# Fire Risk Assessment

Halliford School









# **Fire Risk Assessment**

## 1.0 General Information

Organisation / Responsible Person:	Halliford School.
Industry / Trade:	Independent day school for boys aged 11-18 years, and girls aged 16-18 years.
Premises Address:	<b>BAKER BLOCK,</b> Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 9HX.
Persons Consulted:	Elspeth Sanders – Bursar, Halliford School.  Darren Macefield – Premises Manager, Halliford School.
Fire Risk Assessor:	Adam Webb – Risk Services Director, Hettle Andrews.
Date of Fire Risk Assessment:	12 April 2022.
Date of previous Fire Risk Assessment:	16 February 2021.
Date recommended for Review*:	April 2023.
Excluded / Inaccessible Areas:	Roof areas/ voids not able to be accessed/reviewed during the site inspection, and room labelled as 'Dark Room' on the first floor was also locked/inaccessible, and as such these areas are excluded from the scope of this fire risk assessment.  (Prep room in the first floor also not accessed and comments/ actions outlined in the previous year's FRA are retained).
Relevant Legislation / Guidance:	Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Building Regulations 2010 and associated guidance. Fire safety risk assessment: educational premises.

<u>Please note:</u> this fire risk assessment report is primarily designed to provide an assessment of the risk to life, should fire break out within the premises, and the recommendations target this objective; as well as the need to ensure compliance with the fire safety legislation/guidance identified in the table above.

Whilst some of the comments made may address property protection or business continuity risks, this is not the primary concern of this report.

\* The date recommended for review (by a suitably competent person), assumes no other significant changes to the premises, occupancy, persons at risk or activities undertaken etc., prior to this date, which may give reason to believe the risk assessment is no longer valid.





# 2.0 Premises Details

Construction Materials:	Brick/block building (timber frame) with pitched tile roof. (Approx. 20 years old and refurbished during summer 2019).
No. of Floors:	Two storey.
Approx. Floor Area / Dimensions:	Approx. footprint of the building (estimated from the aerial view) is around 900 sq. metres.
Use of Premises:	Classrooms, offices, science labs, prep rooms.
Neighbouring Premises / Area:	Surrounding area is primarily residential premises.
Hours of Use:	Monday to Friday approx. 7:30am to 7:00pm. Occasional access outside of these hours.
Enforcing Authority:	Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.
Fire & Rescue Service Location:	2 x fire stations within 2-3 miles of site; approx. 8-10 minutes away. (Chertsey and Walton).
Previous Fire Loss Experience:	None.

## **Photograph / Aerial View of Premises:**







# 3.0 People at Risk

3.1	Max. no. people at one time:	550 approx. maximum on site, with this building having a max. occupancy of 400-450 if all rooms were in use, but this is not likely due to being specialist teaching rooms, in part. (Assumed class size of 20-24, with 1 or 2 staff in each class).
3.1.1	Employees:	Total staff head count is approx. 100, with around 30 likely in this building at one time, assuming all rooms in use, plus technicians and teaching support.
3.1.2	Members of Public:	450 pupils max. on site, and almost all could be accommodated within this building if all rooms used, but this does not occur. At 50% occupancy approx. 200 pupils present, which is more realistic. Very few visitors to this building.
3.1.3	Sleeping Occupants:	None.
3.1.4	Disabled Persons: (incl. temporary disablement)	None employed/ in attendance at School regularly, and if attending an event would be confined to accessible areas that can be easily evacuated, with staff support if necessary.
3.1.5	Lone/Remote Workers:	Premises Manager on-site for the first 20 minutes of day, and after hours when locking-up. Anyone 'working late' could be alone for a period of time too, but no high-risk works activities undertaken during 'lone working'.
3.1.6	Children or Young Persons:	Pupils, as above.
3.1.7	Others at a higher level of risk: (e.g. contractors/ hirers/ expectant mothers/ elderly)	None known.

# 4.0 Fire Hazards

# 4.1 Electrical Installation / Appliances / Leads

		Yes	No	N/A
4.1.1	Fixed electrical installation subject to periodic inspection?	$\boxtimes$		
4.1.2	Remedial actions from periodic inspection completed?	$\boxtimes$		
4.1.3	Portable appliance testing (PAT) regime in place?	$\boxtimes$		
4.1.4	Personal items of (e.g. staff/residents) included in PAT regime?	$\boxtimes$		
4.1.5	Use of extension leads and adaptors subject to limitation?	$\boxtimes$		





	Yes	No	N/A
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Periodic inspection of the fixed electrical installation last completed following refurbishment in 07/2020, with all C1/C2 remedial actions confirmed as being complete 10/2020.

PAT regime in place for site and evidence seen to confirm testing across this building in 07/2021.

No concerns identified with regards to extension leads/ electrical adapters etc.

## 4.2 Smoking

		Yes	No	N/A
4.2.1	Smoking prohibited inside premises?	$\boxtimes$		
4.2.2	Smoking prohibited on the ground/site?	$\boxtimes$		
4.2.3	Smoking area provided/ means to dispose of smoking materials?			
4.2.4	'No Smoking' policy appears to be observed?	$\boxtimes$		
Comme	ents / Observations / Deficiencies:			
No smo	king site, staff smokers leave site if they wish to smoke.			

#### 4.3 Arson

		Yes	No	N/A
4.3.1	Reasonable security to site perimeter and/or buildings?	$\boxtimes$		
4.3.2	Security systems / deterrents in place?	$\boxtimes$		
4.3.3	Combustible materials near to buildings limited or protected from ignition by outsiders?	$\boxtimes$		
4.3.4	Waste bins stored away from buildings or secured/protected?	$\boxtimes$		

#### **Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:**

Perimeter wall or fence to all sides and gated access (front/side gates) are locked when not in use. Reliant on site perimeter security, and doors open during day, though physically locked at night. Intruder alarm on all buildings. CCTV also in place externally on the corners of buildings and at access gates. Combustible materials/ waste adjacent to this building, however much better ordered than previous years, and lidded bins/skips seen to be present.

(Temporarily moved bins during drone filming works ongoing at the time of the FRA visit).





## 4.4 Portable Heaters / Heating Installations

		Yes	No	N/A
4.4.1	Heating installation subject to servicing, inspection, safety checks?	$\boxtimes$		
4.4.2	Use of radiant bar / LPG-fired portable heaters avoided?	$\boxtimes$		
4.4.3	Combustible materials away from portable heating appliances?			$\boxtimes$

#### Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:

Gas fired central heating and gas safety check/boiler service advised as being complete 08/2021, and also advised previously as arranging a 'pre-winter' check visit in October half term as part of the same contract. Science dept. GasGuard system being tested/serviced and next due in 07/2022.

Portable heaters not noted as being present, but electric radiators or fan heaters would be the only type, if needed.

## 4.5 Cooking / Kitchens

		Yes	No	N/A
4.5.1	Housekeeping and cleanliness of kitchens acceptable?			
4.5.2	Kitchen appliances subject to servicing, inspection, safety checks?	$\boxtimes$		
4.5.3	Gas shut-off/isolation present, and staff know how to operate?			$\boxtimes$
4.5.4	Extract filters removed/washed regularly and ductwork cleaned?			
4.5.6	Suitable firefighting equipment / extinguishers present?			$\boxtimes$
Comme	nts / Observations / Deficiencies:	·		

## 4.6 Lightning

		Yes	No	N/A
4.6.1	Lightning protection system installed on the premises?			$\boxtimes$
Comme	Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:			
Not fitte	Not fitted to premises and not deemed to be necessary.			

No kitchens present in this building. Any drinks making facilities that may have been brought into this





building subject to PAT, as are any such electrical appliances.

## 4.7 Housekeeping / Combustibles

		Yes	No	N/A
4.7.1	Housekeeping practices of an adequate standard?			
4.7.2	Combustible materials away from ignition sources?	$\boxtimes$		
4.7.3	Large accumulations of combustible materials avoided?			
4.7.4	Appropriate storage of combustible materials?	$\boxtimes$		
Comme	ents / Observations / Deficiencies:			
Good he	ousekeeping and no concerns identified with regards to the location/storage/volu	me of o	combus	tible

## 4.8 Contractors / Hot Works

materials.

		Yes	No	N/A
4.8.1	Procedures in place for assessment/induction of contractors?	$\boxtimes$		
4.8.2	Suitable precautions / hot work permits in place during 'hot works'?	$\boxtimes$		
4.8.3	Appropriate supervision of contractors during/after hot works?	$\boxtimes$		

#### Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:

Competence and accreditation of contractors assessed at appointment for new contractors since 09/2020, and ongoing process of seeking updated information/ new certificates of insurance etc. on an annual basis. Induction checklist not previously used to record discussions with contractors, though discussed as part of H&S Audits too and HA contractor assessment and induction forms now to be used.

(Discussed more thoroughly under the H&S Audit, also undertaken by Hettle Andrews).

Direct supervision of contractors is confined to term time, though Premises Manager would always be around site and makes regular checks throughout duration of visit).

No hot works completed by maintenance staff/contractors recently. Would ensure put in place hot work permit and/or seek advice from Hettle Andrews, if/when needed.

## 4.9 Dangerous Substances

		Yes	No	N/A
4.9.1	Appropriate storage of dangerous (e.g. flammable/explosive/oxidising) substances?		$\boxtimes$	
4.9.2	Appropriate storage of gases under pressure?			





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		Yes	No	N/A
4.9.3	Fire precautions in place during use of dangerous substances?	$\boxtimes$		
4.9.4	Specific DSEAR (Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations) risk assessment completed, where required?			

COSHH store provided at far end of science corridor for designated/ bulk storage of these substances, and some seen to be present in the prep room, though the flammables cabinet had vents in the door and electrical sockets directly above. (4.9.1)

Appropriate precautions advised as being in place during use of hazardous substances, and in line with departmental risk assessments/ working practices for such experiments.

## 4.10 Other Significant Fire Hazards

Description of Hazards Identified:	Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:
Gas supply and gas taps provided in science labs.	Gas isolation valve (either manual handle or stop button) provided in each lab, and gas safety checks undertaken annually (per section 4.4).
	CO2 linked cutout also present in two of the six labs.

## **5.0 Protective Measures**

## 5.1 Means of Escape

		Yes	No	N/A
5.1.1	Suitable capacity and design of escape routes?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.2	Adequate provision of fire exits?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.3	Fire exits open easily and immediately?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.4	Fire exits open in the direction of escape, where necessary?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.5	Fire exits do not feature sliding/revolving doors, where necessary?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.6	Satisfactory means of securing fire exits?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.7	Reasonable distances of travel (single direction of travel)?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.8	Reasonable distances of travel (multiple directions of travel)?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.9	Suitable protection of escape routes? (e.g. passive fire protection)		$\boxtimes$	





		Yes	No	N/A
5.1.10	Suitable fire precautions for inner rooms?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.11	Escape routes unobstructed?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.12	Escape stairs/handrails (internal/external) in good condition?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.13	External fire escapes/walkways in good condition and undamaged?	$\boxtimes$		
5.1.14	Reasonable means of escape for disabled persons?			

Stairwells and exits at both ends of the building. No concerns identified with regards to capacity. Fire exits also operate as the main entrances/exits from this building, and as such are always unlocked during opening hours and simply require pushing to open.

All travel distances appear reasonable and within the 'normal risk' tolerance for single/multiple escape routes (18m/45m respectively); typically less than around 20-25m from all areas, and in good condition. Fire doors present to protect escape routes, including all classrooms/ science labs, however concerns were identified with regards to a couple of doors. **(5.1.9)** 

Outer rooms confirmed to feature automatic detection and emergency lighting.

No disabled persons employed/present routinely, and would be tackled if/when it became relevant and appropriate measures put into place.

## 5.2 Measures to Limit Fire Spread

		Yes	No	N/A
5.2.1	Compartmentation of reasonable condition (based on visual inspection of the premises)?	$\boxtimes$		
5.2.2	Wall/floor/ceiling linings not likely to promote the spread of fire?	$\boxtimes$		
5.2.3	Fire dampers provided (as far as can be ascertained) to protect means of escape against passage of fire/smoke/combustion products?			

#### **Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:**

Construction and compartmentation of the premises in good order and in sound condition. Wall/ceiling linings confirmed to be plaster, or brick/block, and no breaches/ damage identified.

## 5.3 Emergency Escape Lighting

			Yes	No	N/A
5.	3.1	Emergency escape lighting in place at/near fire exits?	$\boxtimes$		





		Yes	No	N/A
5.3.2	Emergency escape lighting in stairwells/lobbies/change of direction?	$\boxtimes$		
5.3.3	Emergency escape lighting in place externally, where necessary?			$\boxtimes$

Emergency lighting seen to be present at or near to fire exits, throughout all escape routes and stairwells, and inside of most rooms. No concerns on this front.

External emergency lighting not seen to be present outside final exit doors, though both would be within view of surrounding buildings and/or street lighting, and interior units would carry through glass exit doors, so this is not a concern.

## 5.4 Fire Safety Signs / Notices

		Yes	No	N/A
5.4.1	Fire safety signage present to identify fire exit doors?	$\boxtimes$		
5.4.2	Directional fire safety signage in place to identify location of fire exits?	$\boxtimes$		
5.4.3	Other fire safety notices also present, where required?  (e.g. fire action/ fire door keep shut/ fire exit keep clear/ not to use lifts)	$\boxtimes$		

#### Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:

Fire exit signage present at all final exit doors, and throughout escape routes to identify location of final exits/ direction of escape. Vastly improved since previous FRA, due to refurbishment being finalised at time of last visit.

Supplementary fire signage also seen to be in good order, on fire doors, gas isolators, extinguishers, and Fire Action Notices.

## 5.5 Means to Give Warning of Fire

		Yes	No	N/A
5.5.1	Reasonable manually operated electrical fire alarm system?	$\boxtimes$		
5.5.2	Automatic fire detection in place (throughout premises)?		$\boxtimes$	
5.5.3	Automatic fire detection in place (only part of premises)?	$\boxtimes$		
5.5.4	Coverage by automatic fire detection appropriate to occupancy/risk?		$\boxtimes$	
5.5.5	Remote transmission/monitoring of fire alarm?	$\boxtimes$		





		Yes	No	N/A
5.5.6	No concerns raised (i.e. Responsible Person or occupants) over audibility of alarm during fire drills/alarm tests?	$\boxtimes$		

Break-glass call points present at fire exits and storey exits/ stairwells.

Automatic fire detection present throughout the premises, within escape routes (which includes science labs, interconnected and form part of the escape routes from this building), and two IT suites, so current system is akin to an L4 standard though with a couple of additional rooms covered. High risk rooms e.g. COSHH store, server room and plant room, do not have detection present, which would be advisable. **(5.5.2)** Smoke detector in lab 'SCI-1' also advised to be changed to a heat detector. **(5.5.4)** 

Remote monitoring of fire alarm now in place, as new fire alarm panel installed in Main House and radio-linked to all buildings with ability to remotely monitor alarms.

No concerns identified with regards to audibility of alarm and sounders seen to be present throughout building.

## 5.6 Fire Extinguishing Appliances / Systems

		Yes	No	N/A
5.6.1	Reasonable provision of portable fire extinguishers?	$\boxtimes$		
5.6.2	Fire extinguishers visible, accessible and highlighted/signposted?	$\boxtimes$		
5.6.3	Hose reels provided?			$\boxtimes$
5.6.4	Automatic fire suppression / sprinklers in place?			$\boxtimes$
5.6.5	Manual (fixed) fire suppression system in place?			$\boxtimes$

#### **Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:**

Foam/Water extinguishers provided within escape corridors/ stairwells.

Fire blanket, sand bucket and CO2 extinguisher provided within each science lab (additional Water unit in one lab (SCI-4) too).

Additional Powder FEA's also seen to be present in the plant room.





# 6.0 Management of Fire Safety

## 6.1 Management Arrangements

			Yes	No	N/A	
6.1.1	6.1.1 Fire safety in the premises is managed by: Elspeth Sanders (Bursar).					
6.1.2	Competent person(s) appointed to assist preventative/protective measures (general fire precautions)?					
6.1.3	1.3 Suitable liaison with Fire and Rescue Service (e.g. familiarisation visits / provision of information)?					
6.1.4						

#### **Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:**

HA Risk Services appointed to undertake fire risk assessments and provide fire safety advice/ guidance as required.

Competent contractors use for installation and maintenance of all fire safety equipment/ systems. Familiarisation visits by local fire service not completed recently, though contact has been made by phone. Shared tenants/ shared use is confined to hire by outside groups (out of hours), and hire agreement includes fire/evacuation procedures for them to implement.

#### 6.2 Evacuation Procedures

		Yes	No	N/A
6.2.1	Suitable (documented) evacuation procedures in the event of fire?	$\boxtimes$		
6.2.2	Arrangements in place to summon the fire and rescue service?	$\boxtimes$		
6.2.3	Arrangements in place to meet fire and rescue service on arrival and convey relevant information? (e.g. hazards and alarm zone/location)	$\boxtimes$		
6.2.4	Suitable arrangements to ensure full evacuation of the premises?	$\boxtimes$		
6.2.5	Suitable fire assembly point identified / signposted?	$\boxtimes$		
6.2.6	Procedures for assistance/evacuation of disabled person(s)?	$\boxtimes$		

#### **Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:**

Emergency evacuation procedures are outlined in the 'Fire Evacuation Policy and Procedure', with the latest version being September 2021. Simultaneous evacuation in place for whole site, and easier to implement now that all fire alarms have been linked to the main panel in the Main School House, and roll calls completed to confirm full evacuation including staff, pupils and visitors.

Fire trolley in Reception is taken to assembly point and includes; hi-vis jacket, keys, pens, whistle, registers, loudhailer. Bursar / Head / Assistant Bursar would take charge (per evacuation procedure).





Yes No	N/A	
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Visitors sign in at reception and should be advised on fire procedures, though tend to be accompanied at all times. Visitors pass also issued.

Remote monitoring and 999 calls would be used to notify the fire service authorities.

If members of public are attending events, would be confined to one room/area (such as the sports hall/theatre), and would be easy to oversee. Open days across site, but if someone had additional needs, would assign an adult and discuss additional support requirements with them.

## 6.3 Instruction / Training

		Yes	No	N/A
6.3.1	Staff provided adequate fire safety instruction/training at induction?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.2	Fire safety training refreshed periodically/at suitable intervals?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.3	Training includes fire risks/hazards in the premises?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.4	Training includes fire safety measures within the premises?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.5	Instruction given on action to take on discovering a fire?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.6	Instruction given on action to take on hearing fire alarm?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.7	Instruction given on operation of manual fire alarm/call points?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.8	Instruction given on how to summon fire and rescue service?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.9	Instruction given on the type and operation of fire extinguishers?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.10	Nominated persons (fire marshals) provided with additional training?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.11	Nominated persons identified/trained in use of fire extinguishers?			$\boxtimes$
6.3.12	Nominated persons identified/trained to assist with evacuation, including evacuation of disabled people?			$\boxtimes$
6.3.13	Fire drills carried out at appropriate intervals (and recorded)?	$\boxtimes$		
6.3.14	Suitable instruction to non-employees (e.g. contractor/visitors)?	$\boxtimes$		

#### **Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:**

All staff do online fire awareness training (iHasco). Policy and evacuation procedure also shared with staff at the start of employment and as a reminder on inset days.

Rolling refreshers of online training typically every three years, courses also cover fire extinguishers, too.





Yes	No	N/A

Fire marshals appointed (4) and completed iHasco fire marshal training (Bursar, Assistant Bursar and Premises staff x 2).

Someone takes fire pack/bag with contact names and numbers, log book, hi-vis jacket, map of site (gas/electric shutoffs included), policy/evacuation plan and hire agreement to assembly point. Evacuation of disabled persons not applicable at present, but formal PEEP compiled if/when becomes necessary, and appropriate training will be provided.

Termly drills completed; last in 05/2022 (copy provided post-visit), and although no note of the evacuation time, i.e. how long for everyone to depart buildings, times recorded previously, from raising alarm to 'all clear' and safe to return to building, recorded as 6:50 mins, which undoubtedly means the buildings can be evacuated in a couple of minutes.

Visitors to site sign in upon arrival and generally accompanied by staff, and evacuation protocols state they will be directed by staff of the school, an included in roll call.

## 6.4 Testing / Maintenance

		Yes	No	N/A
6.4.1	Adequate maintenance of premises?	$\boxtimes$		
6.4.2	Weekly testing and periodic servicing of fire detection and alarm?		$\boxtimes$	
6.4.3	Monthly/annual testing routines for emergency escape lighting?	$\boxtimes$		
6.4.4	Annual maintenance of fire extinguishing appliances?	$\boxtimes$		
6.4.5	Periodic inspection of external escape staircases and gangways?	$\boxtimes$		
6.4.6	Six monthly inspection and annual testing of rising mains?			$\boxtimes$
6.4.7	Weekly/monthly testing, six monthly inspection and annual testing of firefighting lifts?			
6.4.8	Weekly testing and periodic inspection of sprinkler installations?			$\boxtimes$
6.4.9	Routine checks of final exit doors and/or security fastenings?	$\boxtimes$		
6.4.10	Annual inspection and test of lightning protection system?			$\boxtimes$
6.4.11	Systems for reporting/restoration of fire safety measures?	$\boxtimes$		

#### Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:

Fire alarms tested weekly across site, though the spreadsheet records seen to cover the period up to 02/2022, and not since. **(6.4.2)** 

Service visits for alarms confirmed as being completed in 04/2022.





	Yes	No	N/A
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Emergency lighting tests completed quarterly by an external contractor and few failures/faults result from these tests (not in line with guidance but deemed acceptable). Last test on record 04/2022.

Fire extinguishers across site under annual maintenance contract and last inspected in 10/2021.

Fire extinguishers, fire doors housekeeping and escape routes also checked monthly, with a form completed for each building.

Lightning Protection System only present on PC Centre, Sports Hall, Theatre, and new Woodward building; tested/inspected 02/2022.

Condition of premises is in good condition and reporting system in place for hazards, issues concerns via maintenance team and/or Bursar.

#### 6.5 Records

		Yes	No	N/A				
6.5.1	Appropriate records maintained of fire drills?	$\boxtimes$						
6.5.2	Appropriate records maintained of fire safety training?	$\boxtimes$						
6.5.3	Appropriate records maintained of fire alarm tests?	$\boxtimes$						
6.5.4	Appropriate records maintained of emergency escape lighting tests?	$\boxtimes$						
6.5.5	6.5.5 Appropriate records maintained of maintenance/testing of other fire protection systems?							
Comments / Observations / Deficiencies:								
Records	Records seen to be in place.							





# **Evaluation of Fire Risk**

## 7.0 Evaluation

As with most risk assessments we have looked at two elements of risk; 1) the likelihood, and 2) the consequences.

#### 7.1 Likelihood of Fire

Taking into account the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the likelihood of fire at these premises is:

LOW		Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result of negligible potential sources of ignition.
MEDIUM	×	Normal fire hazards (e.g. ignition sources) for type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (only minor shortcomings).
HIGH		Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire.

## 7.2 Consequences of Fire

Taking into account the nature of the premises and the occupants, as well as the fire protection and procedural arrangements observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of fire would be:

SLIGHT HARM		Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant (other than an occupant sleeping in a room in which fire occurs).
MODERATE HARM		Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury (including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.
EXTREME HARM		Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants.

## 7.3 Risk Rating

In line with the ratings assigned under 7.1 and 7.2, the risk to life from fire at the premises has been identified in the risk rating matrix that follows, with a further description provided of what this risk rating means, and what action is required to address the level of risk stated.





Risk Rating		
TRIVIAL		No action is required and no detailed records need be kept.
TOLERABLE	×	No major additional fire precautions required. However, there might be a need for reasonably practicable improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
MODERATE		It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures, which should take cost into account, should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.
SUBSTANTIAL		Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the premises are unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the premises are occupied, urgent action should be taken.
INTOLERABLE		Premises (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

		Potential consequences of fire			
		Slight Harm	Moderate Harm	Extreme Harm	
Fire	Low	Trivial Risk	Tolerable Risk	Moderate Risk	
Likelihood of Fire	Medium	Tolerable Risk	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk	
Like	High	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk	Intolerable Risk	

The likelihood of fire is dependent on the fire hazards and there are no significant concerns in the management of these, however owing to this building housing the science department and significant fire hazards, this is rated as 'Medium'.

Potential consequences are rated as 'Slight Harm' however, due to a good level of automatic fire detection and multiple escape routes being available, which are largely protected by passive fire protection. Some issues have been identified for action, including fire doors and alarm coverage, which we would encourage you to implement, however the overall fire risk rating is nonetheless rated as 'Tolerable'.





# **Action Plan**

## 8.0 Action Plan

## 8.1 Priority Levels

Whilst the evaluation of fire risk and risk ratings and assigned can be viewed as subjective, they provide context and allow comparison between other premises and/or year on year comparison as and when this fire risk assessment is reviewed.

We would advise that the following recommendations should be implemented in order to address the hazards and deficiencies identified in this report, and to ensure that you can reduce the fire risk to, or maintain it at, a Trivial or Tolerable level (as defined in the previous section).

Each of the recommendations contained within this action plan has been assigned a priority level between 1 (high priority) and 4 (low priority), with the same colour coding being used to allow swift identification of the more pressing matters.

Priority Level	Priority Description			
1	<b>Immediate Action</b> – conditions exist where fire is likely to occur or where fire would present significant risk of injury or fatality amongst the occupants of the premises.			
2	<b>Urgent Action</b> – conditions exist where fire is possible or where injuries (and possibly fatalities) could occur in the event of fire at the premises.			
3	<b>Medium/Long Term Action</b> – conditions exist that would support the growth of a fire and could lead to possible injury to the occupants of the premises.			
4	<b>Action Recommended</b> – conditions exist that are contrary to recognised guidance and good practice, and further work could reduce the level of risk to the occupants of the premises.			

We have not assigned a deadline for completion of these recommendations, or assigned people as being responsible for their completion, however we would recommend that you do both of these things to ensure these are acted upon in a timely fashion and there is accountability within the organisation. Regular review and updates as to the progress of any outstanding actions should also be ensured.

Finally, the action plan also includes a 'Completion Date' field, for you to record the completion of the recommendations outlined as/when they are confirmed as being actioned.





# 8.2 Actions Required

Ref/Q	Section	Significant Finding / Hazard	Corrective Action Required	Photo / Comments	Priority [1-4]	Completion Date
5.1.9a	Means of Escape	Damage towards bottom of fire doors between ground floor corridor, to the entrance lobby opposite the dining hall, and it is not closing fully.	Repair/adjustment required to ensure that this fire door closes fully and the gap around the sides/top of the door are no more than 2mm-4mm (max.), thus ensuring it remains effective.		3	
5.1.9b	Means of Escape	Excessive gap between fire doors from ground floor corridor next to B8 to the entrance lobby.	Repair/adjustment required to ensure that this fire door closes fully and the gap around the sides/top of the door are no more than 2mm-4mm (max.), thus ensuring it remains effective.		3	
5.1.9c	Means of Escape	Door to lab SCI-5 from the lobby between the labs/ prep room seen to be left propped open, when the area was unoccupied.	This door should remain closed at all times unless the room is occupied and in use.	All staff should be advised of the need to close fire doors upon leaving a room or area, and those on stairwells or lobbies, to ensure escape routes remain protected in the event of fire.	2	
5.1.9d	Means of Escape	Door to stairwell opposite room B12, on the first floor, seen to be propped open.	This door must remain closed at all times, to protect this escape route.		2	
5.5.2	Means to Give Warning of Fire	Automatic fire detection present throughout escape routes and majority of high risk rooms, but not all.	Automatic fire detection would be desirable in the remaining rooms with a higher fire inception risk present, i.e. the COSHH store, plant room, and the server room (opposite SCI-1).	Priority score reflects that these changes would not materially decrease the life safety hazard.	4	





Ref/Q	Section	Significant Finding / Hazard	Corrective Action Required	Photo / Comments	Priority [1-4]	Completion Date
5.5.4	Means to Give Warning of Fire	One of the science labs has a smoke detector fitted, making it more susceptible to false alarms/accidental activation.	The smoke head currently present in lab SCI-1 should be replaced with a heat detector.		4	
6.4.2	Testing and Maintenance	This recommendation applies to all fire alarm systems on site, and has been outlined in the Main House FRA report of the same date, in order to avoid repetition in each of the building's reports.				

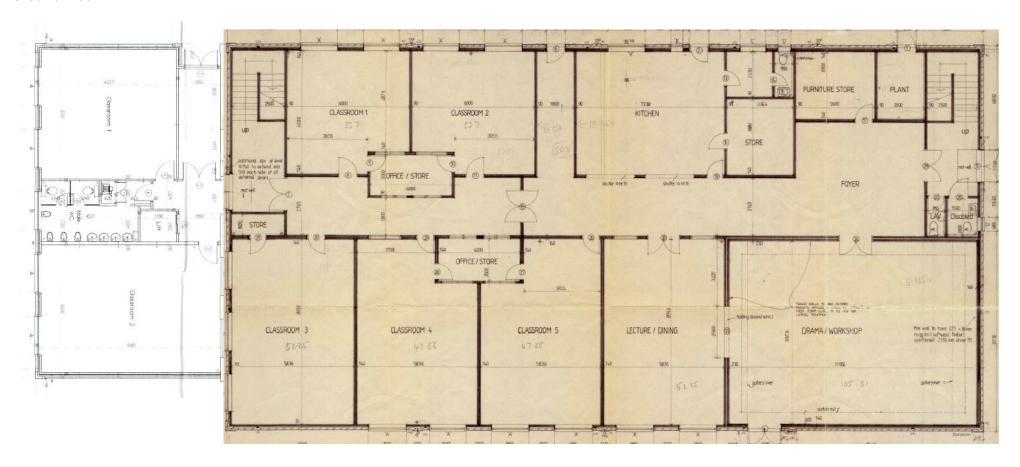




# **Appendices**

# **Appendix 1: Floor Plans**

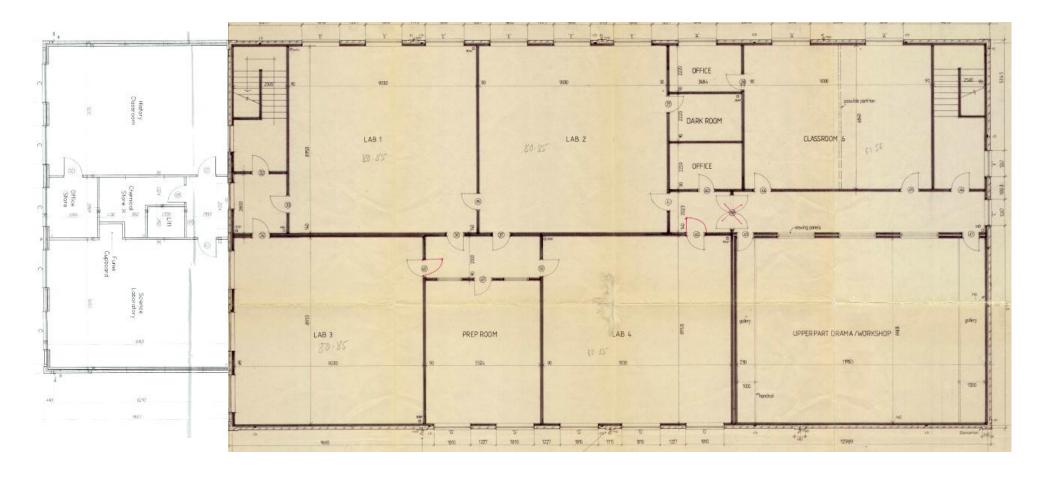
#### **Ground Floor**







#### First Floor







# **Appendix 2: Use of Data**

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- in conducting our relationship with you
- arranging insurance
- providing advice on insurance or risk management matters.

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