

Risky Areas Policy

Queen's College, Taunton
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Aim

The aim of this Policy is to state the School's procedures for controlling or denying unauthorised access by pupils to potentially dangerous or risky areas of Queen's College buildings and grounds. Rather than formalising our education of these risky areas, and pupil access thereto, for the most part the flow of pupils around site and off-site is based on common sense and trust. There are times when a formal proactive or reactive instruction is required, but common sense prevails on many occasions.

Introduction

The Governors, Head Teacher and staff of Queen's College 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.

Procedures

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

Much of the College grounds away from the central buildings are lit from dusk to dawn and every effort is made to assess that the level of lighting is suitable.

Pupils are informed or reminded regularly by residential staff 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 very serious disciplinary offence that will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

Queen's College ensures that pupils do not have unsupervised access to potentially dangerous areas, such as the Science laboratories and the Design Technology room, Art and Drama, Sports Hall, Swimming Pool etc. Doors to these areas are kept locked at all times when not in use. All flammables and laboratory chemicals are kept securely locked in appropriate storage facilities.

Pupils are not allowed to use gymnastic, athletic or climbing equipment without supervision.

Younger children at Queen's College are subject to strict supervision policies and are not allowed unsupervised access to the site.

Details of the EYFS supervision levels, which are adhered to at all times, can be found in the EYFS Organisational Policy.

Specific Areas out of Bounds to Pupils at all times

- Maintenance Workshops.
- Ground Workshops and machinery store.

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Responsible Member	Deborah Cossey, Estates Manager

Authorised by	Board of Governors
Signed	Mark Edwards, Chair of Governors
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