St John’s College, Cambridge
Health & Safety Policy Statement

1. In recognition of the responsibilities placed upon employers by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the Management of Health and Safety at Work regulations (and all other relevant legislation), it is College policy to meet all statutory requirements relating to health and safety and to apply the appropriate standards to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all College Fellows, junior members, staff, visitors, contractors’ staff and members of the public who are, or may be, affected by our activities.

2. The College recognises its duty to ensure the safety and welfare of the choristers and probationers whilst in the care of the College in accordance with current statutory requirements in force for the care of children whilst in an educational establishment.

3. The Council of the College bears the legal responsibility for all matters of health, safety and welfare within the College and ensures that statutory requirements are met and appropriate standards applied through specialist College officers. The executive authority for the development and implementation of the health and safety policy is delegated to the Domestic Bursar as the Safety Officer. It is a core management function and must be integrated into all other management policies and practices, including planning.

4. The College will monitor health and safety policies and arrangements annually, review them as appropriate, and develop them in consultation with employee and student safety representatives. This function will be carried out by the Health and Safety Committee, in conjunction with the monitoring of policy implementation, and consultation on all matters affecting the health and safety of Fellows, junior members and staff.

5. The management of Health and Safety is an integral part of good management at all levels of College organisation. This includes the provision of:

   a. Safe and healthy working conditions.
   b. Arrangements for the operation, design and maintenance of safe systems of work.
   c. Properly maintained and guarded machinery.
   d. Information, instruction, training, and supervision appropriate to College activities.
   e. Arrangements for consultation with Fellows, junior members and staff and their representation on relevant committees dealing with health and safety matters.

6. Heads of Department are responsible through their line managers or College Officers to the College Council for the proper implementation of health and safety policies and procedures in their respective areas, compliance with College and statutory requirements and for achieving standards above the legal minimum acceptable level for risk management and control. Therefore, health and safety performance will be measured regularly by means of an auditing programme, to check that policies and practices are effective in driving progressive improvements in safety management.
7. By assessing capabilities and providing training as appropriate, the College will ensure that all members of staff are competent to carry out their work without risk to themselves or others, and that those staff who manage or supervise others are aware of relevant legislation and good practices, in order to manage health and safety effectively.

8. All College employees have a responsibility to take care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions. They must comply with statutory obligations, College policies and rules, and work safely in accordance with any instructions and training received. They must also report hazards, dangerous activities and failures in safety arrangements to the appropriate managers without delay.

9. All junior members will receive written guidance on health and safety matters and will receive specific instruction as appropriate.

10. All junior members taking part in College controlled activities must take care of their own health and safety and that of others. They must comply with legislation, College policies and rules, and instructions from staff and report hazards or dangerous situations to the Forecourt Lodge. The staff will immediately inform their supervisor or the Domestic Bursar.

11. Visitors (including contractors) are required to comply with legislation, and with College policy and rules, and report any problems to the Porters on duty at the Porters Lodge. The Porters will immediately inform their supervisor.

12. This policy statement will be subject to periodic review in the light of experience and developments in national health and safety legislation.

Signed: ..................................................  
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