# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

# **Business Continuity Plan**



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## Statement of intent

<u>St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School</u> is committed to protecting the welfare of our entire school community and, as such, understands that clear and effective procedures need to be in place to outline the school's response in a variety of situations.

Whilst most incidents within school can be dealt with following day-to-day school procedures, there are more serious incidents which will require an established emergency response – these are as follows:

- An inability to carry out daily and/or critical activities
- Loss of life or serious injury to staff, pupils or members of the school community/public
- Serious damage to, or loss of, a part of/full building or access to a building
- Adverse publicity and/or reputational impacts
- Loss or breach of ICT systems and/or data
- Loss or shortage of staff
- Loss of critical supplier or service

This Business Continuity Plan has been developed to ensure the school is prepared for, and is able to recover from, unexpected disruptions that are critical to the school.

Signed by:

\_\_\_\_\_Headteacher

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Chair of governors

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. School policies and procedures

- 1.1. This plan has been developed in accordance with, and will be implemented alongside, the following school policies and procedures
  - Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management Plan
  - Fire Risk Assessment
  - Invacuation, Lockdown and Evacuation Policy
- 1.2. In line with the school's <u>Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management</u> <u>Plan</u>, the school ensures that only relevant individuals have access to this Business Continuity Plan, with particular reference to the tables providing an overview of data held by the school within this plan, to uphold data security.

## 2. Contact details

#### 2.1. Senior incident response team:

[The senior incident response team usually involves the most senior members of the school, such as the chair of the governing board, the headteacher and SBM.]

Role	Name	Telephone number 1
<u>Chair of Governing</u> <u>Board</u>	<u>Mrs S Wilkinson</u>	<u>07961053924</u>
Head teacher	Mrs C O'Hara	<u>07827258744</u>
Office Manager	Mrs P Ward	<u>07936327873</u>

#### 2.2. Coordinating incident response team:

[The coordinating incident response team usually involves those with a leadership position within the school, responsible for coordinating a team, such as heads of department, subject leaders and heads of year.]

Role	Name	Telephone number 1
Assistant head teacher	Mrs E Hayes	07837411893
Assistant head teacher	Mrs E Smith	07972210600
Office Manager	Mrs P Ward	07936327873
Caretaker	Mr A Leek	07830997231

### 2.3. Operational incident response team:

[The operational incident response team will usually involve other staff within the school, such as teachers and teaching assistants.]

Role	Name	Telephone number 1
Class teachers	various	See App1
Teaching assistants/support staff	various	See App 1

#### 2.4. School staff and governors:

[Certain staff members may need to be contacted OOH and informed of an incident. Insert details in the order of contact.]

Role	Name	Telephone number 1
Vice Chair	Mr G Wintrip	07969067447

#### 2.5. External contacts:

Organisation/company	Type of service	Name of contact	Telephone number 1
Diocese	Diocese	Rebecca Tonks/Toni Guest	01675 430230
Aspire Agency	Agency	Anne Marie	07764999317
Fr Craig Davies	SMA Church	Fr Craig	07968078622
Contractors	Various	See App 2	See App 2 attached
St Francis of Assisi	Secondary School	Luke Salkeld	01922 740300
ICT	ICT support	Richard Brookes	01922 686300
Data Protection Officer	DPO Walsall LA	Sohala Bibi/Paul Withers	01922 653085

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1. The <u>headteacher</u> is responsible for:

- The overall implementation of this plan and ensuring that staff members are aware of their responsibilities.
- Ensuring the school has the capacity to respond to unforeseen circumstances.
- Determining the school's overall response and recovery strategy.
- Acting as part of the <u>senior incident response team</u> to coordinate a response to an incident.
- Taking lead responsibility for any decisions made during an incident.
- Maintaining the welfare of all staff and pupils.

#### 3.2. The **business continuity coordinator** is responsible for:

- The development of the Business Continuity Plan.
- Acting as a key member of the <u>coordinating incident response team</u> and reporting directly to the headteacher.
- Developing continuity arrangements and strategies, e.g. alternative relocation sites and use of temporary staff.
- Ensuring staff, pupils, governors, and any other relevant individuals, are involved in the development of the plan.
- Actioning practices of the plan for different emergency situations.
- Conducting debriefs following an incident or practice run through to identify ways in which the plan can be improved.
- Maintaining a log of all key decisions and actions taken in relation to an incident.
- Ensuring relevant staff members are trained to undertake their responsibilities in relation to the plan.
- Maintaining the welfare of all staff and pupils.
- 3.3. The senior incident response team is responsible for:
  - Announcing when an incident is taking place and activating the response as appropriate.
  - Leading the school's initial and ongoing response to an incident.
  - Nominating a <u>media and communications coordinator</u>, as part of the <u>coordinating incident response team</u>, to lead on the school's communication response with key stakeholders and liaison with the media.
  - Nominating a <u>recovery coordinator</u>, as part of the <u>coordinating</u> <u>incident response team</u>, to lead and report on the school's recovery process, identify next steps to take following an incident, and work with the <u>business continuity coordinator</u> to ensure next steps are incorporated into the plan.
  - Notifying relevant stakeholders of the incident, plan activation and ongoing response.
  - Providing direction and leadership to the whole school community.
  - Managing the deployment of resources.
  - Prioritising the recovery of key activities disrupted by the incident.

- Liaising with the **coordinating incident response team**.
- Maintaining the welfare of all staff and pupils.
- 3.4. The **coordinating incident response team** is responsible for:
  - The general management and coordination of the incident response.
  - Liaising with emergency services and children's services.
  - Recommending the response of the <u>operational incident response</u> <u>team</u>.
  - Maintaining a detailed log of the incident.
  - Presenting possible options of response to the <u>senior incident response</u> <u>team</u>.
  - Maintaining the welfare of all staff and pupils.

#### 3.5. The operational incident response team is responsible for:

- Assisting with the recovery of the school.
- Communicating to and from the <u>senior incident response team</u> and <u>coordinating incident response team</u>.
- Maintaining the welfare of all staff and pupils.

#### 3.6. The site manager is responsible for:

- Maintaining the security of the school premises during an incident.
- Communicating with the incident response teams during an incident with regards to any building or site issues.
- 3.7. The data protection officer (DPO) is responsible for:
  - Working alongside the <u>e-safety officer</u> to ensure the resilience of the school's ICT equipment and security of the school's data.
  - Working with the <u>business continuity coordinator</u> to develop proportionate responses to a compromise of ICT equipment or loss of data.
  - Leading the school's response to a breach of the school's ICT equipment and potential loss of data, in accordance with the <u>Data and E-Security</u> <u>Breach Prevention and Management Plan</u>.

## 4. Critical school activities

4.1. The school has identified critical activities which take priority for recovery in an incident, on the basis that if these were not recovered, it would have the greatest impact on the school community such that the school would be unable to deliver the service, or there would be significant harm or risk caused to individuals. These are detailed below.

			Ne	ed for I	resourc			
Critical activity	Resources required for the critical activity	<u>4 hrs</u>	<u>24 hrs</u>	<u>24-48</u> <u>hrs</u>	1 week	2 weeks	<u>1 month</u>	Comments
Teaching	Basic Stationery- pens, pencils, paper, space for children to work, space for children to play		x					
<u>Safeguarding</u>	Toilet facilities; Adequate space for lessons to be conducted including heating, lighting Adequate adult: teacher ratios		x					
Catering	Facilities for food to be prepared adequately; Suitable space for children to eat		x					
<u>ICT systems</u>	Access to ICT support Phone lines; internet;		x					
<b>Examinations</b>	Assessment papers		x					

## 5. Contractors

5.1. In line with <u>section 4</u> of this policy, the following contractors are responsible for carrying out the critical activities identified.

Critical activity	Name of contractor	Name of contact	Telephone number 1
Teaching	SFA	Luke Salkeld	01922 740300
Safeguarding	SFA and SMA Parish	Luke Salkeld Fr Craig Davies	01922 740300 07968 078622
Catering	Mike King/Jane Howlett/SFA Catering dept	(Mike King ) (Jane Howlett)	07815917629 07842459405
ICT	ICT Support	Richard Brookes/Kully Gill	01922 653000
Examinations	NCA Tools		0300 303 3013

## 6. Paper-based records

6.1. The school has identified vital paper-based records that are not stored on the computer network which, if lost or damaged, would prevent or severely impair the school's ability to deliver a service, or would lead to a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals. These are identified below.

Document type	Information held	Location	Duplicated? (Y/N)	Where are duplicates held?
Admissions files	Pupils' personal data	Locked cabinet in secretaries' office	Ν	N/A
Staff files	Staff Personal data	Locked cabinet in Heads' office	Ν	N/A
SEN Files	Pupils' personal data	Locked cabinet in Heads' office	Ν	N/A
Safeguarding Files	Pupils' personal data	Locked cabinet in Heads' office	Ν	N/A
Governors Current and Archived Files	Both of the above	Heads' Office	Ν	N/A

## 7. Inventory

7.1. The table below outlines the equipment located in different areas of the school in order to assist with determining the level of damage and loss following an incident.

Equipment	<u>Staff</u> room	<u>CN</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>C1</u>	<u>C2</u>	<u>C3</u>	<u>C4</u>	<u>C5</u>	<u>C6</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>ICT</u> Suite	<u>Group</u> <u>Room</u>	<u>Study</u> Room	<u>HT</u> <u>Office</u>	<u>AHT</u> <u>Office</u>
Desks/tables	4	18	15	20	19	19	18	17	19	5	12	12	10	2	1
Chairs	17	50	36	40	33	34	34	32	37	2	30	12	14	5	3
Computer	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	17	0	0	1	0
Laptops/Ipads	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	26	0	1	2
Interactive Whiteboards	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printer/photocopier/shredder	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Cupboard/storage	4	3	6	2	7	7	7	6	7	5	2	4	3	5	2

## 8. High-value items

8.1. The table below identifies any items held within the school with a value over  $\pounds 500$  – these have been included for insurance purposes following an incident.

Item	Make/model	Serial number	Item value at purchase	Purchase date	Owner (leased items only)	Termination date (leased items only)
Safe	Chubb	236598-1	£700	30/05/2018	N/A	N/A
ICT equipment Whiteboards	See Inventory	See Inventory	£8200	15/11/2018	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
ICT equipment Whiteboards	See Inventory	See Inventory	£4380	23/11/2016	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Boogie Box	See inventory	See inventory	£615	6/2/2012	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Stereo sound systems and microphones	See inventory	See Inventory	£1300	18/1/2019	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

## 9. Risk ratings

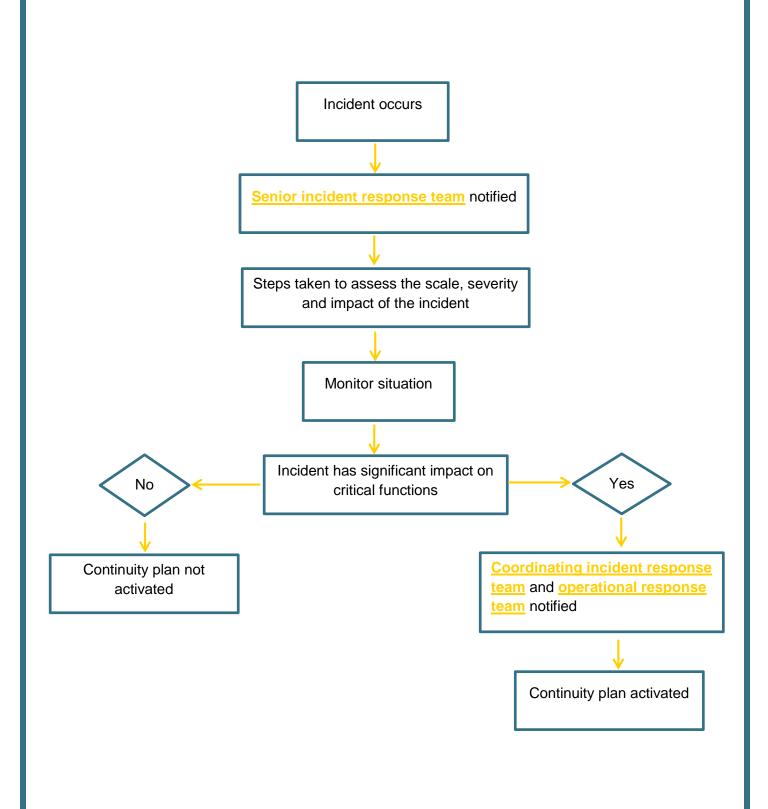
9.1. The school has defined a risk-rating system to determine the likelihood of an incident occurring and the possible impact of such an incident.

Likeli	hood	Impact			
1	Low	1	Minor		
2	Medium	2	Significant		
3	High	3	Major		

## 9.2. Risk-rating impacts are further defined below:

Risk-rating	Description
Minor	<ul> <li>Disruption affects a single class, year group or other function and can be managed through normal operational activities</li> <li>Disruption is not serious or widespread and is unlikely to affect school operations to a significant degree</li> <li>No significant impact on staff or pupil safety</li> <li>The <u>senior incident response team</u> needs to be notified and the incident needs to be monitored</li> <li>Possible partial or full activation of the Business Continuity Plan</li> </ul>
Significant	<ul> <li>Disruption affects more than one-year group, class or other function and remains self-contained</li> <li>The affected area has the capacity to manage the disruption – with or without support</li> <li>May require activation of specific resources, e.g. ICT</li> <li>Significant impact on staff or pupils' safety</li> <li><u>Senior incident response team</u> needs to be notified to discuss whether to activate the Business Continuity Plan</li> <li>Escalation of the incident needs to be monitored</li> <li>Likely partial or full activation of the Business Continuity Plan</li> </ul>
Major	<ul> <li>Disruption affects the whole school and possibly the local community</li> <li>Major impact on pupil or staff safety</li> <li>Affected area does not have the capacity to manage the disruption</li> <li>Requires the activation of specific resources, e.g. ICT</li> <li><u>Senior incident response team</u> needs to be notified to discuss whether to activate the Business Continuity Plan</li> <li>Escalation of the incident needs to be monitored</li> <li>Activation of the Business Continuity Plan, where necessary</li> </ul>

## 10. Plan activation



## 11. Potential disruptions

- 11.1. The school has identified four key disruptions that would be critical to the school's ability to provide a service in the event of an incident, these are:
  - Loss of premises
  - Loss of staff
  - Failure of ICT systems
  - Loss of services, e.g. electricity, gas, water or food
- 11.2. The incident response, continuity and recovery procedures outlined in sections <u>12</u>, <u>13</u> and <u>14</u> of this plan are applicable to all incidents; however, the school has identified specific provisions in addition to these procedures for each potential disruption.

#### Loss of premises

- 11.3. Loss of premises may be caused as a result of fire, flood, loss of essential utilities or another incident. The school has a duty to provide a safe, suitable and secure site for staff and pupils. The provisions outlined below are implemented in accordance with the following school policies:
  - Fire Safety Policy
  - Bomb Threat Policy
  - Adverse Weather Policy
  - Invacuation, Lockdown and Evacuation Policy

Disruption	Risk rating		Insident response
Disruption	Likelihood	Impact	Incident response
Complete loss of site	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Alternative sites:</u> <u>1. St Francis of Assisi Secondary School</u> <u>2. St Mary of the Angels parish church</u>

			<ul> <li><u>Agreements with local schools where</u> <u>there is capacity to accommodate</u> <u>additional pupils</u></li> <li><u>Off-site activities, e.g. physical</u> <u>activities, school trips</u></li> </ul>
Partial loss of site	<u>1</u>	2	<ul> <li><u>Use of alternative on-site buildings</u></li> <li><u>Use of temporary accommodation</u></li> <li><u>Use of off-site facility if available</u></li> <li><u>Off-site activities, e.g. physical</u> activities, school trips</li> </ul>
Temporary loss of premises (e.g. utility failure)	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<ul> <li><u>Virtual learning</u></li> <li><u>Off-site activities, e.g. physical</u> <u>activities, school trips</u></li> </ul>

### Loss of staff

- 11.4. Loss of staff is most likely to occur during adverse weather, strike action or an outbreak of disease. It is a critical function of the school to provide a suitable number of teaching staff to deliver pupils' education. The provisions outlined below are implemented in accordance with the following school policies:
  - Adverse Weather Policy
  - <u>Strike Action Policy</u>
  - Infection Control Policy

Disruption	Risk	rating	Incident records
Disruption	Likelihood	Impact	Incident response
			<ul> <li><u>Alternative teaching arrangements</u></li> </ul>
			<ul> <li><u>Alternative transport arrangements</u></li> </ul>
Adverse weather	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>School closure</u>
			<ul> <li>Use of temporary staff</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li><u>Cross-skilling staff members</u></li> </ul>

		Use of pre-prepared teaching
		<u>materials</u>
		<ul> <li><u>Suspending non-critical activities</u></li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Larger class sizes, where possible</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Mutual support agreements with other</li> </ul>
		<u>schools</u>
		<ul> <li><u>Alternative teaching arrangements</u></li> </ul>
		<ul> <li><u>Alternative transport arrangements</u></li> </ul>
		<u>School closure</u>
		<ul> <li>Use of temporary staff</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li><u>Cross-skilling staff members</u></li> </ul>
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<ul> <li>Use of pre-prepared teaching</li> </ul>
		<u>materials</u>
		<ul> <li><u>Suspending non-critical activities</u></li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Larger class sizes, where possible</li> </ul>
		<u>Mutual support agreements with other</u>
		schools
		Alternative teaching arrangements
		<u>Alternative transport arrangements</u>
		School closure
		Use of temporary staff
		<ul> <li>Cross-skilling staff members</li> </ul>
2	2	Use of pre-prepared teaching
<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	materials
		<ul> <li>Suspending non-critical activities</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Larger class sizes, where possible</li> </ul>
		Mutual support agreements with other
		schools
		Hygiene precautions
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#### Failure of ICT systems

- 11.5. Failure of ICT systems may occur as a result of a fire or flood disaster or may be caused by a data security breach. The school has a responsibility to uphold the security of all data it holds. The provisions outlined below are implemented in accordance with the following school documents:
  - Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management Plan

Discuption	Risk	rating	Incident response
Disruption	Likelihood	Impact	Incident response
			Back-up paper system
			Back-up server
			<ul> <li><u>Disaster recovery contacts</u></li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Off-site back-up arrangements</li> </ul>
Failure of ICT system	2	<u>3</u>	<ul> <li><u>'Cloud' arrangements – secure</u></li> </ul>
T andre of TCT System	<b></b>	<u> </u>	external network
			<u>Virtual learning</u>
			<ul> <li><u>Report data loss to ICO where</u></li> </ul>
			<u>necessary</u>
			<ul> <li>Notify data subjects where necessary</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Back-up paper system</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li><u>Back-up server</u></li> </ul>
			<ul> <li><u>Disaster recovery contacts</u></li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Off-site back-up arrangements</li> </ul>
Loss of data	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<ul> <li><u>Cloud arrangements – secure external</u></li> </ul>
			<u>network</u>
			<ul> <li><u>Report data loss to ICO where</u></li> </ul>
			necessary
			<ul> <li>Notify data subjects where necessary</li> </ul>

11.6. It is essential to maintain effective ICT back-up arrangements in order to prepare for, and recover from, any failure of an ICT system or loss of data. The <u>e-safety officer</u> is responsible for conducting regular ICT back-ups in accordance with the <u>Data and E-Security Breach</u> <u>Prevention and Management Plan</u>.

11.7. The school adopts the following back-up procedures for electronic data:

All school data on the Servers, which covers staff drives, shared drives, Sims data is backed up nightly using REDSTORE remotely. We have a 30 day rolling backup and can therefore restore to a specific date. Our school agreement is with Walsall ICT services for schools and they would restore on our instructions.

- 11.8. The school records some information using paper-based records, for example, coursework or examination papers. The <u>e-safety officer</u> is responsible for maintaining paper records.
- 11.9. In line with section 6 of this policy, the school adopts the following back-up procedures for paper-based records:

Paper based records are stored securely in files in the school office. All information pertaining to pupils and staff are also stored electronically and can be access remotely if needed. Where paper trails such as invoices are not accessible remotely suppliers would be able to supply duplicate documents as needed.

#### Loss of services

11.10. Loss of services may occur, for example, where a service provider suffers a critical incident and they are no longer able to provide the service to the school. The school has a responsibility to ensure that pupils and staff are provided with a safe environment at all times. The following provisions outline the school's response in the event of a loss of a service:

Disruption	Risk rating		Incident response	
Disruption	Likelihood	Impact	incluent response	
Electricity/gas loss	2	<u>3</u>	<ul> <li><u>Additional portable heaters</u></li> <li><u>Pre-identified alternative suppliers</u></li> <li><u>Insurance cover</u></li> <li><u>Mutual support agreements with other</u> schools</li> </ul>	
Water loss	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<ul> <li><u>Pre-identified alternative suppliers</u></li> <li><u>Insurance cover</u></li> <li><u>Mutual support agreements with other</u> <u>schools</u></li> </ul>	

# 12. Initial response

Requirement	Other action to take	Responsible person	Completed? (✓)		
	Initial response				
	Incident	T			
Assess the severity of the incident	<ul> <li>Determine: <ul> <li>The situation.</li> <li>The impact on pupils and staff.</li> <li>The scale/severity, duration and impact.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Disseminate information to others.</li> <li>Call emergency services if necessary.</li> <li>Evacuate/invacuate/lockdown the school building if necessary.</li> </ul>				
Nominate individuals to carry out the following roles: Business continuity Communications Log-keeping Media management Resources Welfare	<ul> <li>Information on responsibilities found in <u>section 3</u> of the Business Continuity Plan.</li> <li>Remember to:         <ul> <li>Allocate tasks amongst the <u>senior incident response</u> <u>team</u>.</li> <li>Ensure staff are clear about their responsibilities.</li> <li>Establish the location and frequency of meetings.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Inform all other staff of the incident	<ul> <li>Contact the <u>coordinating incident response team</u></li> <li>Contact the <u>operational incident response team</u></li> <li>Inform all other staff and governors as appropriate</li> </ul>				
Consider how the incident affects extended services	Liaise with extended services as necessary				
Maintain a log of any injuries sustained to pupils, staff or visitors	Ensure the log is provided to emergency services				

Work closely with other services, e.g. emergency services, as required	<ul> <li>Provide information to those arriving on the premises.</li> <li>Ascertain the whereabouts of all pupils, staff and visitors and ensure emergency services are aware of anyone who is unaccounted for</li> </ul>		
Contact relatives of those involved in the incident if appropriate	Decide the most appropriate method – if the incident is very serious, liaise with the police about informing next of kin		
Where the incident involves failure of ICT systems or a loss of data, take steps to maintain security of systems as appropriate	<ul> <li>Liaise with <u>e-safety officer</u> and <u>DPO</u> to maintain security of the school's network and data</li> <li>Refer to the <u>Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and</u> <u>Management Plan</u></li> <li>Attempt to recover important documentation</li> <li>Contact organisations which can assist with document recovery if necessary</li> <li>Notify the ICO of personal data breach within 72 hours, if necessary</li> <li>Notify data subjects of personal data breach, if necessary</li> </ul>		
	Resources		
Secure school premises	Consider disabling utility supplies		
Maintain access to school entrance	<ul> <li>Ensure emergency services can access the school premises as required</li> <li>Prevent parking in restricted zones</li> </ul>		
Work with school staff and the emergency services to control access to the school	<ul> <li>Advise staff to check the identity of others when arriving at the school premises</li> <li>Provide authorised visitors with ID badges and ensure they sign in and out</li> <li>Ensure media access is controlled</li> <li>Advise emergency services of any property related issues or hazards, e.g. asbestos, and provide with a site map if appropriate</li> </ul>		
	Welfare		
Establish arrangements to meet the welfare needs of pupils,	<ul> <li>Identify pupils who may require additional support:</li> <li>Those with SEND</li> <li>Those with other medical needs</li> </ul>		

staff, parents, visitors and others	<ul> <li>Those with personal emergency evacuation plans</li> <li>Any individual who is particularly vulnerable or badly affected, e.g., a withereas to the incident.</li> </ul>	
	affected, e.g. a witness to the incident Log-keeping	
Attend meetings held by the senior incident response team	<ul> <li>Keep a log of important information, actions taken and decisions made</li> </ul>	
Ensure that each member of staff keeps an incident log	<ul> <li>Incident logs should be regularly communicated to the appropriate incident response team, who should then communicate to other response teams</li> </ul>	
	Communications	
Dedicate telephone lines for incoming and outgoing calls	Arrange extra support at reception if necessary	
Record a new message on the school answerphone if appropriate	Consider setting the phone to 'answer only' mode	
Inform those involved in the response of any communication difficulties, e.g. poor signal	Help staff with any communication needs	
	Media management	
Organise appropriate responses to media requests	<ul> <li>Seek support from other organisations as appropriate, e.g. emergency services or the LA</li> </ul>	
Control media access to the premises, staff and pupils	<ul> <li>Avoid allowing access to the site, pupils or staff unless there is a reasonable reason to do so and consent has been sought</li> <li>Liaise with the police if necessary</li> <li>Designate a specific area for the media, away from the school entrance</li> </ul>	
Develop a brief media statement	<ul> <li>Information must be limited until facts are clear and all parents have been notified</li> </ul>	

# 13. Business continuity

Requirement	Other action to take	Responsible person	Completed? (✓)
		response	
	Incie	dent	
Nominate a main contact for the coordination of the response	<ul> <li>Continue to liaise with emergency services as required</li> </ul>		
Continue to allocate tasks for each incident response team	<ul> <li>Work closely with the <u>senior</u> <u>incident response team</u> to coordinate actions and resolve any complications or difficulties</li> <li>If the response is likely to last for a significant amount of time, e.g. longer than <u>two</u> <u>hours</u>, consider staff rotation</li> </ul>		
Plan to maintain critical activities	<ul> <li>Consider how the following activities are maintained:         <ul> <li>Immediate and ongoing priorities</li> <li>Communication strategies</li> <li>Resource availability</li> <li>Deployment of resources</li> <li>Roles and responsibilities</li> <li>Finance</li> <li>Monitoring and reporting on the situation</li> <li>Stakeholder engagement</li> <li>Welfare issues</li> <li>Planning the recovery of non-critical activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

Minimise disruption to education	<ul> <li>Ensure arrangements are in place to keep the school open and maintain normal routines wherever possible</li> <li>Ensure parents are informed of any changes to the school routine</li> </ul>	
Ensure regular briefings are given	<ul> <li>Give briefings to:         <ul> <li>Staff</li> <li>Pupils</li> <li>Parents</li> <li>Governors</li> <li>Services – emergency or otherwise</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Work closely with the individual responsible for media management to provide regular briefings to the media	<ul> <li>Seek support from other organisations if necessary</li> </ul>	
Ascertain whether all necessary individuals have been informed of the incident	<ul> <li>In the event of a serious injury or fatality, ensure the HSE has been informed in line with RIDDOR</li> </ul>	
Seek advice on legal and insurance issues if appropriate	<ul> <li>If the incident is a crime scene, seek advice from the police and other emergency services</li> </ul>	
Liaise with utility suppliers as	Reso	urces
required		
Establish safe and secure areas to assist with the response	<ul> <li>Areas may include:         <ul> <li>Media briefing room</li> <li>Briefing area for parents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Liaise with staff and other organisations to provide access to facilities and resources as required	<ul> <li><u>Senior incident</u> <u>response team</u> briefing room</li> <li>If necessary, open or close parts of the school premises</li> <li>Liaise with the <u>business</u> <u>continuity coordinator</u> to establish temporary accommodation, if required</li> <li>Provide temporary fencing</li> </ul>	
Ensure the school premises is secure	around damaged areas and arrange for broken windows to be boarded, for example	
	Wel	fare
Assess the welfare of those involved	<ul> <li>Continue to monitor and provide support for those that have been affected by the incident</li> <li>Ensure staff take regular rest periods</li> </ul>	
Determine arrangements for returning pupils to their parents	Ensure members of staff are available to meet families	
Inform pupils of the incident	<ul> <li>Seek support from educational psychologists about the best way to inform pupils, if necessary</li> <li>Ensure pupils are spoken to before they leave the school premises to determine if any extra support is needed</li> <li>Ensure religious and cultural factors are considered wherever necessary</li> </ul>	
	Log-ke	eeping

Keep accurate records of any individual admitted to hospital or treated by the emergency services Keep accurate records of all items lost by pupils, staff or visitors	<ul> <li>Ensure records are communicated to the <u>senior</u> incident response team</li> <li>Ensure records are communicated to the <u>senior</u> incident response team</li> </ul>		
Keep accurate records of all expenditure incurred	Record all costs incurred as a result of the incident response		
	Commur	nications	
Consider the most effective arrangements for contacting pupils' parents	Ensure a record of all calls     made to parents is     maintained		
Liaise with the individual responsible for media management about contacting local radio stations			
Liaise with the <u>business</u> <u>continuity coordinator</u> to communicate to parents	<ul> <li>Consider letters home that includes information on:         <ul> <li>The details of the incident.</li> <li>How their child was involved.</li> <li>The actions taken to support those involved.</li> <li>Who to contact if they have any concerns or queries.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Media management			
Devise an ongoing strategy for handling media requests	Work closely with the media to establish what information is required and any deadlines		

	Gather information from the senior incident response <u>team</u> and other organisations     as appropriate
Provide regular statements to the media	<ul> <li>Ensure messages are accurate</li> <li>Ensure the protection of identities is considered</li> <li>All press releases need to be checked and agreed by emergency services</li> </ul>
Advise staff on where to direct media enquiries	<ul> <li>Ask staff, pupils and parents to avoid speculation when talking to the media</li> <li>Avoid the spread of misinformation by ensuring individuals are clear on where to direct enquiries</li> </ul>

# 14. Recovery

Requirement	Other action to take	Responsible person	Completed? (✓)		
	Recovery				
	Inci	dent			
Nominate an individual to act as the main point of contact for the recovery process	Allocate tasks amongst the different response teams				
Ensure that post-incident support is available to anyone who requires it	<ul> <li>Ensure access is given to educational psychologists</li> <li>Allow staged returns to school where necessary</li> </ul>				

	Staff member will visit the pupil at home to determine
Minimise disruption to education	<ul> <li>necessary support</li> <li>Put arrangements in place for remote learning where possible</li> <li>Work with school staff to restore the usual school routine as much as possible</li> </ul>
Work closely with <u>senior</u> <u>incident response team</u> in organising remedial work	<ul> <li>Organise remedial work to the school premises</li> <li>Liaise with insurance companies and other organisations as appropriate</li> <li>In the event of a public health incident, consider ordering infection control supplies and increasing the cleaning regime</li> </ul>
Complete any necessary forms or paperwork	<ul> <li>Ensure an inventory is held of any equipment that has been damaged or lost</li> <li>Arrange for important items/documentation to be recovered, replaced or destroyed</li> </ul>
Arrange debriefs	<ul> <li>Debriefs should be arranged for all staff, pupils, parents and visitors</li> <li>Represent the school at other debriefs which may take place</li> </ul>
Initiate a review of the Business Continuity Plan	Review should be held in conjunction with the different

Consider contacting nearby schools	<ul> <li>incident response teams to discuss effectiveness and any changes required</li> <li>Inform them of any important issues relating to the incident</li> </ul>	
	Reso	urces
Procure temporary classrooms if required		
Arrange a site visit with relevant personnel involved in the recovery phase, e.g. the LA and emergency services		
	Wel	fare
Introduce a strategy to monitor and support pupils and staff particularly affected by the incident	<ul> <li>Ensure all staff are aware of this strategy</li> <li>Offer pupils and staff the opportunity for psychological support and counselling</li> <li>Ensure pupils and staff know how to access the above services</li> <li>Arrange any support required</li> </ul>	
Consider which pupils need to be briefed, how and who by	Provide opportunities for pupils to discuss their experiences	
	Log-ke	eping
Collate all incident logs and make copies if necessary		
Ensure records are archived securely	Ensure these are available to necessary staff members for future reference	
	Commur	nications

Provide ongoing updates to all pupils and parents	Organise an event for parents to discuss any issues or concerns				
Assist the <u>business continuity</u> <u>coordinator</u> with providing remote learning, if necessary					
Check that information in the public domain is accurate and up-to-date					
	Media management				
Keep the media informed of developments in the recovery process	<ul> <li>Ensure a positive image is maintained</li> <li>Be aware of the media's interest in memorials or anniversaries of the event</li> </ul>				

# Activity Log

Completed by:		Sheet number:	
Incident:			
Time	Log details	Further action required	Signed by

# Financial Expenditure Log

Completed by:		Date:		
Incident:				
Time	Details	Cost (£)	Transaction method	Authorised by