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FIRST AID: POLICY GUIDANCE

Scope

This guidance is applicable to all those involved in the provision of first aid related to school activities.

Objectives

- To ensure that there is an adequate provision of appropriate first aid at all times.
- To ensure that where individuals have been injured there are suitable mechanisms in place to provide remedial treatment.

Guidance

The Bursar will be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

The Bursar Safety Co-ordinator will undertake a risk assessment to determine the first aid needs. This will include consideration of the following:

- Size of the school and whether it is on split sites / levels.
- Location of the school.
- Specific hazards or risks on the site.
- Staff or pupils with special health needs or disabilities.
- Previous record of accidents / incidents at the school.
- Provision for lunchtimes and breaks.
- Provision for leave / absence of first aiders.
- Offsite activities, including trips.
- Practical departments, such as science, technology and PE.
- Out of hours activities.
- Contractors on site and agreed arrangements.

Pupil Illness

If a pupil becomes ill during the day the school will contact the parents so that the child can be collected.

There is access to the school medical centre / medical room.

The school will notify parents if a pupil suffers anything more than a minor injury or becomes ill during the school day.

Specific First Aid Provision

First Aiders

- Sufficient trained first aiders to cover day to day and other school activities will be provided.
- A first aider (paediatric first aid for EYFS pupils) will accompany pupils on visits out of school.

- First aiders will give immediate help to those with common injuries or illnesses and those arising from specific hazards, and where necessary ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is called.

The school may also have appointed persons in addition to first aiders. Such persons will have received formal training (normally four hours) and their duties may include:

- take charge when someone becomes ill or is injured;
- look after first aid equipment, e.g. restocking of supplies; and
- ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is called when appropriate.

First aid and appointed person training will be refreshed every 3 years.

First Aid Boxes

First aid boxes will be provided in areas of the school where accidents are considered most likely.

A first aid box will also be taken when pupils leave the school on organised trips or participate in sports events.

First aid boxes will be replenished as necessary.

The contents of a first aid box will be in accordance with the guidance given in HSE document "Basic advice on first aid at work" INDG 347.

First Aid Notices

Lists of members of staff who are qualified first aiders or Paediatric first aiders and those who are trained appointed persons will be displayed on noticeboards in the school.

Access to First Aid

All staff will be given information on the provision of first aid at their induction.

Records

Details of any incident which requires treatment will be recorded in the school accident book (normally the Department of Social Security BI510).

Calling an Ambulance

A member of staff will be responsible for summoning an ambulance and for escorting the pupil to hospital. A member of staff will always stay with a pupil in hospital until their parents have been contacted.

Emergency Medical Treatment

In accepting a place at the school, parents are required to give their consent for the Head Teacher or other nominated representative to provide, on the advice of qualified medical opinion, emergency medical treatment, including general anaesthetic and surgical procedure under the NHS if the school is unable to contact a parent.

Some schools may choose to have Automated External Defibrillators ("AED") available for use. The purchase and usage of an AED is a decision for each individual school. The Department for Education document "Automated external defibrillators, a guide for schools" outlines the relevant considerations.

Medical care

This procedure is limited to the provision of first aid, but the school has arrangements in place for:

- dealing with pupils who have special educational needs or specialist medical needs;
- provision of medical examinations and immunisations;
- holding medical records; and
- dealing with medicines and treatments brought to school for pupils.