



# Walhampton

## **Pupil Access to Risking Areas Policy**

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### **Aim**

The Aim of this policy is to state the School's procedures for controlling or denying access by pupils to potentially dangerous or risky areas of the School's buildings and grounds.

### **Introduction**

The Board of School Governors, Head and Staff of Walhampton are committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all pupils of the School when the pupils are at the School or outside the School on School activities.

On a large and complex site such as Walhampton, there are bound to be areas within the buildings or the grounds that are considered to present risks to the safety of pupils who might stray into them.

### **Procedures**

The School strives to ensure that all potentially dangerous areas are, wherever possible, made secure by fencing, locking or otherwise physically preventing access to them. Areas temporarily out of bounds are cordoned off with barrier tape and/or temporary fencing, and warning notices reading **DANGER NO ENTRY** are placed appropriately, when and where necessary.

Much of the School grounds away from the main buildings is unlit and hence access to these areas is prohibited during the hours of darkness. Pupils are informed regularly, by boarding house and teaching staff, of the dangers of entering risky areas of the School – these are listed on pages 2 and 3. Pupils are made aware that to enter such an area deliberately is a very serious disciplinary offence.

### **Unsupervised access by Pupils**

Pupils do not have unsupervised access to potentially dangerous areas, such as the swimming pool, the science laboratories, the sports hall, the design & technology room, shooting shed and the PAC. When these areas are not in use, they are kept locked. All flammable substances and laboratory chemicals are kept securely locked in appropriate storage facilities.

Pupils are not allowed to use gymnastics and athletic equipment, the adventure centre,

the low ropes course, or the faraway tree without supervision by staff.

Pupils do not have access to the Grounds Maintenance, Maintenance, Catering and Caretaking areas of the School. There are areas of the School site which are out of bounds to pupils when they are without staff supervision. These areas include:

<b>BUILDING OR AREA</b>	<b>CONTROL MEASURES</b>
Beyond the limit of the School grounds	Parental permission is required for overnight exeat  Specifically mentioned to pupils at briefing sessions
Potentially dangerous areas within the School grounds	Specifically mentioned to pupils at briefing sessions  Map displayed of Out of Bounds Areas
Main catering facilities, including the service yard.	Always out of bounds. Manned by catering staff for a significant part of the day.  Kitchen and stores locked when unmanned by catering staff. (Pupils are advised about out of bounds areas, in briefing sessions.)
Laundry	Manned by staff for a significant part of the day.  Locked when unmanned
Theatre technical area	Access normally locked when unmanned
Cellar Area	Access normally locked
The electrical substation in the vestry	Access normally locked
Roof voids, lofts and clock tower	Accesses normally locked
Roofs	Accesses normally locked
Ceiling voids & Plant Rooms	Accesses normally locked  Warning notices placed on doors

Service riser cupboards and ducts (i.e. within classrooms and boarding houses)	Accesses normally locked
Adventure centre and swings	Out of bounds when not supervised by a member of staff
Balustrade of Italian terrace	Out of bounds
DT room	Locked and out of bounds when not supervised by a member of staff
Lakes in the landscape garden	Out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Little kitchen in the mosaic passage	Out of bounds
Low ropes course	Out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Area around the Mercury pond	Out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Music room	Locked and out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Outdoor classroom	Out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
PAC	Out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Ponds on the Italian terrace	Out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Science laboratories	Locked and out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Shooting range	Locked and out of bounds except when under the supervision of staff
Stables	Out of bounds when not under the supervision of staff
Swimming pool	Area locked and out of bounds when not under the supervision of staff