

# First Aid Policy

Pear Tree Community Junior 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

### 2. Legislation and guidance

- This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#), [health and safety in schools](#) and [actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#), 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

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

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

### 3.1 Appointed person and First Aiders

The school has appointed the School Business Manager Jackie Ozmen as the first aid lead.

She is 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
- After consultation with a member of the SLT send children home if they are unwell or following an accident
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role

**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
- Filling in an accident / incident report on the schools MIS system ScholarPack on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an accident / incident
- Informing Site Manager and / or Senior Leader if the incident / accident is a result of a health & safety concern / hazard

All our non-teaching staff are first aid trained which includes Teaching Assistants, Mid-day Supervisors and Premises staff.

### 3.2 The Governing Body

The Governing Body 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.

### 3.3 The Headteacher

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

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of appointed persons and trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- 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 in school are
- 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, who will then provide the required first aid treatment. This can be done from the place of injury if it is considered minor.
- The first aider, if called, will assess the injury and decide if further assistance is needed from the appointed first aid lead. They will remain with the child / adult until the requested help arrives.
- The first aider will 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, a member of the admin team will contact parents immediately
- The first aider who dealt with the incident / accident will complete the accident reporting on Scholarpack on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury
- Parents should always be contacted if a bang or bump occurs to any part of the body over shoulder height. If we are unable to contact parent and the child stays in school then the following steps should be adhered to:
  - A bump wristband is worn by the child
  - Teacher is informed of injury immediately after returning to class
  - Class staff to monitor child until home time
  - Verbal communication with parent at end of day

**During coronavirus:** first aiders will follow Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance for [first aid during coronavirus](#). They will try to assist at a safe distance from the casualty as much as possible and minimise the time they share a breathing zone. Treating any casualty properly will be the first concern. Where it is necessary for first aid provision to be administered in close proximity, those administering it will pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards including washing their hands.

### 4.2 Off-site procedures

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

- A fully charged mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils

Risk assessments will be completed by the year group lead / class teacher prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises. If the Head is satisfied that it is safe to do so he will authorise the risk assessment, this must be completed prior to visit taking place.

There will always be at least 1 first aider on school trips or in the event of more than one coach used 1 for each coach

**During coronavirus:** No visits or trips will be planned during the pandemic until all sanctions have been lifted entirely.

## 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
- Face masks / covering
- Antiseptic wipes
- Sterile water
- Sick bags
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Dressings
- Scissors
- Cold compresses
- Burns dressings

No medication is or should be kept in first aid kits. Prescribed medication with authorisation will be held in cold storage if required in the first aid room.

**During Coronavirus:** the cold compresses will be replaced by using a frozen wet flannel wrapped in a small clinical waste bag. Bag to be disposed and flannel put in container for hot wash the same day if used.

**First aid kits are stored in:**

- Every classroom
- The medical room
- The school kitchens

## 6. Record-keeping and reporting

### 6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider 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 within the child's record on Scholarpack every box requires a response and should be completed
- First aid reporting is recorded against the child's name on school MIS system and will be follow the child through their education.

## 6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The Business Manager 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 Business Manager / 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 scalding 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 first aider / admin staff 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.

## 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 Transform Trust and Derby City Council child protection agencies 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 basic first aid training annually through the SSSL training site if they wish to. <https://ssscpd.co.uk/education>

A minimum of 12 staff will hold a three year certification in first aid training, this will be offered to support staff only.

First aiders will hold a valid certificate of competence to show what training has been taken. The school will keep 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.

## 8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Business Manager every 2 years.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Headteacher and Chair of the 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