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First Aid Policy

APPROVAL & ADOPTION

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1. Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, pupils and visitors
- Ensure that staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities with regards to health and safety
- Provide a framework for responding to an incident and recording and reporting the outcomes

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the [statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), guidance from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on [incident reporting 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
- [The Social Security \(Claims and Payments\) Regulations 1979](#), which set out rules on the retention of accident records

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 Appointed person and first aiders

The school's appointed first aider is Mandy Mc Corry. She is responsible for:

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

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role 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 pupils home to recover, where necessary.
- Filling in an accident report on the same day as, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident.
- Keeping their contact details up to date.

3.2 The local authority and governing board

KCC has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates responsibility for the strategic management of such matters to the school's governing board.

The governing board delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the Executive headteacher/Head of School and staff members.

3.3 The Executive Headteacher

The Executive Headteacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

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

3.4 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Making sure they follow first aid procedures
- Making sure they know who the appointed person in school is
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where the appointed person/first aider is not called
- Informing the Executive Headteacher or their manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

4. First aid procedures

4.1 In-school procedures

In the event of an accident resulting in injury:

- The closest member of staff present will assess the seriousness of the injury and seek the assistance of a qualified first aider, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment.
- The appointed person/first aider, if called, will assess the injury and decide if further assistance is needed from a colleague or the emergency services. They will remain on the scene until help arrives.
- If the injured person (or their parents/carers, in the case of pupils) has not provided their consent to the school to receive first aid, the first aider will act in accordance with the alternative arrangements (for example, contacting a medical professional to deliver the treatment).
- The appointed person/first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- If the appointed person/ first aider judges that a pupil is too unwell to remain in school, the office administrator or Head of School will contact parents/carers and ask them to collect their child. On the parents/carers' arrival, the parents will be given any details of first aid given.
- If emergency services are called, the office administrator or Head of School will contact parents/carers immediately.
- The member of staff/ first aider will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practicable after an incident resulting in an injury.
- All head injuries need to be checked by Mrs McCorry or Mrs Blench.

There will be at least 1 person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on the premises at all times.

4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will make sure that they always have the following:

- A mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit including, at minimum:
 - A leaflet with resuscitation advice
 - Regular and large bandages
 - Wound dressings
 - Gauze squares
 - Antiseptic wipes
 - Plasters of assorted sizes
 - Resuscitation face shield

- 2 triangular bandages – individually wrapped
- Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
- Sterowash- (for eyes and wounds)
- 2 pairs of disposable gloves

- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils.
- Parents/carers' contact details and consent.

When transporting pupils using a minibus or other large vehicle, the school will make sure the vehicle is equipped with a clearly marked first aid box.

Risk assessments will be completed by the member of staff responsible for the trip prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

The procedure in 4.1 will be followed as closely as possible for any off-site accidents (though whether the parents/carers can collect their child will depend on the location and duration of the trip).

There will always be at least 1 first aider with a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on school trips and visits, (Reception age children)as required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

5. First aid equipment

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

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

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The office- grab bag for emergencies
- Reception class
- Key Stage 1 area in first aid cupboard
- The school hall
- The staff room
- The library
- Blossom class- kitchen
- Outside Year 5 classroom and Year 3
- The kitchen

The school has a **defibrillator** located in the staffroom

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider or relevant member of staff on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury.
- As much detail as possible will be supplied when reporting an accident using the accident book located in the staffroom.
- For accidents involving pupils, a copy of the accident report form will also be given to the parents. It may be necessary to phone the parents informing them of an injury prior to them collecting the child at the end of the day. (See appendix 2 – calling parents guidelines)
- Records held in the first aid and accident 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.

➤ 6.2 Reporting to the HSE

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

The Executive Headteacher/Head of School will report these to the HSE as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident – except where indicated below. Fatal and major injuries and dangerous occurrences will be reported without delay (i.e. by telephone) and followed up in writing within 10 days.

School staff: reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences

These 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) which:
 - Covers more than 10% of the whole body's total surface area; or
 - Causes significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs
 - 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
- Work-related injuries that lead to an employee being away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident). In this case, the Executive Headteacher/ Head of School will report these to the HSE as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 15 days of the accident

- Occupational diseases where a doctor has made a written diagnosis that the disease is linked to occupational exposure. These include:
 - Carpal tunnel syndrome
 - Severe cramp of the hand or forearm
 - Occupational dermatitis, e.g. from exposure to strong acids or alkalis, including domestic bleach
 - Hand-arm vibration syndrome
 - Occupational asthma, e.g. from wood dust
 - Tendonitis or tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm
 - Any occupational cancer
 - Any disease attributed to an occupational exposure to a biological agent
- 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

Pupils and other people who are not at work (e.g. visitors): reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences

These include:

- Death of a person that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity*
- An injury that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity* and where the person is taken directly from the scene of the accident to hospital for treatment

*An accident “arises out of” or is “connected with a work activity” if it was caused by:

- A failure in the way a work activity was organised (e.g. inadequate supervision of a field trip)
- The way equipment or substances were used (e.g. lifts, machinery, experiments etc); and/or
- The condition of the premises (e.g. poorly maintained or slippery floors)

Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here:

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

6.3 Notifying parents/carers

The school will inform parents/carers of any accident or injury sustained by a pupil, and any first aid treatment given, on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable. Parents/carers will also be informed if emergency services are called.

6.4 Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies

The Executive Headteacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a child while in the school’s care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident. For children in Early Years, we must also report:

- Broken bones
- Consciousness

- Resuscitation
- Hospital admittance over 24 hours

The Executive Headteacher will also notify Kent County Council of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, a pupil while in the school's care.

7. Training

All school staff are able to undertake first aid training if they would like to.

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.

The school will arrange for first aiders to retrain before their first aid certificates expire. In cases where a certificate expires, the school will arrange for staff to retake the full first aid course before being reinstated as a first aider.

At all times, at least 1 staff member will have a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate that meets the requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework. The PFA certificate will be renewed every 3 years.

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy reviewed by the Executive Headteacher every two years.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing body.

The first aid provision will be reviewed by the appointed person at least annually.

9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the:

- Health and safety policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Policy on supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Allergy Policy

Appendix 1: list of **Appointed person and first aiders**

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME	ROLE	CONTACT DETAILS
Mandy McCorry	Appointed person- Paediatric First Aid	Office@winghamprimary.co.uk
Marie Blench	Reception Class Teacher- Paediatric First Aid	As above
Laura Anderson	Teaching Assistant -(Reception) Paediatric First Aid	As above
Sam Penfold	Afterschool Club- Paediatric First Aid	As above
Jordon McCorry	Blossom Class teacher- Paediatric First Aid	As above
Hayley Frost	Teaching Assistant – Paediatric First Aid	As above
Caz Burke, Maureen Cork, Cara Kent, Sarah Braund, Sam Perry	Emergency first aid	As above
All teachers	Basic first aid awareness	As above

Calling Parents – guidelines

1. **BUMPED HEAD LARGE VISIBLE BUMP**
2. **ANY BITE OR STING-** parents need to tell is if they have been bitten/stung before. They may want anti-histamine administered either by school staff or come in themselves
3. **VOMITING-** parents need to take the child home
4. **NOSE BLEED-** if longer than 30 minutes
5. **SUSPECTED BREAK/SPRAIN/STRAIN**
6. **GENERAL DISTRESS AFTER A FALL/ACCIDENT**
7. **RASHES**
8. **BURNS**
9. **ASTHMA-** If any concerns call 999 immediately before parents
10. **EYE INJURY-** inform parents if eye is bloodshot/swollen after injury

Appendix 3:

Calling 999

- 1. HEART ATTACK-** sit casualty comfortably against a wall. Call 999
- 2. SHOCK-** casualty has loss of blood/fluid from injury. Pale, cold, clammy. Raise legs. Call 999
- 3. UNCONSCIOUS, BREATHING-** check ABCD. Call 999, recovery position
- 4. UNCONSCIOUS, NOT BREATHING-** check ABCD, start CPR, call for Defib, call 999
- 5. OBVIOUS BREAK-** avoid moving casualty unless airway is compromised. Call 999
- 6. SEIZURE-** if first one or over 5 minutes. Call 999
- 7. BURNS-** if deep burn and /or casualty is going into shock. Call 999
- 8. ASTHMA**
- 9. HEAD INJURY-** if casualty vomits, call 999
- 10. DIABETIC COMA**
- 11. ANAFLAXIS**

