

## **Safer, Cleaner, Greener service: Health and safety commitment**

Health and safety is an integral part of our grounds care service. We operate a Health and safety management system which complies with the Calderdale Council Corporate health and safety policy and relevant safety legislation.

All work carried out by our Grounds and Arboricultural teams is risk assessed and monitored. Staff are trained to implement good health and safety practices, and have the required skills to carry out works competently and safely as a result of good ongoing training. They are provided with the correct Personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing, and use plant and equipment which is regularly maintained in the interest of both safety and continuity of service.

All grounds care staff will carry Calderdale Council identification and wear clothing/ uniform marked by the Calderdale Council corporate logo. Our staff will comply with school requirements – booking in at the school office / reporting to the appropriate representative before commencing any work. Wherever possible, maintenance tasks will be undertaken when children are least likely to be present.

We will ensure the school grounds are kept presentable at all times, enhancing the appearance of the school to pupils, parents and visitors.

Our services are good value for money, offering:

- Dedicated locally based management team, ensuring regular contact and support for onsite staff;
- Full COSHH (Control of substances hazardous to health) and risk assessed chemicals and procedures, ensuring health and safety compliance at all times.;
- In-house training available to ensure landscapes staff maintain a professional, reliable and consistent service, in line with relevant health and safety regulations;
- Extensive experience in the specific needs of all aspects of schools grounds maintenance;
- Bespoke maintenance contracts can be negotiated offering a range of options and flexibility to meet the requirements of your school academy or educational setting;
- Bespoke horticultural and hands on practical advice for school planting and gardening projects;
- Locally grown summer and winter bedding plants from our nursery at Manor Heath park.