



Induction/Placement Policy

for Hertsmere Jewish Primary School

Reviewed on: March 2026

Date of Next Review: March 2027

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body in March 2026.

It is due for review in March 2027.

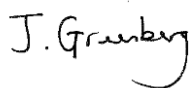
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Headteacher

Date: March 2026

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Chair of Governors

Date: March 2026

A good induction is essential for all staff to feel welcome and included in Hertsmere Jewish Primary School.

All new staff to the school will receive induction training that will include the school's safeguarding policies, child protection procedures and guidance on safe working practices. The DSL will provide a child protection safeguarding session if appropriate training is not up to date. All new staff will receive a copy of the staff Code of Conduct. Adherence to this code is expected and breaches may result in formal disciplinary action.

New staff will meet with the Induction Leader in order to complete a Hertsmere Jewish Primary School induction checklist. They will be given an induction pack containing relevant information. All new members of staff are issued with a copy of the latest Staff Handbook which contains the Staff Absence Policy and relevant Health & Safety information. Every member of staff is provided with a Hertsmere Jewish Primary School, as well as a Jewish Community Academy Trust email address and a computer log in. Personal records are kept for each member of staff, with relevant medical details and emergency contacts.

New members of teaching staff are invited to come into school prior to their start date to meet with the person they are replacing and to meet their new class. Time is allocated for "hand-over" meetings in order to discuss curriculum and the needs of the children, as well as meeting line managers.

All students on work placement at HJPS will also meet with the Induction Leader to complete a HJPS induction checklist.

Parent volunteers will have a short induction with the Induction Leader, who will outline the guidelines for parents.

Attached in Appendix 1 is a copy of the induction checklist.

Appendix 1

Hertsmere Jewish Primary School Health and Safety Induction Checklist <i>When induction health and safety training is completed, the relevant box(es) should be ticked. For Items not covered, comments should be recorded giving reasons and date for completion.</i> <i>The new starter and person providing the induction should both sign the form and keep a copy</i>			
Name:		Job Title:	
Department:			
Start Date:			
	Yes	No	Comments
Provide:- • Staff Handbook • Medical Handbook • Safeguarding Policy	☐	☐	
Absence Procedure			
Explain: - • Procedure for who to telephone when you are unable to come to school • Provide with a contact list of telephone numbers	☐	☐	
Accident and Incident Reporting			
Explain:- • Procedure for the reporting of an accident/incident, including incidents occurring off-site • Location and use of accident and incident books • Policy for head injuries	☐	☐	
Behaviour			
Explain:- • Behaviour Policy – everyone's responsibility • Anti-Bullying Policy • Whistleblowing policy	☐	☐	
Communication			
Explain:- • Formal channels of communication and line management within the school • Staffroom notice board • Confidentiality for children and staff • Protocol for communicating with parents – class email addresses.	☐	☐	
Safeguarding			
Explain: - • DBS • Role of CPOMS to record all incidents • How to access CPOMS and log everything quickly • Names of DSL's • Prevent Duty • Give copies of Safeguarding Policy • Provide information regarding the location of policies related to safeguarding	☐	☐	

E-Safety			
• Notify name of e-safety officer - • Explain use of mobile phones in school • Handing out e-Safety Policy • Ensure that a password and username is created for the computer network	☐	☐	
Fire & Emergency Procedures			
Explain:- • Frequency of fire drills (termly) • How to raise the alarm in the event of an emergency • Evacuation and Invacuation procedures • Show:- • Emergency exit routes, alarm call points • Assembly point • If new starter has a disability, is a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) required?	☐	☐	
First Aid Provision			
Explain: - • Names and locations of school's first aiders (3 day 1st aid at work, paediatric first aid, emergency first aid) • Show: - • Where to go for first aid assistance • Location of first aid boxes/equipment including travel kits and defibrillators	☐	☐	
Job Specific Training Needs			
• Discuss specific training needs with new starter to identify additional training or instruction s/he may need e.g.:- • Use of equipment – photocopier, chromebooks etc • Break and lunch duty expectations • Kashrut policy • Own coffee and lunch breaks	☐	☐	
Lone Working/Personal Safety			
• Explain school procedures for lone working with children	☐	☐	
Mobile Phone Use			
• Explain: - • Explain personal mobile phones must not be used on any account to call parents Explain mobile phones are not permitted to be used in the classrooms when children are present	☐	☐	
Risk Assessments			
Explain and/or show as appropriate: - • New & expectant mothers risk assessment (if applicable) • Determine whether new starter has any health, medical or mobility issues that could affect his/her safety at work or safety of others. If so, record a 'special' risk assessment detailing how these needs will be catered for on a daily basis and also in an emergency evacuation situation	☐	☐	
Medicines			

Explain: - • School policy and DfE expectations in supporting pupils with medical conditions at school • No member of staff should administer any medicines unless a request form has been completed by the parent / guardian.	☐	☐	
Unions			
Explain: - • The importance of joining a union	☐	☐	
Wellbeing			
Explain: - • systems in place within school for responding to individual concerns (e.g. performance management, whistle blowing)	☐	☐	
Workplace Facilities			
Show:- • Tour of workplace, including all common areas if workplace is shared with other occupiers • Toilets • Kitchen • Tea/Coffee/Drinking Facilities • Staff/rest room	☐	☐	

I confirm that the above health and safety induction information has been provided and explained to me and I fully understand my responsibilities towards health and safety and safeguarding	
Name of Employee:	
Job Title:	
Employees Signature:	
Name of Induction Lead:	
Position:	
Signature:	
Once the employee and Induction Lead have signed the form to say that the induction process has been completed the form must be placed upon the employees personnel file.	

Appendix 2

When and what might I be concerned about?

At any time you may be concerned about information which suggests a child is being neglected or experiencing physical, emotional or sexual harm.

You may observe physical signs, notice changes in the child's behaviour or presentation, pick up signs of emotional distress or have a child disclose a harmful experience to you.

Harm to a child can be caused by:

A parent/carer
A family member/friend
Another child
A stranger
A member of staff/volunteer *

What should I do if a child discloses that s/he is being harmed?

1. Listen

Listen carefully to what is being said to you, do not interrupt.

2. Reassure

Reassure the pupil that it is not their fault. Stress that it was the right thing to tell. Be calm, attentive and non-judgemental. Do not promise to keep what is said a secret. Ask non-leading questions (TED) to clarify if necessary:

Tell me more...

Explain that to me...

Describe what happened....

Then follow the steps in the flowchart to the right.

The information you have may not be enough on its own for a Child Protection referral, however it will help your DSL to make a decision about risk of harm to the child.

What must I do?

Recognise your concern



Respond - inform your DSL/Deputy DSL without delay (or Head Teacher/Chair of Governors where appropriate*)



Make a written record (using the child's own words) in CPOMS



Pass the record to the DSL/deputy DSL (where appropriate) *

What should I do if the alleged abuser is a member of the school staff?

If your concern is about a staff member or volunteer, you should report this to the Head Teacher. If your concern is about the Head Teacher, you should report such allegations to the Chair of Governors. Contact details can be found on the back of this leaflet.

How do I ensure my behaviour is always appropriate?

Please ask a member of the Senior Leadership Team for school guidance regarding Safer Working Practice. The DSCF have also produced guidance entitled '**Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children and Young People in Education Settings**' (2009). This publication can be found on the Hertfordshire Grid for Learning.

CONTACTS

The school has a Child Protection Policy and a copy is available from:

The School Office

In line with this, regardless of the source of harm, you **MUST** report your concern.

Head Teacher: **Rita Alak-Levi**

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Your DSL is : **Alison Waller**

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Your Deputy DSL's are :
Tami Gold
Rita Alak-Levi

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Contact your DSL/DDSL on:
01923855857

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Your Chair of Governors is:
Judy Greenberg

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Contact her on: **01923 855857**
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
QUICK REFERENCE FOR NEW
SCHOOL STAFF or
VOLUNTEERS**

Everyone in the education service shares an objective to help keep children and young people safe by contributing to:
providing a safe environment,
identifying children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm and taking appropriate action.

This leaflet has been given to you to make sure you understand what is expected of you. Please seek advice from your **Designated Senior Person** for Child Protection if you are unclear about anything in this leaflet and keep it in a safe place.



Appendix 3

Checklist to be used during induction of parent helpers

- **Use of mobile phones in school.** These may be used outside the front door during break times or in the staff room. Phones are not to be out or visible by children at any time for either calling or texting. If unsure parents should ask reception for a private space away from children to talk on their phone.
- **Chewing Gum.** Is strictly prohibited on school grounds.
- **Hot Drinks.** May be consumed in the staffroom only.
- **Photos.** Must not be taken at any time on any type of device.
- **Confidentiality.** When in school you may see or hear things such as children being told off / teachers discussing pupil achievement and progress. In addition when in the staffroom you may see notices regarding health issues, family circumstances that are displayed for all staff to see. Things that are seen and heard in school are confidential. They should not even be discussed with the parent of the child in question at any point. If parents have any concerns they should speak with a Senior Leader only.
- **Evacuation Procedures.** Take instructions from a member of staff in case of fire, intruder or suspect package.
- **Toilet facilities.** To be shown.
- ***A copy of the Safeguarding Leaflet (online) to be given to employee to keep.***