

## Swift Academies – Asbestos Statement of Intent

### Introduction

The purpose of this statement is to indicate the multi academy trust's commitment to achieving a safe working environment for all staff, pupils and visitors connected with our sites and activities.

This statement will be reviewed annually in line with the school's Asbestos Management Plan's by the Director for Health and Safety and ratified by the Board of Directors.

ASBESTOS STATEMENT OF INTENT

The presence of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) does not in itself constitute a danger. However, it is hazardous when disturbed or damaged and must be treated accordingly. Activities which give rise to airborne dust, e.g. abrasion, breaking, sawing, cutting, drilling or machining ACMs, are most likely to present risks.

Staff and contractors not trained to work with asbestos are not expected to work with or be exposed to asbestos. A limited number of staff whose normal duties may bring them into contact with existing asbestos containing materials (e.g. electrical, mechanical or building maintenance staff) will be trained in asbestos awareness.

1. The Board of Directors recognises its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and will take account of all related Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance in order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all its employees, pupils and visitors to the MAT's premises.
2. The Board of Directors will individually and collectively, take all steps within their power, where reasonably practicable, to meet their responsibilities.

The Board of Directors will;

- Appoint an Asbestos Competent Person;
- Produce an Asbestos Management Plan including the implementation of an effective asbestos containing materials management plan so that appropriate measures, such as monitoring, encapsulation, sealing, labelling, inspection or removal of the material are undertaken;
- Periodically review this statement in the light of any legal changes, further information or incidents;
- Produce and maintain an asbestos register and make this available to staff, contractors and others who may be brought into contact with asbestos as part of their activities;
- Promote awareness of the hazards of asbestos and the management procedures through information and training;
- Prevent exposure to hazards associated with asbestos.

Responsibility for the implementation of this statement and the management of asbestos for all schools is delegated to the Trust Business Manager with support from Avec's Health and Safety Team

Signed by:   
Trust Business Manager.....

Name SARAH JONES Date 11.10.19

Chief Executive .....

Name DEAN JUDSON Date 11.10.19