Aylesford School

First Aid Policy

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Equality Statement

Aylesford School strongly promotes equality of opportunity under all circumstances and in all contexts. We actively seek to ensure that all members of our community and all visitors to the school are treated equally. This includes actively ensuring that discrimination or inequality of any kind does not occur on the basis of the following: - Race - Nationality - Gender (including transgender). - Sexual Orientation - Disability - Age - Mental Health - Marital Status.

Discrimination and in equality can be experienced in the following ways, not exclusively: - Inappropriate or offensive language and terminology. - Cultural misrepresentation - Violence/ physical harm. - Bullying - Online Abuse - Disadvantage in all aspects of progress, care and opportunity.

When inequality or discrimination is seen or reported the school will strongly challenge and will work to resolve the issue. All concerns will be taken seriously and investigated fully and without prejudice.

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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

1. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on first aid in schools and health and safety 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 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.

2. Roles and responsibilities

*Employers must usually have a sufficient number of suitably trained first aiders to care for employees in case they are injured at work. However, the minimum legal requirement is to have an 'appointed person' to take charge of first aid arrangements, *provided your assessment of need has taken into account the nature of employees' work, the number of staff, and the location of the school. The appointed person does not need to be a trained first aider.*

Section 3.1 below sets out the expectations of appointed persons and first aiders as set out in the 1981 first aid regulations and the DfE guidance listed in section 2. If you don't have an appointed person you will need to re-assign the responsibilities listed below accordingly.

All schools should adapt this section to reflect their circumstances, in line with their assessment of first aid needs.

3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed persons are Mrs S Reeve and Mrs D Emptage. They are 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
- Maintenance of the defibrillators in accordance with manufacturer's instructions (carried out by the Site Team).

First aiders are trained, qualified & competent 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
- Sending pupils home to recover, where necessary
- Filling in an accident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident (This is found in reception – See appendix 2)
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's appointed persons and first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school.

3.2 The governing board

The governing board 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.

3.4 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 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
- 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
- Helping completing accident reports for all accidents, incidents and near misses 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
- New staff or temporary staff will have the policies explained as part of an induction process

3. 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 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, the relevant member of staff will contact parents immediately & complete a report under RIDDOR (if required) as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- The first aider/relevant member of staff will complete an accident report in the Online reporting tool in Sypro Rick Manager on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury
- The first aider / receptionist is to release the medical history of the patient to paramedics if required

4.2 Off-site procedures

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

- A school 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 relevant staff prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

There will always be at least one first aider on school trips and visits.

4. 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
- Antiseptic wipes
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Burns dressings
- Burns Kits
- Eye Wash
- Mouth Guard for resuscitation

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical room
- Various Departments
- All science labs
- All design and technology classrooms
- The school kitchen
- School vehicles

Defibrillators

The school has five Defibrillators and these are kept in:

- Reception
- Science Department – outside science prep room (girls side)
- Sports Hall corridor (outside office).
- Hut at back of sports hall (for 3G use) – listed publically and secured in powered cabinet – code 159X
- Tech block ground floor lobby.

5. Record-keeping and reporting

5.1 Accident and incident records are now held electronically in Sypro Risk Manager. The Site team, reception, PE team and all first aiders have access, along with selected other staff. This method of recording accidents and incidents is compliant with GDPR.

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider/relevant member of staff 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 all of the information included in the accident form.
- The reference number of the accident/Incident report form will also be added to the pupil's educational record by the relevant member of staff.
- Records held in Sypro Risk Manager 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 deleted.

- **6.2 Reporting to the HSE**

The Site 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 Site Manager 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 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
- 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

6.3 Notifying parents

The relevant staff member 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 Designated Safeguarding lead 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 Officer will also notify the Local 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 through an approved training provider, and must hold a valid certificate of competence to show this. The school will keep a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and when this is valid until. The HR Manager will maintain this list.

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 Headteacher and the Governors Health and Safety Committee every year.
At every review, the policy will be approved by the Headteacher and the Governors Health and Safety Committee

Links with other policies
This first aid policy is linked to the

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

Appendix 1: list of First Aiders

Full list of first aiders is maintained by HR Manager – Ben Sanchez

Appendix 2: incident form

All accidents and incidents are now recorded in accident log

Appendix 3: first aid training log

This list is controlled and maintained by Ben Sanchez HR Manager.