



## **First Aid Policy**

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## **Statement of intent**

St. Peter's CofE Primary Academy Mansfield is committed to providing emergency first aid provision in order to deal with accidents and incidents affecting employees, children and visitors. The arrangements within this policy are based on the results of a suitable and sufficient risk assessment carried out by the school in regards to all staff, pupils and visitors.

St. Peter's CofE Primary Academy Mansfield will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff and pupils. Details of such precautions are noted in the following policies:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Educational Visits and School Trips Policy

The First Aiders have overall responsibility for ensuring that the school has adequate and appropriate first aid equipment and facilities, and for ensuring that the correct first aid procedures are followed.

## **1. Legal framework**

1.1. This policy has due regard to statutory legislation, including, but not limited to the following:

- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and approved code of practice and guidance
- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and subsequent regulations and guidance

## **2. Aims**

2.1. All staff should read and be aware of this policy, know who to contact in the event of any illness, accident or injury, and ensure this policy is followed in relation to the administration of first aid.

2.2. All staff will use their best endeavours, at all times, to secure the welfare of the pupils.

2.3. Anyone on the school premises is expected to take reasonable care for their own and others' safety.

2.4. The aim of this policy is to:

- Ensure that the school has adequate, safe and effective first aid provision in order for every pupil, member of staff and visitor to be well looked after in the event of any illness, accident or injury; no matter how major or minor.
- Ensure that all staff and pupils are aware of the procedures in the event of any illness, accident or injury.
- Ensure that medicines are only administered at the school when express permission has been granted for this.
- Ensure that all medicines are appropriately stored.
- Promote effective infection control.

2.5. Nothing in this policy should affect the ability of any person to contact the emergency services in the event of a medical emergency. For the avoidance of doubt, staff should dial 999 for the emergency services in the event of a medical emergency before implementing the terms of this policy, and make clear arrangements for liaison with ambulance services on the school site.

2.6. To achieve the aims of this policy, the school will have suitably stocked first aid boxes. Where there is no special risk identified, a minimum provision of first aid items would be:

- Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes);
- Selection of individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings;
- One pair of disposable gloves.
- Equivalent or additional items are acceptable
- During COVID19, PPE (masks, gloves, aprons) will also be stocked in the first aid kits. Goggles are available centrally.

2.7. Class Teachers/ Teaching assistants are responsible for checking the first aid boxes frequently in their classroom and restocking as soon as possible after use. There is a list of contents required with first aid boxes. Items should be discarded safely after the expiry date has passed.

2.8. First aid boxes are located in the following areas: Under the sink in each classroom.

### **3. First aiders**

- 3.1. The main duties of first aiders are to give immediate first aid to pupils, staff or visitors and to ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is called, when necessary.
- 3.2. First aiders are to ensure that their first aid certificates are kept up-to-date through liaison with the school business manager.
- 3.3. Each classroom's first aiders have a responsibility to ensure all first aid kits are properly stocked and maintained. Each class's appointed person(s) will be responsible for maintaining supplies.
- 3.4. The current first aid appointed person(s) are: Pam Thompson, Ruth Widdowson, Deb Hyatt, Helen Strauther (Paediatric First Aid). Deb White and Val Marland are the appointed outdoor first aid appointed persons. 19 other members of staff have basic first aid training (Emergency First Aid at Work).

### **4. Emergency procedure in the event of an accident, illness or injury**

- 4.1. If an accident, illness or injury occurs, the member of staff in charge will assess the situation and decide on the appropriate course of action, which may involve calling for an ambulance immediately or calling for a first aider.
- 4.2. If called, a first aider will assess the situation and take charge of first aid administration.
- 4.3. In the event that the first aider does not consider that he/she can adequately deal with the presenting condition by the administration of first aid, then he/she should arrange for the injured person to access appropriate medical treatment without delay.
- 4.4. Where an initial assessment by the first aider indicates a moderate to serious injury has been sustained, one or more of the following actions will be taken:
  - Administer emergency help and first aid to all injured persons. The purpose of this is to keep the accident victim(s) alive and, if possible, comfortable, before professional medical help can be called. Also, in some situations, action now can prevent the accident from getting more serious, or from involving more victims.
  - Call an ambulance or a doctor, if this is appropriate. Moving the victim(s) to medical help is only advisable if the person doing the moving has sufficient knowledge and skill to make the move without making the injury worse. Inform the parent/carer as soon as possible that this has been done.
  - Make sure that no further injury can result from the accident, either by making the scene of the accident safe, or (if they are fit to be moved) by removing injured persons from the scene.
  - See to any children who may have witnessed the accident or its aftermath and who may be worried, or traumatised, in spite of not being directly involved. They will need to be taken away from the accident scene and comforted. Younger or more vulnerable children may need parental support to be called immediately.
  - When the above action has been taken, the incident must be reported to:
    - The Headteacher
    - The parents/carer of the injured party via telephone in the event of a serious accident

4.5. All staff are able to recognise key COVID-19 symptoms in pupils. In the event of suspected COVID19, symptomatic children will be moved to the HT office which is used as the isolation area until the parent arrives, suitable PPE MUST be worn with a symptomatic student. In the event of the counselling room being isolated following a suspected case, Sherwood Room will be used. Staff supervising pupils in an isolation area MUST maintain a distance of 2m. Where this cannot be maintained (e.g. for a very young child or child with complex needs) PPE MUST be worn. Parent / Carer of symptomatic child to be contacted and be collected immediately.

4.6. Waste (i.e. used tissues, disposable cloths, disposable gloves) used during suspected COVID-19 cases MUST be managed by: placing it in a plastic rubbish bag – tied when full. Bins MUST be emptied regularly throughout the day. Waste is stored for at least 72 hours before it can be placed in normal waste disposal facilities 4.7. The Government stay at home guidance MUST be followed if pupils become unwell with: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or Anosmia (lost of or change in normal sense of smell. It can also affect the sense of taste.

## **5. Reporting to parents**

5.1. In the event of incident or injury to a pupil, at least one of the pupil's parents must be informed as soon as practicable.

5.2. Parents must be informed in writing (via email) of any injury to the head, minor or major, and be given guidance on action to take if symptoms develop. If any concern about the wellbeing of the child, or severity of the bump, a phone call needs to be made to the parent as soon as reasonably possible.

5.3. In the event of serious injury or an incident requiring emergency medical treatment, the pupil's class teacher will telephone the pupil's parents as soon as possible.

5.4. A list of emergency contact details are kept at the admin office.

## **6. Visits and events off-site**

6.1. Before undertaking any off-site events, the teacher organising the trip or event will assess the level of first aid provision required by undertaking a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of the event and persons involved. This will be reviewed by the school business manager before the event is organised.

6.2. Please see the separate Educational Visits and School Trips Policy for more information about the school's educational visit requirements.

## **7. Storage of medication**

7.1. Medicines are always securely stored in accordance with individual product instructions, save where individual pupils have been given responsibility for keeping such equipment with them.

7.2. All medicines shall be stored in the original container in which they were dispensed, together with the prescriber's instructions for administration, and properly labelled, showing the name of the patient, the date of prescription and the date of expiry of the medicine.

7.3. All medicines will be returned to the parent to arrange for safe disposal when they are no longer required.

7.4. An emergency supply of medication should be available for pupils with medical conditions that require regular medication.

7.5. Parents should advise the school when a child has a chronic medical condition so that staff can be trained to deal with any emergency in an appropriate way. Examples of this include epilepsy and diabetes. A disclaimer will be signed by the parents in this regard.

## **8. Illness**

8.1. When a child becomes ill during the day, the teacher or teaching assistant will make an assessment of how ill the child is. If the child is deemed too ill to be in school, the parents/carer will be contacted and asked to pick their child up from school as soon as possible. If the child is deemed fit enough to remain in school, adults will monitor the child.

For suspected cases of COVID19, see paragraph 4.5 – 4.7 8.2. A quiet area will be set aside for withdrawal and for pupils to rest while they wait for their parents/carer to arrive to pick them up. Pupils will be monitored during this time. For suspected cases of COVID19, see paragraph 4.5 – 4.7

## **9. Consent**

9.1. Parents will be asked to complete and sign a medical consent form when their child is admitted to the school, which includes emergency numbers, details of allergies and chronic conditions, and consent for the administration of emergency first aid – these forms will be updated periodically.

9.2. Staff do not act ‘in loco parentis’ in making medical decision as this has no basis in law – staff always aim to act and respond to accidents and illness based on what is reasonable under the circumstances and will always act in good faith while having the best interests of the child in mind – guidelines are issued to staff in this regard.

## **10. Monitoring and review**

10.1. This policy is reviewed annually by the Headteacher. Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff.

10.2. All members of staff are required to familiarise themselves with this policy as part of their induction programme.