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Pest and Vermin Control Strategy

Effective management of pests and vermin at River Academy is essential for maintaining cleanliness, hygiene, and the overall well-being of our community. This strategy outlines a systematic approach to identifying, preventing, and controlling common pests and vermin such as rats, mice, cockroaches, flies, and ants that may pose a threat to the integrity of our facilities.

By following the steps outlined in this strategy, we aim to create a proactive and sustainable solution that not only addresses existing pest issues but also mitigates future infestations. From regular maintenance and waste management practices to physical barriers and chemical control methods, each aspect of our strategy is designed to work synergistically to ensure the efficacy of our pest control efforts.

Furthermore, community involvement and collaboration with local authorities and pest control professionals are emphasised to foster a collective responsibility for maintaining a pest-free environment. Through ongoing monitoring, adaptation, and documentation of our pest control activities, we strive to continuously improve and refine our approach to meet the evolving needs of our community.

This Pest and Vermin Control Strategy will be implemented with diligence and commitment, safeguarding the cleanliness and hygiene of our external areas for the benefit of all.

Assessment and Identification:

Conduct a thorough assessment of the external bin store area to identify existing pest and vermin problems. Identify common pests and vermin such as rats, mice, cockroaches, flies, and ants that may be attracted to or nesting around the bin store.

Bin Maintenance and Hygiene:

Implement a strict schedule for regular cleaning and maintenance of bins to prevent food residue build-up and odours that attract pests. Ensure bins are securely closed and have tight-fitting lids to prevent access by pests. Repair any damaged bins or cracks that may provide entry points for pests.

Waste Management Practices:

Educate staff and students on proper waste disposal practices. Encourage the use of sealed bags for waste to minimize odours and leakage. Implement recycling programs to reduce the amount of organic waste in bins.

Landscaping and Vegetation Control:

Trim back vegetation around the bin store to eliminate hiding places and access points for pests. Remove any debris or clutter around the bin area that may provide shelter for pests.

Physical Barriers and Exclusion:

Install barriers such as wire mesh or rodent-proofing materials to prevent pests from accessing the bin storage area, as required. Seal any gaps or cracks in the building structure that pests could use to enter the bin store.

Monitoring and Surveillance:

Set up pest monitoring devices such as bait stations, traps, or cameras to detect and track pest activity. Regularly inspect the bin area for signs of pest infestation, including droppings, gnaw marks, and nests.

Chemical Control Methods:

Use pesticides or insecticides as a last resort and only when necessary, following all safety guidelines and regulations. Consider employing the services of a licensed pest control professional for application and monitoring of chemical treatments.

Regular Review and Adaptation:

Continuously review the effectiveness of the pest control measures in place and make adjustments as needed. Stay updated on new pest control technologies and best practices to improve the strategy over time.

Community Involvement:

Foster a sense of community responsibility by encouraging staff and students to report any pest sightings or concerns promptly. Collaborate with local authorities or pest control agencies to address broader pest control issues in the area.

Documentation and Record-Keeping:

Maintain detailed records of pest control activities, including inspections, treatments, and any pest-related incidents. Use this information to evaluate the success of the pest control strategy and make informed decisions for future management.

By implementing these steps, River Academy will ensure a robust Pest and Vermin Control Strategy, minimising the risk of infestation and ensuring a clean and hygienic environment for staff, students and the wider community.