



Property and  
Facilities Management  
HandS Health and Safety Service

**North Yorkshire**  
education services

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County Council



The HandS Health and Safety Service is delivered by a dedicated team of health and safety professionals providing a quality service designed with you in mind. Our aim is to assist and support all education providers to develop, maintain and improve your health and safety management systems in a cost effective way.

The team is committed to working with schools to ensure that they meet their statutory obligations through sensible and proportionate risk management. This allows you to provide learners with a stimulating curriculum in a safe and healthy teaching environment. With a proven record of working alongside schools, our approach supports pupil learning by encouraging a positive health and safety culture where pupils and teachers can manage risk effectively.

## Annual package

We will deliver three consultancy visits per annum from a named, dedicated Health and Safety consultant, which includes:

### Health and safety management systems review

A health and safety management systems review will be carried out using the Paperwork Evaluation Checklist. This thoroughly audits the health and safety management system in your establishment and produces an action plan. Your Safety Risk Adviser will help you to implement the findings of the Paperwork Evaluation Checklist.

### Workplace inspection

We will use the Premises Inspection Checklist to carry out a workplace inspection where we will identify health and safety concerns and offer remedial advice and guidance.

### Fire risk assessment

A full fire risk assessment of your establishment will be carried out by fully qualified fire risk assessors.

## Advice and support

- Dedicated helpline available for any health and safety queries
- Advice and assistance in developing a school specific health and safety policy; including statement of intent, responsibilities and arrangements
- Practical advice and guidance on risk assessments
- Assistance with the implementation of relevant health and safety legislation, codes of practice and information issued to schools
- Service policies, proformas and guidance notes to assist in the development of your own bespoke health and safety management system
- Report relevant accidents to the HSE on your behalf
- Training sessions on various health and safety topics
- Membership of CLEAPSS (Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services); an advisory service providing support in science and technology

## Radiation protection officer

We offer high quality professional advice and support on managing ionising radiations and radioactive substances.

Our radiation protection officer will visit your school to review procedures and inspect compliance with

regulations. You will also have access to telephone and email advice and access to model risk assessments so you can be sure that your school complies with the regulations.

## Benefits

All our staff are dedicated, experienced, professionally qualified Health and Safety Risk Advisors with access to a network of other colleagues and services. You can be assured that as your health and safety service, we provide advice and guidance on current best practice for your sector.

All our advisors are also fire risk assessors, professionally qualified to industry recognised standards.

With expert assistance in meeting statutory obligations, identifying and helping you address changes in health and safety legislation and avoidance of the hidden costs and negative publicity of accidents, our service is here to deliver the best possible health and safety packages for you.

We feel that our clients appreciate the personal touch so as part of the service you will receive a named, dedicated Health and Safety professional. As an additional benefit, we aim to ensure our advisors have local knowledge so understand the risks specific to your environment.

## The NYES difference

The HandS team have been providing health and safety services to schools and other customers for over 15 years. Our team is made up of health and safety professionals with a mixture of backgrounds including two who have worked as school site managers. All the team are qualified to the standards recognised by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the world's biggest professional health and safety membership organisation, providing you with complete confidence in their expertise.

*"We recently bought into the NYCC Health & Safety Service Level Agreement and have found the level of service to be extremely comprehensive, we would recommend their excellent service to other schools out of the North Yorkshire area."*

**Jerry Clay Academy, Wakefield**

*"Our HandS adviser went the extra mile on our behalf and we are very fortunate to have someone of his commitment and calibre working with us."*

**Richmond Methodist School**

## Our services

- Catering
- Cleaning and Caretaking
- Energy and Sustainability Service
- Grounds Maintenance Service
- Maintenance and Servicing Scheme
- Tree and Woodland Service

### Contact us

To find out more about any of the services we offer and how we can support you please contact the North Yorkshire Education Services team:

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