

## SAFETY IN THE CLASSROOM

The main hazards associated with the classroom are:

- bags left in passageways causing trips and falls
- trailing cables also causing trips
- room heaters causing burns and possibly fire
- damaged furniture causing cuts, grazes, splinters or falls
- windows where:
  - the glass may break causing cuts
  - pupils may lean on or out of the window and fall
- wet floors creating a slip hazard

### Risk Control Methods

- pupils are asked to keep bags clear of passageways and are reminded of this when necessary
- electrical sockets have been repositioned so that any cables do not trail across doorways or main passageways within the classroom
- the majority of rooms are heated by radiators. Pupils taught in those rooms having room heaters are warned of the danger of placing anything on the heaters and warning signs are displayed near the heaters
- furniture has been inspected and damaged items removed for repair or disposal
- window glass where the sill is below 1m, glass beside doors etc (and many other windows as well) has had a film of toughening plastic applied. If the glass should break the film will hold the pieces together until replacement glass can be installed
- windows have had bars and chains fitted to reduce the possibility of pupils falling if leaning on or out of the window
- staff discovering any other fault can notify the Site Manager by the use of a form or by phone in the case of a serious problem
- signs in classrooms advising pupils not to sit on radiators

### Classrooms

Risks have been assessed and hazards removed or reduced so far as is reasonably practicable. Pupils are allowed into classrooms without direct supervision although staff are passing by. During 'wet' breaks younger pupils are supervised by older pupils and members of staff patrol the school.

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