



PLANT AND MACHINERY SAFETY

At Ridgeview, we manage the risks associated with plant and machinery at the school. We maintain the safety and welfare of staff, students, and visitors as our priority in the use of plant and machinery.

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act, the board as the PCBU and any operators of plant and machinery take all practicable steps to make sure machinery in the workplace is in safe working order, operated correctly, and adequately stored to reduce the risk of injuries or harm. If machinery or plant at the school is potentially hazardous, a risk assessment is carried out to determine the level of risk it presents.

We follow the hierarchy of controls set out by Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016. If hazards cannot be eliminated or isolated, we aim to minimise the hazard by:

- using personal protective equipment
- monitoring worker health and the working environment
- using safe operating procedures
- providing training to operators
- using safe systems of work.

Plant

The board provides, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe plant and associated structures, and ensures they are in good condition. The board ensures that plant at the school does not pose unnecessary risk to the health and safety of any person, including the risk of long-term health effects.

Machinery

The board has a responsibility to ensure that machinery operators are appropriately trained and supervised, and use safe working practices. The school provides protective clothing and equipment as necessary, and has an accident reporting system to log and follow up on any accidents, injuries, or near misses.

Storage and Maintenance

- Appropriately trained staff are responsible for the storage and maintenance of all machinery and equipment in their designated areas.
- Machinery is stored safely and securely, and students are not permitted in the machinery storage area.
- Machinery is kept clean and well maintained, and repairs are attended to as soon as possible.

Machinery Use

- Machinery is used appropriately for its intended purpose.
- Students only have access to machinery when appropriately supervised.
- Rooms containing machinery are locked when unsupervised.
- The appropriate safety equipment is stored with the machinery and must be used by the operator. This may include ear protection, safety glasses, gloves and footwear.

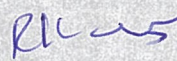
This policy will be reviewed as per the Board's Effectiveness Review Programme

Confirmed by the Board on: 28/11/2023 (date)

The planned review date will be: November 2026 (date)



Presiding Member



Principal