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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 the [statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), guidance from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on [incident reporting 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
- [The 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.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 First aiders

The school has several qualified first aiders. They are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Making sure there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Making sure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate

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
 - Sending pupils home to recover, where necessary
 - Filling in an accident report on the same day as, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident
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Our school's three day first aiders and / or Paediatric first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school site.

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 Principal and staff members.

3.3 The Principal

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

- Making sure that an appropriate number of appropriately trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- Making sure that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Making sure all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Making sure appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or making sure that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Making sure 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:

- Making sure they follow first aid procedures
- Making sure they know who the appropriately trained first aid personnel in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to
- Informing the Principal 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 the scene until help arrives
 - If the injured person (or their parents/carers, in the case of pupils) has not provided their consent to the school to receive first aid, the first aider will act in accordance with the alternative arrangements (for example, contacting a medical professional to deliver the treatment)
 - 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, the first aider will inform the School Leadership Team, contact will then be made with parents/carers and ask them to collect their child. On the parents/carers' arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to them
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- If emergency services are called, parents/carers will be contacted immediately
- The first aider or allocated member of staff will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practicable 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.

4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will make sure that they always have the following:

- A school mobile phone
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils, this can be found in each learner's individual grab sheet
- Parents/carers' contact details
- A portable first aid kit during all outings, including a minimum of:
 - A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
 - 6 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings
 - 1 large sterile unmedicated dressing
 - 2 triangular bandages – individually wrapped and preferably sterile
 - 2 safety pins
 - Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
 - 2 pairs of disposable gloves

When transporting pupils using a society vehicle, the school will make sure the vehicle is equipped with a clearly marked first aid box containing, at minimum:

- 10 antiseptic wipes, foil packed
- 1 conforming disposable bandage (not less than 7.5cm wide)
- 2 triangular bandages
- 1 packet of 24 assorted adhesive dressings
- 3 large sterile unmedicated ambulance dressings (not less than 15cm × 20 cm)
- 2 sterile eye pads, with attachments
- 12 assorted safety pins
- 1 pair of rustproof blunt-ended scissors

Risk assessments will be completed prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

The procedure in 4.1 will be followed as closely as possible for any off-site accidents (though whether the parents/carers can collect their child will depend on the location and duration of the trip).

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 (EYFS).

There will always be at least 1 first aider on school trips and visits for pupils not on the Early Years Foundation

Stage (EYFS).

4.3 First aid for learners

The school is committed to the safeguarding, health, safety and welfare of all learners. Appropriate first aid provision will be available at all times to ensure that learners who are injured, become unwell or require medical assistance receive prompt and effective care.

- Learners who become ill or injured while attending the setting will receive appropriate first aid treatment from a suitably trained member of staff.
- A qualified First Aider or Paediatric First Aider (where required) will be available whenever learners are present.
- First aid equipment will be maintained, regularly checked, and readily accessible to staff.
- All staff will be aware of the procedures for obtaining first aid assistance in an emergency.
- Learners requiring first aid treatment will be treated with dignity taking account of their age, understanding, and individual needs.
- A designated medical room will be available for assessment and treatment of learners who are injured or become unwell.
- Learners who are unwell, infectious, or awaiting collection by a parent/carer will be supervised appropriately and cared for in the medical room or another appropriate area, where necessary.
- Parents/carers will be informed of any significant accident, injury, head injury, illness, or first aid treatment provided.
- All accidents, injuries, illnesses, and first aid treatment will be recorded accurately and retained in accordance with the schools recording and reporting procedures.
- Where a learner has a medical condition, allergy, disability, or specific healthcare need, staff will follow the learner's Individual Healthcare Plan, STEP plan and associated risk assessments.
- In the event of a serious accident, illness, injury, or medical emergency, emergency services will be contacted immediately and parents/carers notified without delay/
- Appropriate infection prevention and control measures will be followed when administering first aid, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- Suitable first aid arrangements will be made for educational visits, outdoor learning activities, and off-site events. Where EYFS children attend off-site activities, a Paediatric First Aider will accompany the group in accordance with statutory requirements.
- Each learner has an emergency grab sheet containing essential learner information and emergency contact details. These will be handled in accordance with GDPR and reviewed regularly to ensure it remains updated.
- First aid arrangements will be reviewed regularly to ensure they remain effective and compliant with relevant legislation, statutory guidance, and best practice.

5. First aid equipment

A typical first aid kit in school will include the following:

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
 - 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
 - 2 sterile eye pads
 - 2 individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile)
 - 6 safety pins
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- 6 medium-sized individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- 2 large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- 3 pairs of disposable gloves

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical room
- Reception
- Main Kitchen
- DS Room / Independent Living Room
- Staff Room
- All Classrooms
- School vehicles
- Sports Hall
- Swimming Pool

See section 4.2 for first aid equipment off the school site.

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider or 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 will be supplied when reporting and recording an accident
- For accidents involving pupils the first aider or relevant member of staff will complete the pupil accident report form. Details of the accident will be communicated with parents / guardians.
- Records held in the first aid and accident book 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.

6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The Principal will keep a record of any accident that results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7). This information will be passed over to HR who will report to the HSE as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident – except where indicated below. Fatal and major injuries and dangerous occurrences will be reported without delay (i.e. by telephone) and followed up in writing within 10 days.

School staff: reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences

These include:

- Death
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- 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) which:
 - Covers more than 10% of the whole body's total surface area; or
 - Causes significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs
 - 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
- Work-related injuries that lead to an employee being away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident). In this case, the School Leadership Team will pass the information to HR who will then report to the HSE as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 15 days of the accident
- Occupational diseases where a doctor has made a written diagnosis that the disease is linked to occupational exposure. These include:
 - Carpal tunnel syndrome
 - Severe cramp of the hand or forearm
 - Occupational dermatitis, e.g. from exposure to strong acids or alkalis, including domestic bleach
 - Hand-arm vibration syndrome
 - Occupational asthma, e.g. from wood dust
 - Tendonitis or tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm
 - Any occupational cancer
 - Any disease attributed to an occupational exposure to a biological agent
- 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

Pupils and other people who are not at work (e.g. visitors): reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences

These include:

- Death of a person that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity*
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- An injury that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity* and where the person is taken directly from the scene of the accident to hospital for treatment

*An accident “arises out of” or is “connected with a work activity” if it was caused by:

- A failure in the way a work activity was organised (e.g. inadequate supervision of a field trip)
- The way equipment or substances were used (e.g. lifts, machinery, experiments etc); and/or
- The condition of the premises (e.g. poorly maintained or slippery floors)

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)

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

6.3 Notifying parents/carers

The Class Teacher, Level 4 Teaching Assistant or member of the School Leadership Team 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. Parents/carers will also be informed if emergency services are called.

7. Training

All school staff undertake emergency first aid training during their induction period.

All first aiders must have completed a training course 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 school will arrange for first aiders to retrain before their first aid certificates expire. In cases where a certificate expires, the school will arrange for staff to retake the full first aid course before being reinstated as a first aider.

At all times, at least 1 staff member will have a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate that meets the requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework. The PFA certificate will be renewed every 3 years.

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be monitored by the Principal and reviewed by the Director of Education annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Principal, Director of Education and Trustees.

The first aid provision will be reviewed by the Principal and first aiders at least annually.

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
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Appendix 1: list of trained first aiders

All staff are required to complete Emergency First Aid training as part of their induction programme to ensure they can respond appropriately to medical incidents and emergencies. The names and number of staff holding, First Aid at Work (three-day) and Paediatric First Aid qualifications may change throughout the academic year due to staffing changes, recruitment, or training updates.

The school will ensure that an appropriate number of suitably qualified first aiders are maintained at all times to meet the needs of learners, staff, visitors, and statutory requirements. A current list of qualified staff will be held by the school and made available to staff as required.

Pediatric First Aiders

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME	ROLE	CONTACT DETAILS
Kiri Stevenson	Teacher	Aycliffe School
Maria Milford	L4 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Kayleigh Bland	L4 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Danielle Turnbull	L4 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Sarah Beveridge	L2 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Laura Ramsay	L2 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Kirsty Thompson	L2 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Kimberly Nixon	L2 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Isabel Wootten	L2 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Lyndsay Melia	L2 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School

Three Day First Aiders

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME	ROLE	CONTACT DETAILS
Rachael Devine	L4 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Julie Dobson	L4 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School
Jodie Redhead	Safeguarding and Welfare Officer	Aycliffe School
Antony Kendrick	L4 Teaching Assistant	Aycliffe School