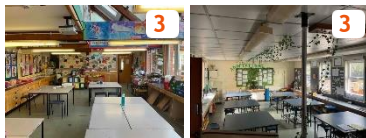


REFERENCE RB-NEKYIS
DUE 17/04/2023
CATEGORY Repairs: Signage

◆ Is there a reasonable limitation of linings that might promote the spread of fire?

- Although these areas do not form part of the escape route, it is not considered suitable for the artificial decor to be installed in such ways, this room is the science room, and there are high ignition sources such as the Bunsen burners. All other classrooms should be under constant review to ensure excessive amounts of paper and cardboard are not displayed across walls and ceilings.

WHY Classroom displays and artificial decor can be seen throughout the classrooms and art rooms.
LOCATION Science classroom & Art block



NO



REFERENCE RB-AWGY44
CATEGORY Repairs: General

DUE 17/01/2023
Maintenance

Procedures, Arrangement & Training

◆ Is there a process in place to manage and approve contractor RAMs, hot works and sign-in/out process?

- Satisfactory controls need to be put in place for any work carried out on-site by contractors. This should include an understanding of the potential risks relating to their activities, including details of any 'hot works' which should be only carried out via a permit to work before commencing. A policy should be established, and evidence should be held within a fire safety folder.

WHY It was discussed that all contractors would be subject to vetting and risk assessment provided however, there was no evidence of a policy in place to ensure that there is a suitable procedure in place to manage contractors on site.

NO

REFERENCE RB-8YWFY2
DUE 17/01/2023
CATEGORY Management: Records & Log Books



◆ Are there enough staff to ensure an effective evacuation of the building and were fire drills properly recorded?

- Fire drills should be scheduled to be completed regularly, with their results recorded onto the online school system and ready for inspection. The frequency of drills should be at least twice per year but sufficient to ensure all staff members have been included. Staff should be trained to ensure an effective evacuation of the building takes place.

WHY There was no evidence provided that staff have received training as fire wardens. The most recent fire drill records were provided and dated February 2022. However, it was discussed that a fire drill was carried out in September 2022 but has not been recorded in the online system.

NO

REFERENCE RB-86BMEN
DUE 17/01/2023
CATEGORY Management: Training & Drills



◆ Do staff have appropriate induction and refresher training?

NO

○ Staff training should be documented. The training should include but not limited to the following:

- Fire risk in the premises,
- Fire safety measures on the premises,
- Action in the event of a fire,
- Action on hearing the fire alarm signals,
- Method of operation of manual call points,
- Location and use of extinguishers,
- Means of summoning fire and rescue services,
- The identity of persons nominated to assist with evacuation and the identity of persons nominated to use fire extinguishing appliances.

WHY At the time of the visit, there was no documentation available to show that staff are provided with appropriate fire safety awareness training either at induction or on an ongoing basis.



REFERENCE RB-563RFE
DUE 17/11/2022
CATEGORY Management: Training & Drills

◆ If there is a requirement for specialist safety or evacuation equipment was it in place, properly maintained and were staff trained to use it?

NO SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

◆ Based on local knowledge do perimeter security arrangements seem suitable?

YES

- The site is within a secluded area of a main road, the site is fitted with CCTV and staff are present throughout the day.

◆ Was a well considered and documented fire procedure in place and available to all relevant persons?

- Notifying the fire and rescue service
- False alarm reporting

WHY No evidence was available to suggest that relevant persons are provided with guidance in relation to their actions in the event of a fire.

- A fire safety management plan should be established covering all areas of fire safety. The plan should be communicated, and all relevant persons made aware of the policy and procedures that are in place.

WHY There was no information available that detailed the documented arrangements Beeston School have established to prevent fire and protect the premises' staff and students. This would include, for example:

- A fire safety policy for the entire school
- Control procedures to limit the likelihood of fire or fire spread, e.g., a hot work procedure
- Procedures for checking the general fire precautions within the premises remain appropriate
- The process for inspecting, testing and maintaining fire safety equipment and infrastructure within the premises
- The process for rectifying faults to fire safety equipment and infrastructure.
- Emergency action plan
- Emergency procedures for occupants with impairments that might affect their evacuation
- Staff training
- Fire warden identification and training

- An evacuation plan should be developed and escalated to all relevant persons regarding actions to be taken in the event of a fire alarm activation. The information provided should include but not be limited to,

- Primary escape route from the building
- Secondary escape routes from the building
- Call point activation
- Assembly point location
- Usage of fire-fighting equipment

NO

REFERENCE RB-H5UC4Q
DUE 17/01/2023
CATEGORY Management: Records & Log Books



REFERENCE RB-7IBRC8
DUE 17/01/2023
CATEGORY Management: Training
& Drills

◆ Have personal evacuation plans been completed for all relevant persons who may require one? (to include staff, visitors, volunteers, residents etc.)

YES

- It was stated at the time of the visit that there were currently no members of staff or regular visitors that would require a personal emergency evacuation plan to be in place. Systems were reported to be available to address this issue if it should arise.

- ◆ Is there adequate co-operation and co-ordination with other responsible persons in control of adjoining premises and the fire and rescue service (where considered necessary)? NOT NECESSARY

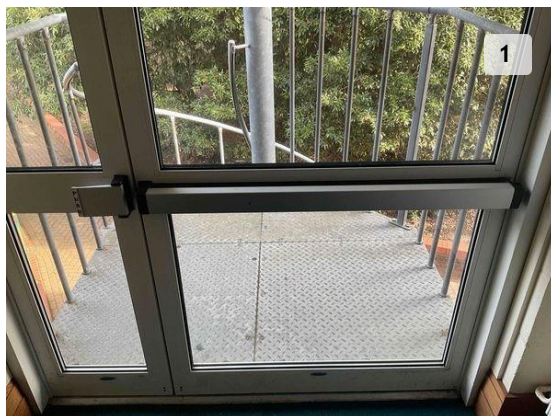
Testing & Maintenance

- ◆ Did log books show that the fire alarm (and any related equipment) was tested by staff? YES
- Evidence was made available to show that fire alarms are tested via alternating call points on a weekly basis.
- ◆ Are certificates available to show that the fire alarm system and all interfaced equipment is subject to a compliant schedule of maintenance ? YES
- Evidence was presented to show that the fire alarm system is subject to regular maintenance visits in line with BS5839-1.
- ◆ Is there evidence that emergency lights are tested on a monthly basis? YES
- Documentation was made available to show that emergency lights were tested for functionality on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Are records available to show that emergency lights are subject to an annual full discharge test? YES
- Certificates were made available to show that a competent contractor had completed a full duration discharge of the emergency lighting in order to comply with guidelines within BS5266-1:2016.
- ◆ Are heating and cooling systems maintained on an annual basis? YES
- Evidence of the boiler having undergone servicing by a registered engineer and gas safety certificates were made available for inspection.
- ◆ Are fire extinguishers marked as having been subject to an annual service? YES
- All portable fire fighting equipment examined was found to have undergone a schedule test in the last 12 months in line with the requirements of BS5306.
- ◆ Is there adequate maintenance of the workplace including periodic inspection of external staircases and gangways? YES
- Based on the general appearance of the building, it would be suggested that a program of regular maintenance is completed.
- ◆ Are arrangements in place to ensure safe usage and maintenance schedules are in place for electrical and mechanical equipment in use within the site? YES
- Evidence was made available to show that all mechanical equipment on site is subject to a regular maintenance program, such as the kiln, which is no longer in use within the DT block.

6 PHOTOS



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7 ACTION PLAN

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REFERENCE RB-7IBRC8

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- Call point activation
- Assembly point location
- Usage of fire-fighting equipment
- Notifying the fire and rescue service
- False alarm reporting.
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The school undertakes relevant fire training with all staff and was last carried out in January 2022. There is evidence to support this.

Additional training for any new staff was provided on 17th November 2022.

DUE BY / ASSIGNED TO 17 January 2023
November 2202

COMPLETED ON / BY

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REFERENCE RB-EQKNRH
LOCATION Throughout

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It was noted during this assessment that there are dry powder extinguishers installed within the premises.

The school meets its statutory obligations with regards to regular servicing of fire extinguishers etc. However, an alternative contractor is booked for 28th November to review our fire extinguishers.

DUE BY / ASSIGNED TO 17 November 2022

COMPLETED ON / BY November 2022

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REFERENCE RB-563RFE

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- Means of summoning fire and rescue services,

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REFERENCE RB-9G88IT
NCE Swindells building
LOCATION
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The school has been advised that the alarm we currently have meets legal requirements, otherwise it would not pass inspection.
The school has risk assessed the situation and considers the risk to be acceptable.
There are plans to upgrade the alarm system when works are carried out within the school.

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Due to the number of deficiencies found, it is recommended that a complete fire door survey is undertaken, and appropriate remedial works carried out to ensure they function as intended. This should include their fire resistance and smoke control suitability and if replacement door sets are required.

REFERENCE RB-BQ5TFC
LOCATION Throughout the
outer buildings

During the assessment, it was noted that throughout the outer buildings, a number of issues were found with the fire doors, such as;

- Various fire doors have excessive gaps between the door leaf or between the leading edge of the door and the door frame.
- Damaged smoke seals and missing intumescent strips were observed,
- Self-closing devices missing from doors leading onto the escape route and from high-risk rooms.
- Fire door signage

An audit of fire doors has been carried out and appropriate action taken where necessary.

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"Fire Door Keep Shut" signage requires fitting to identified doors.

REFERENCE RB-NEKYIS
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LOCATION Swindells first floor
N classroom

Doors lack correct signage.

There is appropriate fire signage throughout the building, and this has been checked and renewed where necessary.

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It should be confirmed by a competent lightning protection engineer if the building is required to have a lightning protection system installed.

REFERENCE RB-1991ND
CE

The school is located in a secluded area with no other building surrounding it. There did not appear to be a lightning protection system installed.

Advice from an expert in this field has been sought and it is considered that we are very low risk.

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<p>It is recommended that a full sign survey is carried out to standardize all signs within the buildings to meet all current standards. It is recommended that this is carried out by a competent person.</p>	<p>REFERENCE RB-AAJS6U LOCATION Throughout all outer classroom and teaching buildings</p>
<p>There is inadequate fire safety signage installed throughout the outer buildings. There are little amounts of fire action notices installed, limited directional signage and no external final exit escape route signage installed. Exit fastenings on final exit doors are not appropriately signed.</p>	
<p>Appropriate signage is in place through the building.</p>	
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<p>In order to achieve compliance with BS5306-8, all extinguishers should be securely hung on wall brackets with the carrying handle of larger heavier extinguishers 1 metre from the floor. For smaller extinguishers (not heavier than 4kg), the carrying handle should be mounted 1.5 metres from the floor.</p>	<p>REFERE RB-DV9MWV NCE Teaching Block LOCATI ON</p>
<p>Where this is impractical, extinguishers should be located on suitable floor stands. In schools and similar locations, it is preferable to use recessed housing, suitable cabinets or extinguisher covers.</p>	
<p>A number of portable fire extinguishers were noted to be free-standing.</p>	
<p>The school meets its statutory obligations with regards to regular servicing of fire extinguishers etc. However, an alternative contractor is coming in on 28th November to review our fire extinguishers.</p>	
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<p>Ensure all fire extinguishers are serviced in accordance with BS5306.</p>	<p>REFEREN RB-GN15U7 CE</p>
<p>Fire extinguishers were labelled with out-of-date test records.</p>	<p>LOCATI Swindells Classrooms ON</p>
<p>The school meets its statutory obligations with regards to regular servicing of fire extinguishers etc. However, an alternative contractor is booked for 28th November to review our provision.</p>	
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<p>Ensure a zone plan is established and fitted next to the fire alarm control panel.</p>	<p>REFEREN RB-UE5PFW CE</p>
<p>There was no plan adjacent to the fire alarm control panel.</p>	
<p>This is under review by our maintenance team as to whether this is necessary</p>	
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<p>Satisfactory controls need to be put in place for any work carried out on-site by contractors. This should include an understanding of the potential risks relating to their activities, including details of any 'hot works' which should be only carried out via a permit to work before commencing. A policy should be established, and evidence should be held within a fire safety folder.</p>	<p>REFEREN RB-8YWFY2 CE</p>
<p>It was discussed that all contractors would be subject to vetting and risk assessment provided however, there was no evidence of a policy in place to ensure that there is a suitable procedure in place to manage contractors on site.</p>	
<p>There are appropriate policies, procedure and risk assessments in place concerning "hot works". Unless any "hot works" are of an emergency nature any such works would be carried out when school is not in session.</p>	
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Fire drills should be scheduled to be completed regularly, with their results recorded onto the online school system and ready for inspection. The frequency of drills should be at least twice per year but sufficient to ensure all staff members have been included. Staff should be trained to ensure an effective evacuation of the building takes place.

REFEREN RB-86BMEN
CE

There was no evidence provided that staff have received training as fire wardens. The most recent fire drill records were provided and dated February 2022. However, it was discussed that a fire drill was carried out in September 2022 but has not been recorded in the online system.

There is evidence to support that fire drills are carried out on a regular basis, both involving the whole school and just boarders.
Fire warden training is booked for 29th November 2022.

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Ensure that students do not store and hang their coats and bags within the escape routes during term, as this will enhance the spread of fire.

REFERE RB-HA4IV3
NCE Escape routes

Final exits and escape routes were clear and available for use at the time of our assessment. No obstructions were seen anywhere on the premises. The fire risk assessment was undertaken during school holidays; therefore, there was no understanding of how students store their bags and coats during school hours.

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This is already being done and spot checks are carried out to ensure staff and children are complying with this.

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An electrical contractor should confirm that the solid red indication LED is not a warning lamp. If a warning lamp is diagnosed, the electrical lighting system should be tested, and any faults rectified.

REFERENCE RB-FRMRKT
LOCATION Swindell building

An adequate level of emergency escape lighting is provided in the building. However, a mixture of red and green battery charging indicator LEDs was observed.

The school has been advised that this is not a warning lamp.

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Although these areas do not form part of the escape route, it is not considered suitable for the artificial decor to be installed in such ways, this room is the science room, and there are high ignition sources such as the Bunsen burners. All other classrooms should be under constant review to ensure excessive amounts of paper and cardboard are not displayed across walls and ceilings.

REFERENCE RB-AWG44
LOCATION Science classroom &
block

Classroom displays and artificial decor can be seen throughout the classrooms and art rooms.

This has been removed and staff made aware of the risks involved.
Review 16.11.22

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A fire safety management plan should be established covering all areas of fire safety. The plan should be communicated, and all relevant persons made aware of the policy and procedures that are in place. REFERENCE RB-H5UC4Q

There was no information available that detailed the documented arrangements Beeston School have established to prevent fire and protect the premises' staff and students. This would include, for example:

- A fire safety policy for the entire school
- Control procedures to limit the likelihood of fire or fire spread, e.g., a hot work procedure
- Procedures for checking the general fire precautions within the premises remain appropriate
- The process for inspecting, testing and maintaining fire safety equipment and infrastructure within the premises
- The process for rectifying faults to fire safety equipment and infrastructure.
- Emergency action plan
- Emergency procedures for occupants with impairments that might affect their evacuation
- Staff training
- Fire warden identification and training
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There is evidence to support that the necessary policies, procedure, risk assessments and training are in place to ensure that staff are aware of the requirements. Review 16.11.22

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Fire doors should be kept closed at all times. If it is considered that the door is required to be held open for operational reasons a suitable hold open device which has been approved and tested to BS EN 1155:1997 should be installed. Swindells classrooms
REFERENCE RB-4QUJNJ
LOCATION

Fire doors were being wedged open, which compromises both compartmentation and provides an unprotected escape route.

Fire doors are kept closed and spot checks are carried out to ensure this is being adhered to.
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