

SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

A full review of Sir William Perkins's School Fire Risk Assessment was carried out in October 2016, both for the existing building 'footprint' and including the two new buildings – the New Wing and the Rowing Boathouse at Haleham, Middx. The assessment of fire risk was carried out under the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

During the review it was found that:

- The School has a High-level positive attitude towards Fire Safety;
- The School management throughout is a credit to the Senior Leadership Team for the acceptance of fire safety by staff, and to the Facilities team for the day-to-day management of fire safety;
- The School has had extensive remodelling over the last 5 years, including two larger building projects. On these buildings the School informed the Assessor that Fire Safety and provision is understood by the School to meet all relevant regulations and to be high. The Rowing Boathouse was separately reviewed by the Assessor;
- any significant issues identified in previous reviews had been appropriately actioned by school staff or had been discussed fully with the Governors as to the risk associated with the recommendation and the consequent actions required;
- Recommendations were given for additional staff training in certain areas. It is understood that the School will be actioning these promptly;
- One substantive issue was identified during the review, relating to an older part of the School building which would have complied with building fire regulations at the time of construction but for which recent regulation changes have increased the requirement. Specifically, some roof voids do not have sufficient Fire stopping capabilities. This represents a low risk regarding occupants of the building, but a somewhat greater risk regarding property damage. It is understood that the School will be discussing options with the governors regarding this area;
- All other assessment criteria reviewed were categorised as Good or Satisfactory. All other issues and recommendations identified were minor.

This risk assessment should be reviewed periodically, and a new review is recommended for the school within 2 years of the review date, subject to major changes to the structure and fabric of the building or major personnel changes occurring.