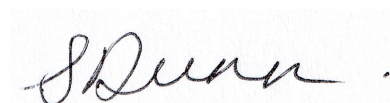


## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Gateshead Council is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest possible standards of health, safety and welfare in schools. As Service Director for Education, Schools and Inclusion, I am committed to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all employees, children and young people and others affected by our work activities.
- 1.2 This policy statement supplements the Council's [Corporate Health and Safety Policy](#) and procedures, as well as the [Children Social Care and Lifelong Learning Health and Safety Policy](#). It will ensure that employees, children, young people and visitors are not put at risk by the activities of the Council.
- 1.3 The Education Health and Safety Policy has been produced to assist the governing body / head teachers to fulfil their responsibilities, which are laid down in the Council's Corporate Health & Safety Policies and General Safety Arrangements. In addition, Children Social Care and Lifelong Learning have implemented a group specific policy. The policy seeks to underpin our approach to health and safety management and is a key document that must be adhered to and must be brought to the attention of all employees.
- 1.4 Successful health and safety management requires the collective effort of everyone employed in the service. We all have a duty to take responsibility of our own health and safety and the health and safety of others who may be affected by our acts or omissions to achieve these standards.
- 1.5 I recognise that for this policy to be effective, the management of health and safety must be fully integrated into and given status at least equal to other areas of our work.

Signed:



Suzanne Dunn  
Service Director for Education, Schools and Inclusion  
Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022