

# 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, 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

- [Social Security \(Claims and Payments\) Regulations 1979](#), which set out rules on the retention of accident records
- [The School Premises \(England\) Regulations 2012](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

### 3. Roles and responsibilities

#### 3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed person(s) are Ange Wright, SLT and Jo Baker. They are 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 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

Our school's appointed person(s) and/or first aiders are listed in the school office. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school site.

#### 3.2 The local authority and governing board

Solihull Local Authority 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 headteacher and staff members.

#### 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 managers 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 pupils
- 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 and/or appointed person(s) in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider/appointed person is not called
- Informing the 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 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
- The first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- If the first aider judges that a pupil is too unwell to remain in school, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child. On their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents/carers
- If emergency services are called, Ange Wright, SLT or Office team will contact parents/carers immediately
- 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. Accident report forms are available on the Local Authority ASSURE system. All permanent staff have access to this. Any accident involving non staff members e.g. supply, visitors, contractors etc. should request the electronic link to be sent to their email so they can complete the form.
- Where students are involved in an accident or require first aid support an accident slip will be completed and sent home to their parent/carer and a phone call home will be made by the relevant staff.

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**

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 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
- The first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- If the first aider judges that a pupil is too unwell, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child. On their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents/carers
- If emergency services are called, the educational visits co-ordinator will contact parents/carers immediately
- 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. Accident report forms are available on the

LA ASSURE system. All permanent staff have access to this any accident involving non staff, members e.g. supply, visitors, contractors etc. should request the electronic link to be sent to their email so they can complete the form.

- Where students are involved in an accident or require first aid support an accident slip will be completed and sent home to parent/carer and a phone call home will be made by the relevant staff.

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

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

- A mobile phone and the number shared with the school office, educational visits co-ordinator and the head teacher
- A portable first aid kit including, at minimum:
  - A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
  - Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings
  - Large sterile unmediated dressing
  - Triangular bandages – individually wrapped and preferably sterile
  - Safety pins
  - Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
  - Disposable gloves
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils
- Medication for students held in school
- Parents/carers' contact details

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 containing, at minimum:

- Antiseptic wipes, foil packed
- Conforming disposable bandage (not less than 7.5cm wide)
- Triangular bandages
- Assorted adhesive dressings
- Large sterile unmedicated ambulance dressings (not less than 15cm x 20 cm)
- Sterile eye pads, with attachments
- Safety pins
- 1 pair of rustproof blunt-ended scissors

Risk assessments will be completed by the Key Stage Leads prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

There will always be at least 1 first aider with a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on school trips and visits, 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 general advice on first aid
- Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
- Sterile eye pads

- Individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile)
- Safety pins
- Medium-sized individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- Large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- Disposable gloves

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical room
- Reception (at the desk)
- The school kitchens
- School vehicles

## 6. Record-keeping and reporting

### 6.1 First aid and accident record book

- 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. Accident report forms are available on the LA ASSURE system. All permanent staff have access to this any accident involving non staff members e.g. supply, visitors, contractors etc. should request the electronic link to be sent to their email so they can complete the form.
- As much detail as possible should be supplied when reporting an accident, including all of the information included in the accident form
- For accidents involving pupils, a copy of the accident report will be sent home and a call made to parents/carers
- 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. The 3-year retention period only applies to pupils where the injury takes place on or after their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This is due to the Limitations Act 1990 which specifies that the time limit for making a personal injury claim is 3 years from the date of the accident however, this only begins when they turn 18.
- For pupils under the age of 18, on the date of the accident records will be retained until the pupil turns 21.

### 6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The head teacher 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 head teacher and/Local Authority Health and Safety Team 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 head teacher or a member of the Local Authority Health and Safety Team] 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>

## 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 (see appendix 3).

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 will be reviewed by the Ange Wright every year

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

## 9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the:

- Health and safety policy
- Risk assessment policy
- Policy on supporting pupils with medical conditions

**Appendix 1: A list of trained first aiders will be kept in the school office and circulated around the school site**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>EXPIRY</b>
<b>ANGE WRIGHT</b>	<b>EFAW-PFA-FAW</b>	<b>24.11.25 &amp;30.11.25</b>
<b>JOHN KENNARD</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>03.05.2025</b>
<b>DEB SMITH</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>08.03.25</b>
<b>CHLOE HANLON</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>05.02.26</b>
<b>DAN WILKINSON</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.03.2025</b>
<b>LIZZIE SHERIDAN</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.03.2025</b>
<b>ALISON WHITE</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.11.25</b>
<b>ELLIE HUGHES</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.11.25</b>
<b>SAM RYAN-GREALISH</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.11.25</b>
<b>TONI WALL</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.11.25</b>
<b>ANDREW HOPKINS</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>30.11.25</b>
<b>MIKE NASH</b>	<b>FIRST AID AT WORK</b>	<b>11.03.25</b>
<b>BERN KENNARD</b>	<b>FIRST AID AT WORK</b>	<b>12.12.25</b>
<b>CLAIR GARRY</b>	<b>FIRST AID AT WORK</b>	<b>12.12.25</b>
<b>MICHELLE NEWMAN</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>08.02.2025</b>
<b>HELENA DOUGLAS</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>
<b>LUCY WALKER</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>

<b>MANDI POUTNEY</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>
<b>KATIE JONES</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>
<b>ANNA ANDREOU</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>
<b>SADAF HUSSAIN</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>
<b>AMANDA SHUTE</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>
<b>AMY TOON</b>	<b>PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID</b>	<b>28.10.26</b>