



**GREATER
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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Hollymount RC Primary School
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Head teacher Hollymount RC Primary School,

During a routine familiarisation of the school by fire crews, it was identified that the school bins which are of commercial size are stored directly against the school building and very close to one of the emergency fire escapes.

Firstly, fire safety is a paramount concern. Bins, especially those containing flammable materials, can pose a significant fire hazard. In the event of a fire, bins placed against the building can accelerate the spread of flames, endangering the safety of students, staff, and the building itself. By storing bins at a safe distance from the building, risk can be reduced and ensure a safer environment for everyone. This also complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (FSO) which applies to all non-domestic premises, including educational institutions such as schools.

The fire service recommends that bin storage is created a safe distance from the main building which will reduce fire hazards and prevents obstructions in the pathway of the emergency exit.

I can also confirm that the private fire hydrant closest to the school is in the roadway and is accessible.

Yours faithfully

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