



## CLEAPSS

### **The Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of School Science (based at Brunel University)**

#### **Introduction**

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council subscribes to CLEAPSS on behalf of its schools (plus Academies/Free schools with an SLA (service level agreement) with the Councils Occupational Safety Team). This gives access to high quality advice & curriculum support for Science, Design & Technology and Art. CLEAPSS is independent of all commercial or non-commercial organisations and its advice and guidance is completely impartial.

This information sheet is to advise school management of the services and publications available as part of this membership.

Please note that information from CLEAPSS, via the post or electronically, should not be confused with commercial flyers/promotions/junk mail as it forms recognised competent guidance for schools. Please make school administration staff aware of the delivery of CLEAPSS publications/information and make internal distribution arrangements. It is essential that all information is distributed to the school Science Co-ordinator. Any relevant Design & Technology (DT) and Art information should be further communicated to the appropriate Co-ordinator.

CLEAPSS enables the local authority to discharge its responsibilities as the employer under the *Health and Safety at Work Act* and subsequent Regulations with respect to activities carried out in these specialist curriculum areas. This legislation requires employers to protect their employees by, for example, providing safe working conditions, information & training for health and safety, and risk assessments for activities.

CLEAPSS guidance and documentation is recognised by the Health and Safety Executive and the Department for Education as providing current best practice advice, including model risk assessments, to the school and college setting.

Membership provides local authority officers, teachers, technicians, head teachers and governors access to the following CLEAPSS support:

- Access throughout the year (not just term time) to the CLEAPSS telephone and email Helpline.
- Access to the CLEAPSS website which contains, among other things, the Secondary Resource (around 550 publications intended for secondary science, including the much valued Hazcards and Recipe Sheets); the D&T resource which includes the updated Model Risk Assessments for Technology; and the Primary Resource, which

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contains CLEAPSS Primary Science & Technology publications. CLEAPSS is committed to regular review of these resources, so that they always offer members the most up to date and relevant advice.

- Secondary and primary termly newsletters distributed free to all schools. These provide a range of information on practical work in science and technology, important H&S updates, highlight new services or publications, and offer a vehicle to share useful ideas and experience amongst members.
- Access to an extensive range of health and safety and other training courses at discounted rates.

## CLEAPSS Website [www.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.cleapss.org.uk)

Access is controlled by username and password - details can be found in the termly Newsletter. The password changes each term.

All CLEAPSS publications are on the website. These cover everything from hatching chicks to managing radioactive sources and everything in-between.

Guidance covers Science, D&T (Food, Textiles, Resistant Materials, Construction) and Art for pupils aged 5 to 19.

Back copies of the newsletters are also available on the website.

## CLEAPSS Helpline Tel: 01895 251496 email: [science@cleapss.org.uk](mailto:science@cleapss.org.uk)

One of the key services provided by CLEAPSS is a free *Helpline* service. CLEAPSS advisers respond to queries by telephone, fax, letter or e-mail (including via the website) from teachers, technicians, senior leaders and local authority officers. The *Helpline* is staffed throughout term time and during holiday periods.

The helpline is there to offer specialist guidance and typical queries include:

- Is it safe to...?
- Where can I buy...?
- Which is the best...?
- Is it suitable for...?
- How can I teach...?
- I don't understand...
- Is it good value for money...?
- How can I...?
- What should I do if / when...?

### Newsletters

The CLEAPSS Newsletter is distributed termly to schools and provides details of new and existing publications, latest guidance, tips for technicians, training courses, warnings etc. Current and previous Newsletters can be viewed on the website.

### Training

CLEAPSS run a wide variety of training courses for primary or secondary teachers and technicians. Full details of the content of courses, dates and venues can be found on the website. (Schools can even offer to be a venue and get up to 3 free places, or the cash equivalent!)

### Consultancy

CLEAPSS also offer a range of specialist consultancy-type services for members. There is a charge for these services because they involve site visits, and details of charges are on the website.

### RPA services (Radiation Protection Advice)

The Council also subscribes to the CLEAPSS Radiation Protection Advice Service on behalf of schools. This service provides a response to the Ionising Radiations legislation and is to help and advise schools on managing radioactive sources, as required under the regulations. At least one of the Council Occupational Safety Advisers will be qualified and appointed to be a Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA) under the CLEAPSS 'RPA at a distance' service. For further information and advice contact the Occupational Safety Team on 01274 431007.

### CLEAPSS job advertisement service

CLEAPSS provides a service to members enabling them to post advertisements for technician jobs in science, D&T and art and design on the CLEAPSS website. There is no additional charge for this service.

For further details of CLEAPSS [www.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.cleapss.org.uk)