



Technical Fire Safety

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Please find below an outline of school types and responsibilities. They are intended to be used as a guide for enforcement and auditing purposes. Evidence and investigation should still be undertaken to clarify each case, but the guidance below should help you.

School Type

Who is responsible

Community

Local Authority

Community Special Local Authority and sometimes a board of Governors

Voluntary Controlled

Board Of Governors

Voluntary Aided

Diocese and board of governors

Foundation

Board of Governors

PFI School

The owning Company

Private Independent

The Owner or board of governors

United Learning Trust

The Trust

In all cases the head teacher will have a responsibility under RRO because they would usually control the day to day running.

The difference for each type of school is the who is in control of the Structure. The list above shows who is responsible for the structure in each case. There may of course be other variations.

The important point is the head teacher is always responsible but never in isolation unless they happen to be the owner.