

Moat Farm Junior School

Fire Emergency Plan 2023-2024

Moat Farm Junior School is a large school situated on one level; the school consists of two blocks joined centrally by the reception area. Each block has one main corridor with classrooms leading off. There are fire exit doors located opposite each classroom (please see the attached plan for the location of the assembly points, fire exits, alarm call points and fire fighting equipment). The staff and pupils also use the dining hall which is located in a separate block and forms part of the adjacent Infant school. The fire alarm of MFJS does however include the dining hall.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

All members of school staff, and visiting staff must familiarise themselves with the evacuation instructions displayed in all areas of the school.

Brief the children regularly on the procedures and what to do if they discover a fire or hear the fire alarm. This should be at least once at the beginning of each half term and when you have a new pupil.

Parents and visitors will be briefed by the Admin Staff.

Upon hearing the fire alarm everyone should leave the school immediately – as quickly, quietly and orderly and possible, and not stop to collect anything. Movement from the building should be in a continuous flow – there should be no lining up or stopping without clear reason.

Children alone anywhere in the school, (*e.g. toilets, corridors etc*) should leave the building by the nearest exit. Children in the hall or gym should not stop to collect shoes.

Staff should close the doors after them unless this is dangerous.

The Fire Brigade will be called following call challenging procedures (see below).

The senior administration assistant will leave the building with class registers, visitors and staff signing in and out sheets (as printed from Inventory by Office Manager).

The following Fire Marshall's will check the following areas as they leave:

Julie Hamer – Upper School Girls Toilets

Emma Birch - Lower school Boys Toilets

Sarah Lowe – Upper School Boys Toilets , gents toilet and the library

Angela Breen – Lower school Girls Toilets, Staff Room and Community Room.

The first adult out onto the playgrounds will open the gates using the coded combination padlocks, all staff know the code.

The business manager will check the staff toilets and pupil toilets by reception.

The door security system that operates the fire doors either side of reception can be disengaged using the emergency release but it will automatically release all doors when the fire alarm activates.

Pupils, staff and visitors should line up quietly and in an orderly manner at the Fire Assembly Points in the playground. The office staff will distribute registers to the class teachers.

When at the Assembly Point teachers should immediately count children in their class and then call names from the register. The register should be held in the air for a member of the office staff to collect and tell the headteachers that all registers are present. Visitors should be checked by the office manager. The catering manager should check that kitchen staff are accounted for.

The headteachers should be informed immediately if anyone is not accounted for.

The headteachers will give further instructions – either that it is safe to go back to the building or as appropriate. This information will come from either the Business Manager or the Site Manager.

If the fire Assembly Point becomes dangerous the headteachers will announce another Assembly Point. Children can be moved to the school field or the bottom field both of which are away from the building and have an exit point off site.

A senior member of staff should wait at the entrance of the school to give appropriate guidance and directions to the emergency services when they arrive.

PPA Days

Fire registers will be taken outside by the senior administration assistant and handed to the teacher responsible for the class.

The PPA Group Leader(s) are responsible for orderly evacuation and registration of their group.

PPA groups are the class groups and pupils should line up on their class assembly lines on the playground.

Support staff and teachers will leave through the appropriate corridor, checking the toilets and ensuring the fire doors are closed.

If teachers are onsite during PPA they should find their class and be informed immediately if anyone is not accounted for.

Teachers on PPA have a personal responsibility to evacuate the premises. Once outside they should report directly to the senior manager. The staff signing in/out register will be taken out to see which staff are on site.

Lunch Times

- Children having packed lunch are eating in classrooms and should be escorted outside by the lunchtime supervisor, if the pupils are already outside the lunchtime staff should blow a whistle and get the children lined up on the playground they are currently on.
- Copies of the fire registers will be given to the lunch time leader Mrs Hamer to give to the lunch time staff. Staff must check the register against the pupils present and inform the headteachers and / or the Business Manager if anyone is not accounted for. Those children who have gone for a hot meal are taken into account on the fire register by the lunchtime supervisor.

- Children eating in the dinner hall will be escorted outside by Mrs Deakin and Mrs Penn to the lower school playground where they will remain as a group.

Staff on playground duty will assemble the children on the playground. The Business Manager will check upper school and the senior administration assistant will check Lower school. All staff on the premises will have the responsibility of clearing themselves from the building. The Office staff Business Manager will take the registers outside.

After School club

Staff running clubs are responsible for the evacuation of all children from the premises. The staff and pupils upon hearing the alarm should leave the building at the nearest available exit and assemble on the playground a safe distance from the building. A register should then be taken to ensure all pupils are present. Only re-enter the school upon instruction from cleaner in charge or business manager.

Call Challenging Procedures

No one should re-enter the building, except for nominated persons undertaking checks associated with call challenging procedures.

The individuals who will undertake call challenging are Office Manager and/or Site Manager.

Site manager and Office Manager will go to the alarm panel in the event of an alarm and look to see which zone has been triggered, they will then go to this area to determine if the fire is real.

Activation of the alarm will have notified MVTEK monitoring who will call the above individuals to determine if there is a fire.

The nominated individuals will ask staff if anyone had detected smoke or flames if this is confirmed then they will call the fire brigade. If not, the nominated individuals will re-enter the building to access the alarm panel where the panel will display which detector was activated to pinpoint the location of a possible fire. After this the nominated individuals will move to the location indicated on the panel, if smoke or flames are detected the fire brigade will be called, if not a room by room sweep of the building will take place to confirm if there is a fire. The nominated individuals will have mobile phones with them for communication.

Other Information

A fire hydrant is located on the pathway behind Year 6 classrooms on the side of the building between the Junior and Infant schools.

The gas isolation valve for the boiler room is in the boiler room next to the gas meter.

If it becomes unsafe for pupils on the playgrounds they can move to the field, in the event that this is not safe enough, the school will follow the emergency plan and move to Q3 Langley academy via the gate by the dining hall and down onto Moat Road.

This policy adheres to the principles under data protection law. For further information please review the school's data protection policy published on the school's website.

