



Willingham Primary School and Honey Pot Pre-School

Water Hygiene Policy

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The purpose of this document is to identify and assess sources of risk, and to prevent or control those risks which may facilitate the growth of Legionella bacteria within the water system of these premises.

Reference to the following publications:

- HSE LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE HSG274 PART 2 2014
- CCC GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR SCHOOLS' PREMISES 2009
- AQUATIDE LEGIONELLA RISK ASSESSMENT 2018

Identifying factors that may be a source of risk

1. Water is stored or recirculated in the system
2. The water temperature in all or part of the system may be between 20-45° c
3. There are deposits that support bacterial growth in the system
4. It is possible for water droplets to be produced, and they can be dispersed
5. It is likely that persons could be exposed to those contaminated water droplets

Risk Assessments

Where a risk assessment has been carried out and it is concluded that there is no reasonably foreseeable risk or the risks are insignificant and are being managed properly to comply with the law, then the risk assessment can be deemed complete.

Existing controls must be maintained and the assessment needs to be reviewed on a regular basis, especially when there is reason to suspect that it is no longer valid.

This can result from:

- Change to the water system
- Change to the use of the building which houses the system
- New information about risks and control measures
- Results of tests which indicate controls are no longer effective
- Change to staff with access to the water system
- A case of legionnaires disease associated with the system



Current control measures

- Outlets tested monthly by service contractor (Veolia Ltd)
- All cold-water storage tanks have been removed and the system is serviced by a mains water supply
- All outlets which are not used on a regular basis have a weekly flushing regime and a record kept
- All point of use water heaters are pasteurised every three months
- All water blenders are serviced annually by a contractor
- All boilers, pumps and associated pipework are serviced annually by a contractor
- An annual descale of the calorifier to be carried out by a contractor

Keeping records

It is important that all works, new and remedial and all tests carried out to any part of the water system are recorded and a log is created which can be referred to if any claim of negligence should be made.

Basic system schematic

Please refer to Aquatide risk assessment

