



# The Alphabet Before, After, and Holiday Club

Charity No: 1089318

## Fire Safety Policy (#12)

**Our Club understands the importance of vigilance to fire safety hazards. The Club has an up to date fire certificate and notices explaining the fire procedures are positioned next to every fire exit. All staff, students, volunteers and children are aware of the fire safety procedures set out in this policy.**

All staff are aware of the location of all fire exits, the fire assembly point and where fire safety equipment is stored. The Fire Marshall has had training in using basic fire-fighting equipment. Particular attention is paid to distinguishing between the various types of fire extinguisher and their methods of operation.

Children will be made aware of the fire safety procedures during their settling in period and on regular occasion from then on. All children will be made aware of the location of fire exits and the fire assembly point.

Fire doors and fire exits are clearly marked, are not obstructed at any times, and are easily opened from the inside.

Fire exits are kept closed at all times. Fire extinguishers and fire alarm systems are regularly tested in accordance with manufacturer's guidance, and are the responsibility of the school..

The Manager will appoint a designated Fire Safety Officer who will be responsible for arranging fire drills and tests. Fire drills will take place periodically and staff will be informed of when these will occur.

All fire drills, fire incidents and equipment checks will be recorded in the Incident Record book.

### Fire Prevention

The Club will take all steps possible to prevent fires occurring. As such, the Manager and the staff team are responsible for:

- Ensuring that power points are not overloaded with adaptors.
- Ensuring that the Club's No Smoking policy is always observed.
- Checking for frayed or trailing wires.
- Checking that fuses are replaced safely.
- Unplugging equipment that is not being used before leaving the premises.

- Storing any potentially flammable materials safely.
- Yearly electrical checks in partnership with the school.

The Manager will explain fire safety procedures to new staff, students and volunteers as part of the induction process.

**In the event of a fire**

A member of staff will raise the alarm immediately and the emergency services will be called at the earliest possible opportunity.

All children will immediately be escorted out of the building and to the assembly point using the nearest marked exit. No attempt will be made to collect personal belongings, or to re-enter the building after evacuation.

The entire premises will be checked by the Fire Safety Officer and the register will be collected, providing that this does not put anyone at risk. On exiting the building, the Fire Safety Officer will close all accessible doors and windows to prevent the spread of fire.

The register will be taken and all children and staff accounted for. If any person is missing from the register, the emergency services will be informed immediately. If for any reason the register is not to hand, the Manager should access the emergency contacts list that is kept off the premises (for further details see the Documentation and Information policy).

If for any reason the designated fire safety officer is absent at the time of an incident, the Manager will assume responsibility or nominate a replacement member of staff.

**This policy was adopted on** .....

**Signed on behalf of the Club** .....

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees** .....

**Date of Review** .....