



SAINT JOHN'S

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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SECTION 1 - CONTACT DETAILS

1.1 School information

School details	
Name of school	Saint John's C of E Primary School
Type of school	Primary
School address	Albion Street, Cheltenham, GL52 2SN
School operating hours (including extended services)	8am – 6pm
Approximate number of staff	40
Approximate number of pupils	200
Age range of pupils	4 - 11

Office contact details	
Office telephone number	01242 523786
Office fax number	N/A
Office email address	admin@st-johns-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

Useful websites	
School website / extranet	www.st-johns-pri.gloucs.sch.uk
Local authority	www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
Department for Education	www.education.gov.uk
Foreign & Commonwealth Office	www.fco.gov.uk
Environment Agency	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Met Office	www.metoffice.gov.uk
Health and Safety Executive	www.hse.gov.uk
Teacher Support Network	www.teachersupport.info

1.2 Contact details - school staff and governors

DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE VIA MOBILE PHONES and therefore unnecessary to put in a public document.

Name	Job title	Contact details	Alternative contact details *	Notes (e.g. first aid trained)
Mrs Victoria Beevers	Head Teacher			

1.3 Contact details - extended services

Name	Type / description of extended service	Operating hours	Contact details	Alternative contact details *	Notes (e.g. key holder)
	OSCA	8.00-8.45; 3.15-6:00	07905 411558		
	Languages Club	12.30-1.15 Monday			
	STEM Club	3.15-4.00 Tuesday	Staff numbers		
	Chess Club	3.15-4.15 Wednesday	01242 697784		
	Drama Club (KS1)	12.30-1.15 Wednesday	07889 809132		
	Drama Club (KS2)	3.15-4.15 Wednesday	07889 809132		
	Tennis Club	3.15-4.15 Wednesday			
	Judo Club	3.15-4.15 Thursday	07976 572203		

1.4 Contact details - local authority

Organisation	Name / role of contact (if applicable)	Contact details	Alternative contact details *	Notes
Emergency number	Schools' Emergency Response Team Duty Officer	01452 328678		

Organisation	Name / role of contact (if applicable)	Contact details	Alternative contact details *	Notes
Police, Fire, Ambulance		999		
DfE Coronavirus Helpline		0800 046 8687		
UK Health Security Agency		020 7654 8000		
Department for Education		0370 000 2288		
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office		020 7008 5000 Opt 1 (24 hour)		
Environment Agency		0345 988 1188 (24 hour)		
Met Office		0370 900 0100		
Health and Safety Executive		0300 0031647 Incident contact centre: 0345 300 9923 Duty officer: 0151 922 9235 (24 hour)		
Insurance	GCC	See website		
Catering	Debbie Hughes	01452 881708		
Gas and Electricity	West Mercia Billing	0333 101 4424 Gas emergency: 0800 111999 Electricity emergency: 105		
Utility supplier (water)	Water Plus/Severn Trent	0800 783 4444		
Teacher Support Network		08000 562 561 (24 hour)	The Teacher Support Network can provide practical and emotional support to staff in the education sector and their families.	

1.7 Contact details - for completion during an emergency

Name	Contact details	Notes

SECTION 2 - ACTIVATION

2.1 Notification of incident

Information about an incident may come from a number of sources (e.g. member of staff, pupil, parent / carer, member of the public, the emergency services, the local authority). Whoever receives the alert should ask for, and record, as much information as possible.

- + **Maintain a written record of your actions using this form and a log book. You may wish to record any new contact details in section 1.**
- + **Offer reassurance and support. Be aware that all those involved in the incident (both directly and indirectly) may be suffering from shock or may panic.**
- + **Find out what has happened. Obtain as clear a picture as you can.**
- + **Discuss with the informant what action needs to be taken and by whom.**

Name of informant:	Exact location of incident:
Contact details of informant:	Details of incident:
Where is the informant now/where are they going?	
People affected (including names, injuries, where they are, where they are being taken to):	What advice have the emergency services given?
What arrangements are in place for people not directly involved in the incident?	

Who has been informed?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governors | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety Executive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupils | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign & Commonwealth Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents / carers | <input type="checkbox"/> Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extended services | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance company |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade union |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire & Rescue Service | |

Does anyone else need to be informed?

Are any other actions required?

2.2 Initial action

- + Inform the Head Teacher or nominated emergency contact.
- + Consider assembling a School Emergency Management Team (SEMT) to assist with the response.
- + Assess the situation and establish a basic overview of the incident.
- + Take immediate action to safeguard pupils, staff and visitors.
- + Attend to any casualties and administer first aid, if appropriate.
- + If appropriate, dial 999 for the emergency services and provide them with an overview of the situation. If in doubt, dial 999.
- + Fetch any equipment that may prove useful (e.g. first aid kit, grab bag).
- + Log all communications and actions.
- + Where possible, avoid closing the school and try to maintain normal routines.

The emergency services notify each other of incidents but consider speaking directly to each organisation required. This will ensure that each service has the information they need to respond appropriately. These contact details should only be used in an emergency. Do not give them to the media, pupils, parents / carers or members of the public.

Dealing with an Emergency - When to call 101 or 999

You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response or report online:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Advice for calling 999:

- call when it's an emergency;
 - a crime is in progress;
 - someone suspected of a crime is nearby;
 - when there is danger to life;
 - when violence is being used or threatened;
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- For safeguarding issues outside office hours, you should contact the Emergency Duty Team 01452 614194 or email edt@gloucestershire.gov.uk The Emergency Duty Team Hours are 16:45 - 08:45 Monday to Thursday and 16:45 Friday - Monday 08:45 (inc Bank Holidays and Christmas/New Year).

During normal working hours please contact the following directly for further advice:

- For Safeguarding for schools contact: 01452 426221.
- For health and safety advice contact the SHE team: 01452 425350 she@gloucestershire.gov.uk
- For Premises issues contact: 01452 328383 (08:30-17:00hrs).
- For Press Office/Communications issues contact: 01452 427965 or 07747 898064
- For notifiable diseases: HPT (Public Health England South West) 0300 303 8162 (opt 1, opt 2)

For other emergencies:

- Gas: dial 0800 111 999 for gas leaks.
- Electric powercut: dial 105 from a landline or 0800 6783 105 on a mobile
- Water: WaterPlus (Severn Trent area) 0800 783 4444

Schools Team can be reached during office hours: 01452 328681/328678/427547.

Please keep your out of hours emergency contact details updated with the schools team –

Stephen.bradley@gloucestershire.gov.uk or Deborah.peake@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Please note that in the event of an out of hours critical incident involving a school, Emergency Services will contact the Civil Protection Team who will contact a Senior Education Officer directly. However, if you are experiencing difficulty in speaking to someone, please call 07747 532852 as this number will be monitored by the Senior Education Duty Officer.

SECTION 3 - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Roles and responsibilities - co-ordination

Ref'	Co-ordination - initial response	Tick / sign / time
C1	Establish a basic overview of the incident.	
C2	If the incident has occurred on an educational visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaise with the educational visit leader on a regular basis ▪ Consider sending extra staff to support the educational visit leader ▪ Discuss with the educational visit leader the arrangements for notifying parents / carers ▪ Consider how parents / carers and pupils will be reunited. 	
C3	Wherever possible, assign members of staff to relevant School Emergency Management Team (SEMT) roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business continuity ▪ Communications ▪ Log-keeping ▪ Media management ▪ Resources ▪ Welfare. 	
C4	Remember to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allocate tasks amongst the SEMT ▪ Ensure that staff are clear about their designated responsibilities ▪ Establish the location and frequency of SEMT / staff briefings ▪ Ask staff to maintain a log of actions made and decisions taken ▪ Assign a log-keeper to provide administrative / secretarial support. 	
C5	Inform all other staff of the incident. Ensure staff are briefed (and given tasks) on a regular basis.	
C6	Take action to protect property.	
C7	Work closely with other organisations (e.g. emergency services, local authority) as required. Provide accurate and factual information to those arriving on-scene.	
C8	Ascertain the whereabouts of all pupils, staff and visitors (using timetables, registers and visitor books may help). Ensure the emergency services are aware of anyone who is unaccounted for.	
C9	Inform governors as appropriate.	
C10	Decide the most appropriate method of contacting relatives of pupils / staff affected by the incident. If the matter is very serious (such as a fatality) liaise with the Police about informing next of kin.	

Ref'	Co-ordination - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
C11	Act as the main contact for co-ordination of the response. Continue to liaise with the emergency services and other organisations.	
C12	Continue to allocate tasks amongst the SEMT. Work closely with the SEMT to co-ordinate their actions and help to resolve any complications or difficulties that arise.	
C13	If the response is likely to last for a significant amount of time, consider staff rotation / shift patterns.	
C14	Ensure that regular briefings are given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff ▪ Pupils ▪ Parents / carers ▪ Governors ▪ Extended services. 	
C15	Work closely with the 'media management' role to provide regular briefings to the media. Seek support from other organisations if necessary.	
C16	Check that everyone who should have been notified of the incident has been informed.	
C17	In the event of a serious injury or fatality, report the incident to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) as soon as possible.	
C18	Seek advice on legal and insurance issues, if appropriate.	
C19	If the incident is a crime scene (or subject to a fire investigation) seek advice from the Police and / or Fire & Rescue Service.	

Ref'	Co-ordination - recovery	Tick / sign / time
C20	Act as the main contact for the recovery process. Continue to allocate tasks amongst the SEMT and other staff.	
C21	Ensure that post incident support is available to all who may require it (please refer to appendix 1 for more information).	
C22	Work closely with the 'resources' role in organising remedial work to property and liaise with insurance companies, salvage specialists and loss adjusters as appropriate.	
C23	Complete any necessary forms / paperwork.	
C24	Arrange a debrief for school staff involved in the response.	
C25	Represent the school at other debriefs which may take place (e.g. one organised by the local authority or Local Resilience Forum).	
C26	Initiate a review of the school emergency plan.	
C27	Consider contacting the Head Teachers of nearby schools to inform them of any important issues relating to the incident.	

3.2 Roles and responsibilities - business continuity

Please refer to appendix 2 for more information on business continuity arrangements.

Ref'	Business continuity - initial response	Tick / sign / time
BC1	Assess the nature of the incident, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loss of utility supply ▪ Loss of supplier ▪ Loss of premises ▪ Loss of personnel ▪ Loss of telecommunications. 	
BC2	Establish what effect the emergency will have on the operation of the school. Try to ascertain how long the disruption will last.	
BC3	Consider how the incident will affect any extended services that use the school premises. Liaise with these services as necessary.	
BC4	Attempt to recover important documentation, records and equipment if safe to do so (consult the emergency services for advice if necessary).	
BC5	If appropriate, contact organisations which can assist in document restoration.	

Ref'	Business continuity - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
BC6	Minimise any disruption to the provision of education. Put arrangements in place to keep the school open and try to maintain normal school routines (e.g. teaching, exams) wherever possible.	
BC7	Seek support from other organisations (e.g. buddy schools, the local authority, suppliers / contractors) as required.	
BC8	Work with the 'communications' role to ensure staff, pupils and parents / carers are informed of any changes to the school routine.	
BC9	In the event of a public health incident (e.g. pandemic influenza), consider ordering infection control supplies and increasing the cleaning regime.	

Ref'	Business continuity - recovery	Tick / sign / time
BC10	Work with school staff and other organisations to restore the usual school routine as a matter of urgency.	
BC11	Put in place arrangements for remote learning, if necessary.	
BC12	Make an inventory of any equipment which has been damaged. Arrange for important items / documentation to be salvaged, restored or replaced.	

3.3 Roles and responsibilities - communications

Please refer to appendix 6 for more information on communication arrangements.

Ref'	Communications - initial response	Tick / sign / time
CO1	Dedicate telephone lines for incoming and outgoing calls. Arrange extra support at reception if necessary.	
CO2	Record a new message on the school answer phone if appropriate. Consider setting it to 'answer only' mode.	
CO3	Support staff with any communication needs they may have.	
CO4	Inform those involved in the response of any communication difficulties (e.g. poor mobile signal in the area).	

Ref'	Communications - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
CO5	Ensure regular information is provided to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pupils ▪ Parents / carers ▪ Governors ▪ Extended services. 	
CO6	Consider the most effective arrangements for contacting pupils and parents / carers (please refer to appendix 6). Ensure that records of calls made to parents / carers are maintained.	
CO7	Liaise with the 'media management' role about contacting local radio stations.	
CO8	Update the school answer phone on a regular basis.	
CO9	Liaise with the 'co-ordination' role in sending a letter home to parents / carers. This could include information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What has happened ▪ How their child was involved ▪ The actions taken to support those involved ▪ Who to contact if they have any concerns or queries. 	
CO10	In the event of a major emergency, seek support from the local authority; they may be able to establish a helpline for enquiries from the public.	

Ref'	Communications - recovery	Tick / sign / time
CO11	Provide regular briefings to pupils and parents / carers.	
CO12	Assist the 'business continuity' role in providing remote / virtual learning.	
CO13	Check that any information in the public domain (e.g. website content) is accurate and up-to-date.	

3.4 Roles and responsibilities - log-keeping

Please refer to appendix 9 for more information on log-keeping.

Ref'	Log-keeping - initial response	Tick / sign / time
LK1	Attend SEMT briefings. Keep a log of important information, actions taken and decisions made.	
LK2	Ensure that each member of staff keeps an incident log.	

Ref'	Log-keeping - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
LK3	Provide administrative / secretarial support to the SEMT.	
LK4	Keep accurate records of anyone admitted to hospital or treated by the emergency services.	
LK5	Record details of any expenditure incurred by the school.	

Ref'	Log-keeping - recovery	Tick / sign / time
LK6	Collate all incident logs, making copies if necessary.	
LK7	Ensure records related to the incident are archived securely but make these available to authorised staff for future reference (e.g. in the event of a debrief or enquiry).	

3.5 Roles and responsibilities - media management

Ref'	Media management - initial response	Tick / sign / time
M1	Seek support from other organisations (e.g. emergency services, local authority) in responding to media requests.	
M2	Ensure media access to the site, staff and pupils is controlled. Do not let the media onto the school site or give them access to pupils unless there is a specific reason for doing so and permission / consents are in place. Ask for support from the Police if necessary.	
M3	Designate a specific area for the media away from the main entrance to the school, so they do not prevent or intimidate people entering and leaving the site.	
M4	Develop a brief media statement (designed to provide reassurance) on behalf of the school. Information given must be limited until the facts are clear and all parents / carers have been notified.	
M5	Arrange for an appropriate member of staff to act as a spokesperson (preferably this person will have received media training). If a suitable spokesperson is unavailable the Police or local authority may be able to undertake this role.	
M6	Be prepared to be interviewed by the media.	

Ref'	Media management - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
M7	Devise an ongoing strategy for responding to media requests. Work closely with the media to establish what information they require and when their deadlines are.	
M8	Gather information from the SEMT, emergency services and other organisations as appropriate.	
M9	Provide regular statements to the media. Ensure each message conveys an accurate, consistent and reassuring message. All press releases should be checked and agreed by the emergency services (and other organisations as appropriate).	
M10	Advise staff on where to direct media enquiries. Ask staff, pupils and parents / carers to avoid speculation when talking to the media.	
M11	Try to prevent the spread of misinformation (especially through the use of mobile phones).	

Ref'	Media management - recovery	Tick / sign / time
M12	Keep the media informed of developments in the recovery process. Present a positive and reassuring image to the public.	
M13	Be aware of media interest in memorials or anniversaries of the event.	

3.6 Roles and responsibilities - resources

Ref'	Resources - initial response	Tick / sign / time
R1	Take action to protect property. Consider turning off utility supplies.	
R2	Ensure the emergency services can access / egress the school without hindrance. Consider sending a member of staff to the school entrance to prevent people restricting access by parking in unsuitable places.	
R3	Advise the emergency services of any property related issues / hazards (e.g. asbestos, chemical stores). Consider providing personnel with a site map.	
R4	Work with other staff and the emergency services to control access to the school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advise staff and governors that they might have to prove their identity before the emergency services will grant them access. ▪ Provide authorised visitors with identification badges and ensure they sign-in and sign-out. ▪ Ensure that media access to the site is controlled. 	

Ref'	Resources - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
R5	Liaise with utility suppliers as required.	
R6	Establish safe and secure areas to assist the response. E.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SEMT briefing room ▪ Briefing area for parents / carers ▪ Media briefing room. 	
R7	Work closely with staff and other organisations to provide access to facilities and resources as required. This may involve opening or closing parts of the school.	
R8	Ensure the school site is secure (e.g. provide temporary fencing around damaged areas, arrange for broken windows to be boarded).	
R9	Work with the 'business continuity' role to arrange temporary accommodation, if required.	

Ref'	Resources - recovery	Tick / sign / time
R10	Work closely with the 'co-ordination' role in organising remedial work to property and liaise with insurance companies, salvage specialists and loss adjusters as appropriate.	
R11	Arrange a site visit with relevant personnel (e.g. emergency services, utility suppliers, local authority) involved in the recovery phase.	
R12	Procure temporary classrooms if appropriate.	

3.7 Roles and responsibilities - welfare

Ref'	Welfare - initial response	Tick / sign / time
W1	Establish arrangements to meet the welfare needs of pupils, staff, parents / carers, visitors and responders.	
W2	Identify pupils who may require additional support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) ▪ Those with medical needs ▪ Those with Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) ▪ Anyone who may be particularly vulnerable or badly affected (e.g. those who were involved in, or witnessed, the incident). 	

Ref'	Welfare - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
W3	Assess the welfare and emotional needs of all those involved. Continue to monitor and support those who may be particularly affected by the incident.	
W4	Make arrangements for reuniting pupils with their parents / carers. Ensure that a member of staff is present to meet and greet them.	
W5	In groups as small as practicable, inform pupils about the incident. Consider the best way to convey bad news. In the event of a tragic incident, consider seeking support from educational psychologists about the best way to inform and support pupils..	
W6	Where possible, every child should to be spoken to, and asked if they are alright, before they leave school.	
W7	Take account of religious and cultural factors. Consider contacting religious leaders within the community for support.	
W8	Ensure that staff take regular rest periods.	

Ref'	Welfare - recovery	Tick / sign / time
W9	Please refer to Appendix 1 for information on welfare arrangements and post incident support after the emergency response.	

3.8 Roles and responsibilities - educational visit leader

Ref	Educational visit leader - initial response	Tick / sign / time
E1	Ascertain the whereabouts of all pupils and staff. If appropriate, dial 999 for the emergency services and provide them with an overview of the situation. If in doubt, dial 999. Ensure the emergency services are aware of anyone who is unaccounted for.	
E2	Immediately phone the school and inform the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher.	
E3	Assess the situation, log all communications and actions. Consider assembling a School Emergency Management Team (SEMT) to assist with the response on site.	
E4	Take immediate action to safeguard pupils, staff and visitors. Establish arrangements to meet the immediate welfare needs of pupils and staff.	
E5	Identify pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and anyone who may be particularly vulnerable. Inform the emergency services of any pupils or staff with known medical conditions or requirements.	
E6	Attend to any casualties and administer first aid, if appropriate. Ensure that a member of staff accompanies any pupils to hospital but remember the safety of everyone else, even if unharmed. Do not leave anybody on their own and try to maintain an adequate adult / pupil ratio.	
E7	Ensure other staff are briefed (and given tasks) on a regular basis. Ask staff to maintain a log of actions taken and decisions made.	
E8	Keep a log of important information, actions taken and decisions made.	
E9	Fetch any equipment that may prove useful (e.g. first aid kit, grab bag). Remember to retain any important items / documents. E.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact details ▪ Consent forms (including medical and next-of-kin details) 	
E10	Do not make comments to the media; this will be dealt with by school.	
E11	Do not discuss legal liability; this will be dealt with by school	
E12	Continue to assess any risks to pupils and staff. Take action to prevent further harm if necessary.	
E13	Act as the main contact for co-ordination of the response and work closely with the Head Teacher / school. Continue to liaise with the emergency services and other organisations.	
E14	Continue to brief staff and allocate tasks on a regular basis.	

Ref'	Educational visit leader - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
E15	Monitor and reassure pupils. Make arrangements for the longer-term welfare needs of pupils and staff.	
E16	Consult the Head Teacher / school about arrangements for notifying parents / carers and reuniting them with their children.	
E17	Liaise with the bus driver, if appropriate.	
E18	Try to obtain the names and contact details of any witnesses to the incident. If possible, obtain a written account from them.	
E19	Where possible, return to school and try to maintain normal routines.	

Ref'	Educational visit leader - recovery	Tick / sign / time
E25	Please refer to Appendix 1 for providing welfare arrangements and post incident support after the initial emergency response.	
E26	Complete any necessary forms / paperwork.	

APPENDIX 1 - POST INCIDENT SUPPORT

Ref	Post incident support - assistance for pupils and parents / carers	Tick / sign / time
P1	Introduce a strategy to monitor pupils and staff who may be particularly affected by the incident. Ensure that staff are aware of this strategy.	
P2	Offer pupils and staff the opportunity for psychological support and counselling. Ensure staff and pupils know that support is available and arrange access to these services as necessary.	
P3	Consider which pupils need to be briefed, how, and by whom.	
P4	Provide opportunities for pupils to discuss their experiences (e.g. promoting discussion during class, arranging a special lesson). Do not discourage pupils from talking about their experiences.	
P5	Consider providing relevant books in the school library.	
P6	Arrange for a member of staff to visit those affected (at home or at hospital). Ask for consent from parents / carers before doing this.	
P7	Make arrangements to express sympathy to those who have been hurt. Consider encouraging pupils to send cards / messages to those affected.	
P8	Be sensitive about the demands practical issues might make on pupils (e.g. deadlines for coursework, imminent exams).	
P9	Send a letter to parents / carers with information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The nature of the incident ▪ How their child was notified of the incident ▪ Arrangements for support organised by the school ▪ Who to contact if they would like additional support. 	
P10	Maintain regular contact with parents / carers.	
P11	Do not make public any sensitive / confidential information about individuals unless consent has been given by pupils and parents / carers.	
P12	Consider organising an event for parents / carers to discuss any issues or concerns they might have.	
P13	If pupils who were particularly affected by the incident leave school (e.g. transferring from primary to secondary education) consider, sensitively and confidentially, notifying the Head Teacher of the new school.	

Ref'	Post incident support - general actions	Tick / sign / time
P14	Request support from educational professionals trained in psychological debriefing, critical incident stress debriefing, bereavement counselling and trauma management if appropriate.	
P15	Consider requesting support from other organisations. E.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teacher Support Network ▪ Samaritans ▪ Cruse Bereavement Care. 	
P16	Manage any distress that could be caused by ongoing Police enquiries, legal proceedings and media attention.	
P17	Cancel or rearrange any events which are inappropriate.	
P18	Plan appropriate support for staff to enable them to cope with any questions or discussions pupils might have about the incident.	
P19	Ensure that any new roles given to staff do not place too great a burden. Over time, staff may need to be relieved of any additional responsibilities given to them.	
P20	Ensure that new staff are aware of the incident, which pupils were involved and how they were affected.	
P21	Consider any actions which can be taken to support the local community if affected by the incident (e.g. fund raising).	

Ref'	Post incident support - returning after a period of absence	Tick / sign / time
P22	Negotiate with parents / carers a suitable date for returning to school after a period of absence.	
P23	Consider if any additional support could be provided which would make the return easier. E.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial part-time attendance ▪ Alternative methods of teaching ▪ A sanctuary that pupils could use if upset during the school day. 	
P24	Brief pupils who may be able to help in the process of resettling (e.g. close friends).	
P25	Ensure that all staff are aware of the need for sensitivity. Put in place special arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Missed work ▪ Rescheduling projects ▪ Exams. 	

Ref'	Post incident support - funeral arrangements	Tick / sign / time
P26	Contact bereaved families to express sympathy on behalf of the school.	
P27	Take account of religious and cultural factors (e.g. some faiths wish to hold funerals within 24 hours of death). Consider contacting religious leaders within the community for support.	
P28	Consult parents / carers sensitively about funeral arrangements. Try to establish if representatives from the school will be invited to the service. It may be useful to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing the school on the day of the funeral as a mark of respect ▪ A senior member of staff attending the funeral on behalf of the school ▪ If staff and pupils can be allowed time off school to attend the funeral ▪ Providing transport to take pupils and staff to the funeral ▪ Providing pupils with information about what happens at funerals ▪ Arranging floral tributes and / or donations. 	

Ref'	Post incident support - remembrance	Tick / sign / time
P29	Taking into account the wishes of the family, consider providing a suitable memorial at the school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Garden ▪ Seating area / bench ▪ Tree ▪ Book of condolence ▪ Fountain ▪ Sculpture ▪ Painting ▪ Photograph ▪ Prize (e.g. a sporting / academic trophy for older children). 	
P30	Be aware of important dates which may need to be prepared for. E.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Birthdays ▪ Christmas ▪ Mother's day ▪ Father's day ▪ Anniversary of the event. 	
P31	Discuss with governors, staff, parents / carers and pupils how to mark anniversaries and other important dates. E.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commemorative service ▪ Special assembly ▪ Concert ▪ Display ▪ Sports event. 	
P32	Be aware of renewed media interest near anniversaries of the event.	

APPENDIX 2 - BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Important paper-based records should be kept in a secure location (e.g. a fire-proof safe). During an emergency do not attempt to recover any records or equipment unless safe to do so.

Paper-based records	Where are they stored?	Effect of loss (short-term, medium-term, long-term)	Back-up measures / restorative arrangements
Registers	Office on SIMS	Short term	Details on SIMs Tracking systems online
Financial information	Office	Short term	Information backed up electronically.
Insurance documentation	Office	Short term	Gloucestershire County Council

Electronic records	Where are they stored?	Effect of loss (short-term, medium-term, long-term)	Back-up measures / restorative arrangements
Contact details	Admin server	Short term	Backed up regularly
Financial information	Admin server	Short term	Backed up regularly
Medical information	Admin server	Short term	Backed up regularly

APPENDIX 3 - SITE INFORMATION

Utility supplies	Location	Notes / instructions
Gas	Boiler room in playground	Padlock 3776
Water	In staff toilets	
Electricity	2 x locations: -Boiler room in playground -In Year 4	Padlock 3776 Key in office
Heating	2 x locations: -Boiler room in playground -Boiler room under school	Key in office

Internal hazards	Location	Notes / instructions
Asbestos	In the corner of hall ceiling In walls of basement boiler room	Both areas are sealed
Chemical store(s)	Kept in locked cleaning cupboard	Key in office

Pre-designated areas	Location	Notes / instructions
SEMT briefing area	St James' Car Park	
Media briefing area	St James' Car Park	

APPENDIX 4 - EVACUATION

Signals	
Signal for fire evacuation	Fire alarm
Signal for bomb evacuation	Fire alarm
Signal for all-clear	Senior Leadership

Assembly points - fire evacuation	
Fire evacuation assembly point A	Playground
Fire evacuation assembly point B	St James' Car Park

Assembly points - bomb evacuation	
Bomb evacuation assembly point A	St James' Car Park
Bomb evacuation assembly point B	NA

If the school has been evacuated and pupils are not able to return to school (or go home) it may be possible to relocate temporarily to another building (e.g. buddy school or place of safety).

Pre-identified buddy school / place of safety / rest centre	
Name of premise	St Luke's Church
Type of premise	Church
Contact name and details of key holder(s)	Rev Patrick Wheaton
Address	St Luke's Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7JJ
Estimated travel time (walking, with pupils)	10 minutes
Estimated travel time (by coach, with pupils)	5 minutes
Capacity	250
Capacity (sleeping)	50
Facilities / resources	Kitchen, toilets
Notes	Patrick Wheaton and other church staff will be available to support with children and adults.

APPENDIX 5 - SHELTER

Upon hearing the shelter signal, take the action below.

Ref'	Initial response - shelter	Tick / sign / time
S1	Ensure all pupils are inside the school building.	
S2	If appropriate, move pupils away from the incident (e.g. to the other side of the building).	
S3	Dial 999, if appropriate. Dial once for each emergency service that you require.	
S4	If sheltering from an environmental hazard (e.g. a smoke plume) ensure all doors and windows are closed and ventilation / air circulation systems are switched off.	
S5	Check for missing / injured pupils, staff and visitors.	
S6	Reassure pupils and keep them engaged in an activity or game.	
S7	Notify parents / carers of the situation.	
S8	Remain inside until an all-clear has been given, or unless told to evacuate by the emergency services.	

APPENDIX 6 - LOCKDOWN

The Head Teacher is responsible for delivering this plan. In their absence the Deputy Head Teacher will be released from class and replaced by the Teaching Assistant. If both the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher are off site, the most senior member of staff will take control.

Signals	
Signal for lockdown	We have two signals for lockdown. If time (i.e. we are warned for need to lockdown) Senior Leaders will verbally tell each class to “lockdown”. If no time, the fire bell will ring but as a broken ring rather than continuous. An office member of staff or, if they are on phone to emergency services, someone else delegated by Head Teacher will ring this. In addition, all classrooms can be phoned using internal phone network.
Signal for all-clear	Senior Leaders will verbally give “All clear”

Lockdown	
Rooms most suitable for lockdown	Classrooms
Entrance points (e.g. doors, windows) which should be secured	Internal and external door as well as windows.
Communication arrangements	All classrooms have access to the internal phone network. Staff will log on to email for communication. In addition, the staff What’s App group may be used for communication.
Notes	The key safe (7777) in the office holds a master key. All office spaces and classrooms can be locked from inside.

Upon hearing the lockdown signal, take the action below. If someone is taken hostage on the premises, the school should seek to evacuate the rest of the site.

Ref ^o	Initial response - lockdown	Tick / sign / time
L1	Ensure all pupils are inside the school building. Alternatively, if at end of day and children are outside, ask pupils to hide or disperse with their parents if this will improve their safety. If possible, ensure all children are in classrooms – if in toilets and unable to reach classrooms, a member of staff should ensure they are locked in cubicles. All offices spaces and classrooms can be locked from inside.	
L2	Lock entrance points, such as external/internal doors and windows, to prevent the intruder entering the building. All classrooms, plus the staff room can be locked from the inside. The Head Teacher’s office, the Inclusion Office and the Library are interlinked and can be locked together from the inside. The Nest and the school office are accessed by a combination lock.	
L3	Dial 999. Dial once for each emergency service that you require.	

L4	<p>Ensure people take action to increase protection from attack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Block access points (e.g. move furniture to obstruct doorways) ▪ Keep out of sight ▪ Turn off lights ▪ Close blinds ▪ Stay away from windows and doors. ▪ Sit on the floor, under tables or against a wall ▪ Ensure everyone remains calm, quiet and out of sight. 	
L5	<p>Ensure that pupils, staff and visitors are aware if there is an exit point, in case the intruder does manage to gain access.</p>	
L6	<p>If possible, check for missing / injured pupils, staff and visitors.</p>	
L7	<p>Remain inside until an all-clear has been given, or unless told to evacuate by the emergency services.</p>	

APPENDIX 7 - SCHOOL CLOSURE

Ref'	Generic actions - initial response	Tick / sign / time
SC1	<p>Assess the need for closure. Consider whether any mitigation measures are possible, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partially opening the school to some pupils ▪ Asking St Luke's or another school for assistance ▪ Purchasing infection control supplies (in the event of a public health incident). 	
SC2	If necessary, assemble an SEMT.	
SC3	Seek support from the local authority as appropriate.	
SC4	<p>Ensure that everyone who needs to be aware of the closure is notified, using the most suitable options in appendix 6. It may be appropriate to inform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pupils ▪ Parents / carers ▪ Staff ▪ Governors ▪ Local radio stations ▪ The local authority 	
SC5	If the closure takes place during the school day, arrange transport for pupils as necessary.	
SC6	If the closure takes place outside school hours, at least one member of staff should be present at the school entrance at the beginning of the school day, to ensure that any pupils who do arrive are informed of the closure and to check pupils are able to return home safely.	
SC7	Make alternative arrangements for exams if necessary.	

If the school is likely to be closed for a significant period of time, consider the actions below.

Ref'	Generic actions - ongoing response	Tick / sign / time
SC8	Ensure pupils, parents / carers, governors and the media are regularly informed of developments.	
SC9	Consider how pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) or medical needs may be affected if the school remains closed for an extended period of time.	
SC10	Ensure the security of the school premises.	
SC11	Put in place arrangements for remote learning (see remote learning policy on website).	

APPENDIX 8 - COMMUNICATIONS

Designated telephone lines	Contact number	Location of telephone
Incoming calls	01242 523786	Office
Outgoing calls	Mobiles or above	

All relevant parties should be updated at regular intervals on the incident; even if no significant developments have occurred since the last time of contact.

Methods of communication	Notes / instructions
Answer phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-recorded message
School website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log-in details – Saint John’s and then password (Staff know this)
Messaging system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin and SLT authorised to use whole school Dojo Teachers can inform classes as directed
Local radio stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLT to inform
Sign at school entrance	
Newsletter	
Email	
Letter	
School notice board	

Preferred methods of communication are included below (although these may change depending on the exact nature of the incident).

Group	Preferred method of contact	Contact details are available from
Pupils	Face to face	
Parents / carers	Message via Dojo	
Governors	Text/phone call	
Extended services	Phone call	

APPENDIX 9 - BOMB THREATS

- + **If you receive a telephone call from someone who claims to have information about a bomb, record as much information as possible.**

Time of call:

Telephone number you were contacted on:

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Exact wording of the threat:

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- + **Stay calm. Being cautious, and without provoking the caller, try to ask the questions below.**

Where is the bomb right now?

What will cause it to explode?

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When will it explode?

Did you place the bomb? If so, why?

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What does it look like?

What is your name?

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What kind of bomb is it?

What is your telephone number?

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What is your address?

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- + **Try dialling 1471. You may get information on where the phone call was made from.**

Did dialling 1471 work?

Time the call ended:

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+ **Contact the Police (999) and Head Teacher / nominee immediately.**

+ **Carry out further actions based on Police advice.**

What gender was the caller?

- Male
- Female

Approximately how old was the caller?

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Did the caller have an accent?

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Did the caller use a codeword?

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Did the caller sound familiar?

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What sort of voice did the caller have?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Well spoken | <input type="checkbox"/> Impediment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loud | <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly spoken | <input type="checkbox"/> Stutter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whispered | <input type="checkbox"/> High pitched | <input type="checkbox"/> Slurred |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear | <input type="checkbox"/> Hoarse | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disguised | <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal | |

At what pace did the caller speak?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow |
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What manner did the caller have?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Upset | <input type="checkbox"/> Irritated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calm | <input type="checkbox"/> Angry | <input type="checkbox"/> Muddled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excited | <input type="checkbox"/> Rational | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laughing | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrational | |

Were there any distinguishable background noises?

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Notes:

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APPENDIX 10 - SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES

Postal bombs or biological / chemical packages might display any of the following signs:

- Excessive wrapping
- Grease marks or oily stains on the envelope / wrapping
- An unusual odour including (but not restricted to) ammonia, almonds or marzipan
- Discolouration, crystals or powder-like residue on the envelope / wrapping
- Visible wiring / tin foil
- Heavy weight for the size of the package
- Uneven weight distribution
- Too many stamps for the weight of the package
- Poor hand writing, spelling or typing
- Delivery by hand from an unknown source
- Wrongly addressed or come from an unexpected / unusual source
- No return address or a postmark that does not match the return address.

The likelihood of a school receiving a postal bomb or biological / chemical package is low. However, if you do receive a suspicious package carry out the actions below.

Ref'	Initial response - upon receiving a suspicious package	Tick / sign / time
SP1	Remain calm.	
SP2	Put the letter / package down gently and walk away from it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not touch the package further ▪ Do not move it to another location ▪ Do not put the package into anything (including water) ▪ Do not put anything on top of it. 	
SP3	Note its exact location.	
SP4	Evacuate the building, keeping people away from the room as far as possible. Ensure that any assembly points are located away from the danger of flying glass.	
SP5	Notify the Police (999) and the Head Teacher / nominated emergency contact immediately.	
SP6	Do not use mobile phones, two-way radios or sound the alarm using the break glass call points.	

If anyone is exposed to a potentially hazardous substance carry out the actions below.

Ref'	Initial response - if exposed to a potentially hazardous substance	Tick / sign / time
SP7	Keep all persons exposed to the material separate from others, and available for medical examination. Ask them to remain calm and avoid touching their eyes, nose or any other part of their body.	
SP8	Ensure that ventilation / air circulation systems in the building have been turned off and that all doors (including internal fire doors) and windows have been closed.	
SP9	Anyone experiencing symptoms of chemical exposure (e.g. streaming eyes, coughs and irritated skin) should seek medical attention urgently.	

APPENDIX 11 - LOG-KEEPING GUIDELINES

	Thursday, 19/05/2011
7.40pm	Received call from Jane Sutcliffe at the council. Report of a fire at school (although she's unsure which parts of the building are affected). Police and fire service are on-scene. Jane offered to send someone to the school to assist with the response - I gave her my mobile number and she'll let me know who will attend. I'll contact Philip Healy (caretaker) and we'll aim to arrive at school within half an hour.
7.50pm	Rang Philip. Number engaged.
7.55pm	Rang Philip. Told him about the situation and asked him to meet me at the school entrance as soon as possible. He'll be there for 8.15pm.
8.05pm	Received text message from Jane - someone from her team (Andrew Taylor) will meet us at the entrance in about 10 / 15 minutes. Mobile number for Andrew: 07802 338 07802 338 202.
8.20pm	Arrived at school, Philip and Andrew already there. Spoke to fire officer - one classroom ablaze, adjacent ones likely to be severely affected by smoke damage. Unsure of the cause but arson can't be ruled out at the moment. We'll have to close the school tomorrow. Also need to arrange a site visit in the morning (provisional time 8am).
8.40pm	Informed Anna Hughes (Deputy Head Teacher Head Teacher) about the incident. Asked her to notify parents / carers that the school will be closed tomorrow. She'll arrange for other staff and governors to be told and put a notice on the school website. I'll contact the radio stations.

Notes should be recorded in chronological order.

If you make a mistake don't try to overwrite the original text - cross it out with a single line and start again.

Only include times, dates or initials within the margins.

- + Notes should be clear, intelligible and accurate.
- + Include factual information.
- + Use plain and concise language.
- + Keeps records of any expenditure.
- + Do not remove any pages.
- + Do not use correction fluid.

Lined writing area for notes or text.