



First Aid Policy

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1. Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, students and visitors
- Provide pre-accident intervention to minimize any potential risks
- Ensure that staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities with regards to health and safety and consistently apply the principles of RTI to ensure risk is reduced
- Provide a framework for responding to an incident and recording and reporting the outcomes

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on first aid in schools and health and safety in schools, and the following legislation:

- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, which state that employers must provide adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to enable first aid to be administered to employees, and qualified first aid personnel
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992, which require employers to make an assessment of the risks to the health and safety of their employees
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, which require employers to carry out risk assessments, make arrangements to implement necessary measures, and arrange for appropriate information and training
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013, which state that some accidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and set out the timeframe for this and how long records of such accidents must be kept
- Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, which set out rules on the retention
- The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of students

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school has an appointed person who is responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role (see section 7) and are responsible for:

- Acting as first responders to any incidents; they will assess the situation where there is an injured or ill person, and provide immediate and appropriate treatment
- Sending students home to recover, where necessary
- Filling in the Accident Record Book form on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident

Our school's appointed person/first aiders names are displayed prominently around the school.

3.2 The Proprietal Board

The Proprietal Board has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates responsibility for the strategic management of such matters to the head teacher.

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3.3 The head teacher

The head teacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of appointed persons and/or trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Ensuring all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Ensuring appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or ensuring that school staff undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Ensuring that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of students
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

3.4 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing or assisting with the completion of the Accident Record Book for all incidents they witness and/or attend to.
- Informing the head teacher (who will confidentially inform the relevant first aider/s) of any personal specific health conditions (e.g. asthma, diabetes, haemophilia, epilepsy, severe allergic reactions etc) or first aid needs they may have, which impact at work.

4. First aid procedures

4.1 In-school procedures

On-going medical issues of students and staff will be recorded on the school's information management system and any member of staff taking students off site, will check the up-to-date information and must include this in their risk assessment.

In the event of an accident resulting in injury:

- The closest member of staff present will assess the seriousness of the injury and call for the emergency services if deemed appropriate, before seeking the assistance of a qualified first aider, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment
- The first aider, if called, will assess the injury and decide if further assistance is needed from a colleague or the emergency services. A first aider will remain on scene until help arrives
- If the first aider judges that a student is too unwell to remain in school, arrangements will be made to return the student home. The first aider will pass on any relevant information to ensure continuity of care.
- If emergency services are called, the head teacher, or other designated member of staff, will contact the most appropriate person with parental responsibility at the earliest opportunity
- The first aider/relevant member of staff will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury, circulating it as required.

4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking students off the school premises, staff will ensure they always have the following:

- A mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit containing as a minimum;
 - A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
 - 6 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings
 - 1 large sterile unmedicated dressing
 - 2 triangular bandages – individually wrapped and preferably sterile
 - 2 safety pins
 - Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
 - 2 pairs of disposable gloves
- Information about the specific medical needs of students and have any necessary medication with them e.g. asthma inhaler
- Emergency contact details

When transporting larger numbers of students for example for a whole school trip staff will make sure the vehicle is equipped with a clearly marked first aid box containing, at minimum:

- 10 antiseptic wipes, foil packed
- 1 conforming disposable bandage (not less than 7.5cm wide)
- 2 triangular bandages
- 1 packet of 24 assorted adhesive dressings
- 3 large sterile unmedicated ambulance dressings (not less than 15cm × 20 cm)
- 2 sterile eye pads, with attachments
- 12 assorted safety pins
- 1 pair of rustproof blunt-ended scissors

Risk assessments will be completed by the member of school staff organising the visit and approved by the head teacher.

There will always be at least one emergency first aider on school trips and visits.

5. First aid equipment

A typical first aid kit in our school will include the following:

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
- 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
- 2 sterile eye pads
- 2 individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile)
- 6 safety pins
- medium-sized individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- 2 large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- 3 pairs of disposable gloves

- Burns kit in Science Lab and Food Technology room

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The staff room
- The School Administrator's Office
- Food Technology Room
- The SENCo's Office
- The Log Cabin classrooms
- The Art Room
- Panda Classroom – Main Education Block
- The Design and Technology/Clay workshop
- The Sports Hall
- School vehicles

1. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident record book

- The Accident Record Book will be completed by the first aider/relevant member of staff on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury
- Any head injuries will be reported to the appropriate member of care staff or carer/parent on the day, together with advice on how to monitor the student over the next 24 hours
- As much detail as possible should be supplied when reporting an accident, including all of the information required by the Accident Record Book form
- A copy of the Accident Record Book form for New Reflexions students will be sent to head office for processing. For all students, accident record book forms will be saved in their folder by the administration staff and can be shared with carers/parents if appropriate.
- School staff will ensure that the relevant people have been informed, and the Accident Book will be annotated accordingly.
- Records held in the Accident Record Book will be retained by the school for a minimum of 3 years, in accordance with regulation 25 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, and then securely disposed of.
- The Accident Record Book is located in the staffroom

6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The head teacher will keep a record of any accident which results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7).

The head teacher will report these to the Director for Health and Safety who will then inform the Health and Safety Executive as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident.

Reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences include:

- Death
- Specified injuries, which are:
 - Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs and toes
 - Amputations
 - Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight

- Any crush injury to the head or torso causing damage to the brain or internal organs
- Serious burns (including scalding)
- Any scalping requiring hospital treatment
- Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia
- Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness, or requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours
- Injuries where an employee is away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident)
- Where an accident leads to someone being taken to hospital
- Near-miss events that do not result in an injury but could have done. Examples of near-miss events relevant to schools include, but are not limited to:
 - The collapse or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment
 - The accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
 - The accidental release or escape of any substance that may cause a serious injury or damage to health
 - An electrical short circuit or overload causing a fire or explosion

Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here (although this will be completed by the Director for Health and Safety):

[How to make a RIDDOR report, HSE](http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm)
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

7. Training

All first aiders must have completed a training course and must hold a valid certificate of competence to show this. The school will keep a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and when this is valid until.

First aiders must arrange to retrain **before** their first aid certificate expires. If their certificate has already expired, they need to retake the full first aid course.

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the head teacher annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the director with responsibility for Health and Safety.

9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and Safety policy
- Risk Assessment policy
- Medication Policy
- Interpersonal and Intimate Care Policy

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