



# Leamington Community Primary School

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## First Aid Policy



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# **Leamington Community Primary School: First Aid Policy**

## **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](#) and [Early years foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications](#) guidance, 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 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's appointed person to manage first aid and liaise with the school's first aiders is the Deputy Headteacher. They are responsible for:

- Liaising with first aiders 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 (all LSOs and three lunchtime supervisors - R. Atherton, L. Murphy and K. Miller) 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;

- Contacting the office to send pupils home to recover, where necessary;
- Completing a report on CPOMs on the same day as the incident;
- Keeping their contact details up to date;

Our school's first aiders are known by all staff and contact details are kept in the school office.

### **3.2 The Local Authority and Governing Body:**

School Improvement Liverpool 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 body.

The governing board 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 first aiders 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 on CPOMs for all incidents they attend to where a first aider 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/carers 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 senior member of staff who is attending the scene will contact parents immediately;
- The first aider will complete record the incident on CPOMs the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury.

There will be at least 1 person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on the premises at all times.

**During coronavirus:** we will use our 'best endeavours' to ensure 1 person with a full PFA certificate is on site when children aged 2 to 5 are present. If, after taking all possible steps in our power, we're still unable to secure a staff member with a full PFA certificate, we will carry out a written risk assessment and ensure someone with a current first aid at work or emergency PFA certification is on site at all times when these children are.

**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 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. This will be reviewed by the Educational Visits Co-ordinator (Deputy Headteacher).

There will always be at least 1 first aider with a current paediatric first aid (PFA) 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 (no medication is kept in first aid kits):

- Regular and large bandages
- Eye pad bandages
- Triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape

- Safety pins
- Disposable gloves
- Antiseptic wipes or sterilised water with gauze
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Cold compresses with disposable covers
- Eye wash kits
- Bleeding control kit
- Thermometer
- Vomit bowls

First aid kits are stored in:

- KS1/EYFS foyer to yard
- KS2 foyer to yard
- The school kitchens
- School vehicles
- Kits for school trips - resource cupboard
- Main office (spare first aid resources to stock kits)

## **6. Record-Keeping and Reporting:**

### **6.1 First aid and accident record book:**

- The incident will be recorded on CPOMs 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, including the use of the bodymap feature, where appropriate;
- Records held 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 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 regarding RIDDOR reports: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

### **6.3 Notifying parents/carers:**

The class teacher or LSO will inform parents/carers 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. For bumped heads, a text message or ClassDojo message will be sent immediately. If the bump to the head is more severe, a phone call will be made so parents/carers can check their child if they wish to do so.

### **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 Designated Safeguarding Lead will also notify relevant 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 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 records 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.

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 annually by the Deputy Headteacher. It will be reviewed and approved by the Headteacher and Governing Body.

## **9. Links with other policies:**

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and Safety Policy
- School's Risk Assessments
- Medical Policy