

FOI Request - Health and Safety and Maintenance at Buckie High School - 101003789576

17th May 2020 to 17th May 2025

1. Fire Safety

Fire Safety Inspection Reports attached.

Details of any fire safety repair requests

Date	Priority	Description of repair	Outcome
27.10.22	Urgent 24 hours	Faulty smoke detector Zone 22	Replaced smoke detector
19.05.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Fire Alarm fault, smoke detector outside Guidance toilets	Replaced head
04.06.24	Urgent 24 hours	Fault on fire panel following weekly fire alarm test	Faulty sounder identified and replaced
08.10.24	Urgent 24 hours	Faulty smoke detector Zone 3	Replaced
07.11.24	Urgent 24 hours	Faulty smoke detector Zone 3	Replaced

2. Health and Safety Incidents

Total number of health and safety incidents = 27. However 0 (zero) incidents relate to condition of the building.

Details of incidents involving falling slates, roof tiles, leaking roofs, or similar structural issues

Only aware of one incident of slates coming off roof:

26.11.21 Storm Arwen. Slates blew off old building roof. School closed early on Friday 26.11.21 and remained closed on Monday 29.11.21 to allow building safety checks to take place. School reopened on Tuesday 30.11.21

There was further storm damage done to the roof of the old building during Storm Otto, this involved lead flashings coming loose

17.02.23 Storm Otto. Large piece of lead hanging off roof of old building, due to storm damage. School closed for one day.

We do not specifically record broken roof tiles. These are constantly broken, due to vandalism by pupils climbing on roofs at evenings and weekends. If the vandalism was not taking place there would be far fewer roof issues.

We do not specifically record leaks. Leaks are generally caused by two things:

1. Unauthorised access to the school roof and damage caused by the people accessing the roof.
2. Blocked drains - annual maintenance programme in place, however drains can still get blocked and in periods of heavy/continuous rain, water collects on the roof. This can cause some water ingress.

Details of roof repairs between 17th May 2020 and 17th May 2025:

Date	Priority	Description of repair	Outcome
20.04.21	Standard 5 days	Reception Area roof leak	Repaired
27.04.21	Urgent 24 hours	Leak between Rm 3/12 and corridor	Repaired
24.05.21	Urgent 24 hours	Roof leaks. Games Hall, guttering at main entrance, Rm T8 leaking from flue	Repaired
26.11.21	Emergency 4 hrs	Heras Fencing to cordon off storm damage area	Installed
29.11.21	Urgent 24 hours	Repair tiles/flashings/loose slates after Storm Arwen	Repaired
31.01.22	Standard 5 days	Storm damage - outside lights blown down	Replaced broken flood lights
31.01.22	Urgent 24 hours	Facia blown of water house, H Block roof	Made safe and water tight, refit cladding
18.02.22	Standard 5 days	Roof leaks. Technical, PE Boys toilets, Maths Base	Various tile repaired
04.04.22	Urgent 24 hours	Roof leak. PE Boys showers	Repaired
16.08.22	Urgent 24 hours	Roof leaks, PE Girls Changing Room, Modern Studies corridor	Roof repaired
07.09.22	Urgent 24 hours	Roof leaks, Rm 15, Technical Metalwork Room (via chimney)	Slate work repaired
12.09.22	Urgent 24 hours	Roof leaks, SED, Biology Base and Fume Cupboard	Repaired leaks and cleared blockage
19.12.22	Emergency 4 hrs	Leak in male staffroom	Repaired
17.02.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Storm Otto - damage to flashings etc	Roof repairs done
13.03.23	Urgent 24 hours	Water leak, T7	Repaired
11.09.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Leak at Reception. Coming in through light fitting. Lights in office kitchen failed	Traced leak and electrics checked
18.09.23	Urgent 24 hours	Multiple leaks. PE, Technical, Geography, Reception, Social Area	Repaired
26.09.23	Standard 5 days	Investigate fishy smell and water ingress in top link corridor	Repaired
06.10.23	Standard 5 days	Reception Area roof leak	Roof repairs done
09.10.23	Standard 5 days	Multiple leaks throughout school	Roof repairs done
23.10.23	Standard 5 days	Leaks following storm. Corridor E15, Admin Office, T8, Gym 1 & 2, Games Hall, PE changing rooms	Outlets unblocked and tiles repaired
11.12.23	Urgent 24 hours	Leak in corridor outside Rm E15	Tiles replaced
23.01.24	Emergency 4 hrs	Leaking roof. Reception, Reception toilets, HE window fans.	Fans isolated and made safe
06.08.24	Urgent 24 hours	Leaking roof between GR1 and new extension	Inspected, roof leak repaired
28.01.25	Standard 5 days	Roof repairs, following annual inspection	Completed
18.02.25	Urgent 24 hours	Skylight in H Block roof North leaking	Repaired

3. Heating Failures:

Number of times the heating system failed - we are not aware of heating system failing completely. We have had one closure related to heating issues on 07.11.22.

Current count of non-functional heaters or heating units - currently we are aware of 1 heater that is not working - job logged with Property, awaiting resolution.

There were issues with the underfloor heating in 2 rooms last year. This took some time to identify the fault, but once identified it was repaired immediately.

Reactive heating repairs during the timeframe requested were 40

Date	Priority	Description of repair	Outcome
25.05.21	Emergency 4 hrs	Boilers not firing correctly, low pressure warning	Repaired
21.07.21	Urgent 24 hours	Fault in pressurisation unit in boiler house	Repaired
12.07.21	Urgent 24 hours	Fault in pressurisation unit in boiler house	Repaired
14.07.21	Emergency 4 hrs	Bellows in boiler house leaking.	Repaired
19.08.21	Standard 5 days	Zone 71 & Zone 72 not linking to BEMS controller (heating)	Tech panel switched off, Gym panel faulty. Repair complete
15.09.21	Standard 5 days	Leaking condensit Boiler 3	Repaired
30.09.21	Urgent 24 hours	Convactor heater not working Room 3/8	Repaired
06.10.21	Urgent 24 hours	Heating panel and timeclock not accurate and some areas not responding	Repaired
25.10.21	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating in ASN building	Repaired
22.11.21	Urgent 24 hours	Convactor heater not working H Block 1st floor North	Repaired
02.12.21	Urgent 24 hours	No heating in H block North convectors	Cancelled - working again
08.12.21	Urgent 24 hours	No heating in Rm 1/3 and 1/4 convectors	Repaired
03.03.22	Emergency 4 hrs	Heating not working in Art, pressure failure	Changed set point. Working
11.05.22	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating or hot waters, major water leak in boiler house (no school closure)	Repaired bellows and refilled system
26.09.22	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating, Old Building, Technical (no school closure)	Pumps not running, repair done
30.09.22	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating in Music/Drama	Repaired
25.10.22	Urgent 24 hours	Replace heater in Canteen	Awaiting repair
07.11.22	Emergency 4 hrs	Bellows burst on main school heating pump (school closure)	Repaired
02.12.22	Emergency 4 hrs	Heating not working in PE	Reset - pins were stuck
19.12.22	Emergency 4 hrs	Leak from boiler in boiler room	Fault in compressor, repaired
19.12.22	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating, Music	Repaired
09.01.23	Standard 5 days	Repair heating control cables, air handling units PE roofs	Repaired
16.01.23	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating, Community Lounge, Gym	Repaired
16.01.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Leak in boiler house	Repaired
24.01.23	Urgent 24 hours	Convactor heater in Social Area very noisy	Repaired
24.01.23	Urgent 24 hours	GR1 no heating, convactor	Repaired
31.03.23	Standard 5 days	Rm 3/8 convactor heater not working	Repaired
26.05.23	Standard 5 days	HH courtyard air handling unit repair	Repaired leak, fully charged and checked
19.10.23	Standard 5 days	No heating in Highfield Hall	Isolation valve found to be turned off
19.10.23	Standard 5 days	Roof mounted convactor heaters no working Rm 1/8	Isolation valve found to be turned off

24.10.23	Standard 5 days	Heating not working in SLT offices, First Aid, PTG offices, Technician Base and Rm 3/8	Repaired
11.12.23	Emergency 4 hrs	No heating in Community / PE zone	Changed pump, now running
18.12.23	Standard 5 days	Air handling units above Gym 1&2 not working	Repaired
19.02.24	Standard 5 days	Water meter leaking in boiler house	Repaired
19.02.24	Urgent 24 hours	Convactor heater in Rm 1/9 blowing cold air	Repaired
15.04.24	Urgent 24 hours	No heating or hot water in SED building	Air in system following system drain the week previous
02.09.24	Standard 5 days	Check heating controls in HH area	Issue identified and repaired
18.11.24	Emergency 4 hrs	Heating not working in Rm 3/11	Repaired
22.11.24	Standard 5 days	Heating not working in Rectors office and Seafield office	Repaired
12.12.24	Emergency 4 hrs	Heating not working Gym 1	Repaired

4. Water Fountains and Legionella

We have 3 water fountains in school and all are operational.

None of them have ever been closed or unavailable due to failed legionella tests.

The only time the water fountains were turned off was to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

All P7/S1 pupils are issued with a reusable water bottle and have access to water at all times.

Water is available to purchase if pupils prefer.

We have a comprehensive Legionella testing programme, which consists of weekly, monthly and annual checks.

There has been no legionella in the school.

5. Additional Maintenance and Safety Concerns

Details of any other significant maintenance or safety issue/s reported at Buckie High School (such as electrical faults, asbestos-related concerns, or structural damage not covered above):

Gas/Electrical faults:

Date	Priority	Details of repair	Outcome
23.06.21	Urgent 24 hours	Buzzing light fitting SED / burning smell from light fitting Rm 2/10	Repaired
23.08.21	Urgent 24 hours	Gas pods tripping in Rm 3/5 & 3/8	Repaired
03.09.21	Urgent 24 hours	Gas/electric not working correctly in central resource area	Adjusted timer, left working
06.09.21	Urgent 24 hours	Fume cupboard, faulty motor	Rotation of fan corrected. Working correctly
25.05.22	Urgent 24 hours	Gas pod repairs, some fixings broken	Repaired
01.06.22	Emergency 4 hrs	Smell of gas in Rm 3/7. Gas protection cannot complete pressure test.	Gas leak located and repaired
10.01.23	Urgent 24 hours	Burning smell, Power Room H Block north	Repaired
21.03.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Burning smell 1st floor north landing, traced to pelmet light fitting	Light fitting replaced
29.05.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Gas alarm in Rm 3/9 going off, despite all gas being turned off	Tested gas, no leak. New methane meter fitted
31.05.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Expelair fans not working in Central Resources	Controls fault identified and repaired
17.08.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Faulty gas tap Rm 3/4	Replaced faulty gas tap and tested gas supply
01.09.23	Urgent 24 hours	2 faulty electrical sockets. Rm5 and Rm8. Sockets arcing when used	Replaced both sockets
26.09.23	Standard 5 days	Investigate flickering lights at Reception	Replaced faulty LED panel
25.10.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Burning smell in kitchen of SED. Socket faulty.	Socket replaced
09.11.23	Standard 5 days	Various lights not working	Repaired
21.11.23	Standard 5 days	Several security lights not working	Cherry picker attended
21.12.23	Urgent 24 hours	Check electric sockets Rm 2/8. Water may have gotten into them	Sockets found to be safe, no water in them
22.12.23	Emergency 4 hrs	Gas smell in Rm 3/3	Transco attended
29.04.24	Emergency 4 hrs	Electrical smell in Careers office	Replaced faulty socket
27.08.24	Urgent 24 hours	Emersion heater constantly boiling, SED	New thermostat installed
17.01.25	Emergency 4 hrs	Smell of gas in Technical	Transco attended
06.03.25	Emergency 4 hrs	Cable trailing on roof, possibly severed	Repaired and secured
28.04.25	Emergency 4 hrs	Striplight in canteen blew and smoking.	Replaced faulty light fitting and blown fuse

Asbestos-related concerns:

No asbestos-related concerns. There is a comprehensive asbestos register. All workmen are required to review this and sign it prior to any maintenance being done.

Structural Damage:

No structural damage to report.

Complaints or concerns raised by staff, parents or students
This information is not recorded.