

# **Laboratory safety rules for pupils**

**The following are enforced to keep yourself and your classmates safe while in a school laboratory.**

- 1.** Do not enter the laboratory without permission.
- 2.** Do not use any equipment unless permitted to do so by your teacher.
- 3.** Make sure you know exactly what you are supposed to do. If in doubt, ask your teacher.
- 4.** Make sure you know the position of all safety equipment in the laboratory, e.g. fire extinguishers and first aid equipment etc.
- 5.** Always wear eye protection or gloves when instructed to do so.
- 6.** Long hair must be tied back during practical classes.
- 7.** Place your bag and other personal items safely out of the way.
- 8.** Never handle any chemicals with bare hands.
- 9.** Nothing must be eaten, tasted or drunk in the laboratory.
- 10.** Any cut, burn or other accident must be reported at once to your teacher.
- 11.** Always check that the label on the bottle is exactly the same as the material you require. If in doubt, ask the teacher.
- 12.** Any chemical spilled on the skin or clothing must be washed at once with plenty of water and reported to your teacher.
- 13.** Test tubes should never be overfilled. When heating a test-tube ensure that the mouth of the test-tube is pointed away from yourself and everyone else.
- 14.** All equipment should be cleaned and put back in its correct place after use.
- 15.** Always wash your hands after practical work.
- 16.** Students should behave in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory.