The Purcell School
for young musicians

H11 Control Student Access to Risky Areas Policy

This Policy is to state the School's procedures for controlling or denying unauthorised access by students to potentially dangerous or risky areas of the school's buildings and grounds. All staff are fully committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all students at The Purcell School. On a complex site such as this there are bound to be areas within the buildings or the grounds that are considered to present risks to the safety of students who may accidentally or deliberately stray into them.

- The Bursar makes every effort to ensure that all potentially dangerous areas are, wherever possible, made secure by fencing, locking, signage, or other physical obstruction preventing access to them. Areas that are temporarily out of bounds (e.g. building or maintenance work) are, wherever possible, fenced or cordoned off, and/or appropriate warning notices are placed to describe the danger. The Director of Boarding is made aware of any areas that temporarily become risky due to work being carried out. This information then can be disseminated to those who need to be made aware by the Boarding team.

- Where there are unlit areas on site, these areas are prohibited during the hours of darkness. This is made clear to students by the staff.

- In addition, students are informed and reminded regularly by Boarding House staff, other staff and via assemblies of the dangers of entering risky areas of the school. They are made aware that to enter such an area deliberately is regarded as a very serious disciplinary offense that will be dealt with in an appropriate manner, as well as the potential concerns over the health, safety and welfare of the student and the property itself.

Permanent Out of Bounds areas are listed in the Student Handbook and below (an aerial view of the School site is included for reference):

- Any wooded area around the school
- Any car park areas
- The rear gate (to Bushey Mill Lane) except for pedestrian access via lanyards for designated year groups
- The Lincolnsfield Centre
- Bushy Mill Lane after dark
- Hartspring Meadow
- Privately owned grounds (such as Queens School)
- The Lower Field after dark
- Any Maintenance and/or Estates building such as workshops, laundry, store rooms etc.
- Main Kitchens, Laboratories and school gym unless supervised by appropriate staff

Any breach of the Out of Bounds areas by students will be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour and Sanctions Policy, and the level of breach will determine the level of sanction. A serious breach will also result in contact with parents and a notification will be sent to the Bursar.

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