

# First aid policy

## Whinstone Primary School



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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

We are a Rights Respecting School that places the UN convention of the rights of the child at the heart of our ethos and curriculum. It is our aim that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. This policy promotes:

**Article 24** (health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

## 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), 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 of accident records
- [The Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

*As our school has Early Years Foundation Stage provision, at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises at all times. All Early Years teachers and Early Years Level 3 Teaching Assistants have the required qualification.*

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

The school's appointed persons are listed in Appendix 1. 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, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident (see the template in appendix 2)
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's appointed person(s) and/or first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school.

### **3.2 The Local Governing Body**

The governing board has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the headteacher and staff members.

### **3.4 The headteacher**

The headteacher 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)

### **3.5 Staff**

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports (see appendix 2) 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 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 will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents
- If emergency services are called, the relevant member of staff will contact parents 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

## 4.2 Off-site procedures

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

- A school mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils
- Parents' contact details

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

There will always be at least one first aider with a current paediatric first aid certificate on school trips and visits, as required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

## 5. First aid equipment

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

- A leaflet with general first aid advice
- Regular and large bandages
- Eye pad bandages
- Triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Safety pins
- Disposable gloves
- Antiseptic wipes
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Cold compresses
- Burns dressings

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical room
- Reception (at the desk)
- Individual teams
  - EY nursery kitchen area
  - EY Reception – sink area
  - Year 1 – wet area
  - Year 2 – cupboard outside of pupil toilets
  - Year 3 – wet area
  - Year 4 – wet area
  - Year 5/6 - cooking area
- The school kitchens
- School minibus

## 6. Record-keeping and reporting

### 6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form 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
- As much detail as possible should be supplied when reporting an accident, including all of the information included in the accident form at appendix 2
- A copy of the accident report form will be held in the school office – and a copy sent home
- 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 Headteacher 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 Headteacher will report these to 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:

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

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### 6.3 Notifying parents

The class teacher will inform parents 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. A copy of the accident form will be sent home with pupils

## **6.4 Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies**

The Headteacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a pupil while in the school's care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident.

The Headteacher will also notify Stockton Local Authority Health & Safety 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 (see appendix 3).

Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training when it is no longer valid.

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

## **8. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed by the Deputy Headteacher on an annual basis

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Local Governing Body.

## **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: list of appointed person(s) for first aid and/or trained first aiders

Name	Date	First aid course	Renew	Provider	Based area of school 2019/20
M Good.	May 19	Emergency First Aid	May 22	JD training	KS2 / Lunch
C Artley	July 19	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	July 22	JD training	EY
J Hogg	June 19	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	June 22	JD training	Whole School
M Jones	June 19	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	June 22	JD training	KS1 - breakfast club
C Wilson Dukes	July 19	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	July 22	JD training	EY
K Hards	July 19	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	July 22	JD training	EY /KS1
K Holder	Oct 17	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Oct 20	JD training	EY
R Clarke	Oct 17	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Oct 20	JD training	EY
A Brown	Oct 17	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Oct 20	JD training	EY KS1 lunch
L Newlove	Nov 17	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Nov 20	JD training	Whole school / b-fast club
J Edon	Nov 17	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Nov 20	JD training	EY
K Syson	Nov 17	First aid with Paediatric	Nov 20	JD training	KS2 / lunch
R Ford	Nov 17	First aid with paediatric	Nov 20	JD training	KS1
N Lofts	Jan 18	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Feb 21	JD training	EY
A Whitelock	Jan 18	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Feb 21	JD training	EY / breakfast club
R Craig	March 18	First aid with paediatric	March 21	JD training	Whole School
S Carter	Sept 18	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Sept 21	JD training	Whole school
F Elliott	Sept 18	First aid with paediatric	Sept 21	JD training	KS2 / breakfast club
L Willis	Sept 18	First aid with paediatric	Sept 21	JD training	KS1 / breakfast club
T Pallant	Sept 18	First aid with paediatric	Sept 21	JD training	KS2 / lunch

C Morrison	Sept 18	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Sept 21	JD training	EY
S Davies	Sept 18	Paediatric first aid (2 day course)	Sept 21	JD training	EY / breakfast club
D Stansmore	March 19	Emergency First Aid	March 22	JD training	Whole school
S Sanderson	May 19	Emergency First Aid	May 22	JD training	KS1
B Smith	May 19	Emergency First Aid	May 22	JD training	KS1

## Appendix 2: accident report form



### Whinstone Primary School Pupil Accident Report

Pupil Name : \_\_\_\_\_ . Class : \_\_\_\_\_ .

Date and time of injury : \_\_\_\_\_ . Where did the injury occur? : \_\_\_\_\_ .

Accident/injury (please circle)

Graze to knee or leg                      Minor laceration to the arm                      Bumped head (see below)

Graze to arm/upper body                      Minor laceration to the leg

Graze to face                      Minor laceration to the face

Bruising to : \_\_\_\_\_ .

Other injury or further information

Treatment (please circle)                      Plaster applied                      Wound cleaned                      Cold compress

Other

If cold compress was given for a bumped head please see guidance below

Name of adult completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### Bumped head guidance

We recommend that you are vigilant over the next 12 hours and if you notice the following signs or symptoms seek medical advice

A deterioration in levels of response                      Unequal pupils                      Weakness or paralysis down one side

Disorientation or confusion                      Raised temperature                      dizziness or nausea

Loss of memory

## Appendix 3: first aid training log

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