

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 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 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 has trained paediatric first aiders and First Aid at Work first aiders. They 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;
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate;
- Sending pupils home to recover, where necessary;
- Filling in an accident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after a serious incident.

3.2. The local authority and governing board

Essex 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 Head of School and staff members.

3.3. The Head of School

The Head of School is responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of 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.

3.4. Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures;
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are;
- Recording instances of first aid as per school procedures;
- Informing the Head of School 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 School will contact parents immediately.
- The relevant member of staff will complete an accident report form if needed on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practicable after an incident resulting in an injury. When necessary the Head of School will report the accident to the local authority.

4.2. Off-site procedures

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

- A mobile phone;
- A portable first aid kit;
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils;
- Prescribed medication for students with a medical care plan, such as asthma inhaler or EpiPen;
- Access to parents' contact details.

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

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

There will always be at least one first aider on school trips and visits in Key Stage 1.

5. Record-keeping and reporting

5.1. First aid and accident record book

- An accident record is completed for all incidents requiring first aid.
- If the first aid given is very minor, for example a wipe with water, parents may not be informed but the incident will be recorded.
- If an incident has required first aid such as a cold compress or plaster, but no further action is needed, parents are informed via a blue note in the child's book bag, or a report in person at the end of the day.
- For a more serious injury, we will call parents directly so they are aware of our concerns and any monitoring that may be required at home. We may ask a parent to collect their child and we may advise further checks from a medical professional.
- Some accidents may be reported to the local authority, normally when an accident has meant a trip to hospital. In this instance a copy of the accident report form will be kept by the Head of School until the child is 21 years old.

5.2. Reporting to the HSE

The Head of School 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 of School 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.

5.3. Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies

The Head of School 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. Advice will always be taken as to whether these agencies need to be informed. The Head of School will also notify local authority child protection agencies of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, a pupil while in the school's care.

6. Training

All school staff are expected to undertake first aid training every three years, provided by the school.

7. Equality statement

The governors and staff are committed to providing the full range of opportunities for all pupils regardless of gender, disability, and ethnicity, social, cultural or religious background. All pupils have access to the curriculum and the right to a learning environment which dispels ignorance, prejudice or stereotyping.