



Shinfield St Mary's C of E Junior School



First Aid Policy

Our Vision

Jesus said 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' John 13, 34

This commandment guides us all to love and value all members of the school community. Children and adults from all backgrounds will thrive in the belief that diversity is to be celebrated and respected. As well as loving those who are present in our lives, they will interact in the world in ways that reflect their responsibilities as global citizens and custodians of our planet. Our children will make an impact in the wider world which will benefit future generations.

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This is a policy delegated to the responsibility of the Local Governing Committee of The Piggott School by Agape Trust Board.

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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 advice from the Department for Education on first aid in schools and 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 assess 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, plan 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
- › DfE – Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions
- › Wokingham Borough Council – First Aid for Schools document
- › Wokingham Borough Council- Assessment of First Aid Needs
- › First Aid at Work Qualification (FAW)

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Roles and responsibilities

We aim to have a minimum of 1 FAW qualified staff on site during normal school hours to care for employees, pupils and/or visitors in case they are injured. We also have 7 members of staff with Paediatric First Aid certificates. In deciding upon the number of trained first aiders, we have considered the nature of our site, activities undertaken, the number of staff, and the location of the school.

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First aid provision is available during the school's main operational hours from Reception (8:30am until 4:30pm.)

3.1 First aiders

The First Aiders are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Escalating to senior leadership if an ambulance or other professional medical help is deemed necessary
- To follow the school's safeguarding practices to protect the students and themselves
- Acting as first responders to any incidents assessing the situation where there is an injured or ill person, and providing immediate and appropriate treatment to the best of their abilities
- Escalating to senior leadership if it is deemed a child needs to be sent home
- Filling in an incident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident, as advised
- For all injuries, the first aid log should be completed
- Keeping their contact details up to date
- Maintaining their qualification by arranging with the school appropriate courses and attending, as required

Our list of qualified first aiders is kept up to date by the SBM and is published in the 'Staff Handbook.' The list of qualified first aiders is also in the office and at the front of the first aid log.

3.2 Reception

Reception staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in the first aid cupboard
- Ensuring student records on Arbor are kept up to date for those students requiring EpiPens and/or inhalers
- Ensuring Arbor is kept up to date with parents/carers consent for the school to administer paracetamol, antihistamines, burn gel or bite / sting relief spray
- Providing class teachers with a list of medical needs

3.3. First Aiders

First Aiders are responsible for

- > Replenishing First Aid kits as required
- > Reporting supply levels of medical materials to Reception, if they become low

3.4 Agape Multi Academy Trust

The Trust Board has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the Headteacher, the Site Team and staff members.

3.5 The Headteacher

The Headteacher and Site Team are responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

➤ Ensuring that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel are always present in the school

- 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)
- Reporting accidents where hospital treatment has been required to the Trust Team

3.6 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Reading the first aid policy and procedures and any subsequent amendments to these documents
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider is not called
- Making the SBM/Headteacher aware of any existing medical conditions that may affect them at work

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 aim to 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 student is too unwell to remain in school, in conjunction with the Leadership team, 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, parents/carers will be contacted as soon as possible
- The first aider will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury

- For any accident which results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation should be reported to the Headteacher and Site Team using the email address: RIDDOR@piggottschool.org

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
- Any student medication such as auto injectors, inhalers or medication kept in school for them for the trips
- Parents' contact details
- Details of the out-of-hours emergency school contacts and emergency procedures
- Emergency contact details for other members of the trip staff

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

When transporting pupils using the school minibus or other large vehicle, the school will make sure a first aid kit is taken in the vehicle.

We always try to ensure that a member of staff who is first aid trained accompanies each trip, but this is not always possible. In these rare instances, we ensure that there are designated first aid trained staff at the venue. Consideration will be given to the most appropriate members of staff to accompany the trip, taking into account any specific medical needs of the students.

5. First aid equipment

The school has a defibrillator which is located in the school hall.

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

- Regular and large bandages
- Eye pad bandages
- Triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Disposable gloves
- Antiseptic wipes
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Burns dressings

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

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- First Aid area
- Each year group
- Outside on playground

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form (or for minor injuries the first aid log) will be completed by the first aider on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury. Parent notification about an injury is determined by its seriousness, it will be delivered via either an accident form, phone call, or email.
- As much detail as possible should be supplied when reporting an accident.
- For injuries requiring hospital treatment a copy of the accident form will be sent to the Trust Team by the Headteacher.
- Records of accidents will be retained by the school until the student reaches 25 years of age.

6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The Headteacher will report 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 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 either covers more than 10% of the whole body's 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 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). In this case, the

Headteacher, 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 can 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 keeps a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and when this is valid until.

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

A defibrillator is available at the school in the school hall. Defibrillator training is provided as part of First Aid training but is available for any member of the staff or public to use.

Training for asthma, SAR'S (epipen), diabetes and epilepsy takes place annually from the Schools Nursing Team as needed.

8. Equality Act 2010

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for staff, pupils/students and visitors with protected characteristics as part of our commitment to meet the public sector equality duty requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. If you feel you have or may be negatively impacted by this policy, please contact us.

9. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher every 3 years.

The review and approval of this policy has been delegated to the Headteacher by the Local Governing Committee.

10. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

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