



THE BEMROSE SCHOOL

FIRST AID POLICY

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Introduction

The Governing Body recognise their responsibilities in respect of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and their obligations under the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981. These regulations require employers to provide adequate and appropriate equipment, facilities, training of personnel to enable first-aid to be given to employees if they are injured or become ill at work.

The governors are also aware of the need to assess the first-aid provision required in respect of pupils at the school, both during normal school hours or on out of school trips. To ensure our first-aid assessment is broad based and encompasses all potential scenarios, the forthcoming policy should be viewed in conjunction with the following statutory guidance:

Children and Families Act 2014 (Section100)

Supporting pupils in school with medical conditions 2014

Statutory framework for the early year's foundation stage 2014

Purpose

The school's First-Aid Policy (the policy) sets out the provision made by the Governing Body and the arrangements made so as to ensure that the requirements of the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981 are met.

The policy details the arrangements made in respect of:

- Responsibility for first-aid arrangements
- Assessment of first-aid needs
- Organisation of first-aid provision and duties
- First-aid training
- Monitoring of first-aid provision and resources
- Reporting of injuries, diseases & dangerous occurrences Regulation (RIDDOR)

- The role of first-aiders in their care and monitoring of children with medical conditions in school
- Links to other school policies:
 - Safeguarding
 - Supporting pupils with medical conditions
 - Off site visits policy
 - Lone working policy
 - Health and Safety

Responsibility for first-aid arrangements

The Governing Body as the employer has overall responsibility for Health and Safety Policy and to ensure the school complies with the Health and Safety (First-aid) Regulations 1981.

- **The Governing Body** - has overall responsibility for the development of all Health, Safety and Welfare policies including the Health and Safety (First-aid) Regulations 1981. These regulations place a specific duty on the employer to ensure there are enough trained staff to meet the statutory requirements and assessed needs, allowing for staff on annual / sick leave or off site.
- **The Executive Head Teacher** - is responsible for ensuring the Governing Body's policies are implemented, developing detailed procedures in relation to them and communicating these arrangements, including those for first-aid, to staff and parents.
- **Assistant Headteacher (AHT)** - premises and the Site Co-ordinator are responsible for ensuring that procedures are followed and to manage, on a day to day basis, those issues which may affect the health, safety and welfare of those who use the school.
- **First-aiders** – will give immediate help to casualties with common injuries or illnesses and those arising from specific hazards at school.
- **Teachers and support staff** – are expected to use their best endeavours at all times, particularly in emergencies, to secure the welfare of the pupils at the school. Whilst Teachers' Conditions of Employment do not include giving first aid in general, the Governing Body acknowledge that the consequences of taking no action are likely to be more serious than those of trying to assist in an emergency.
- **Parents and carers** – are required to notify the school immediately of any medical condition, which may require support as described in DfE statutory guidance "Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions." In situations where, Individual Health Care Plans have been produced parental support is necessary to ensure the plan is current, effective and managed appropriately by those in school and the necessary medicines etc. can be administered and or changes to the school's assessment of first-aid needs can be made.

Assessment of need

First-aid provision in the school will be based on the outcome of an assessment of need undertaken by the Site Co-ordinator.

The assessment will identify and record significant risk in the workplace from:

- Hazardous substances (COSHH)
- Tools or equipment
- Machinery
- Manual handling
- Level of risk in specific areas
- Accident and or ill health records
- Numbers employed
- Nature of workforce – (experience, disabilities or specific health issues)
- Shift patterns and lone working
- First-aid training requirements
- Geography of the site
- Visitors and contractors
- The needs of students at the school
- Off-site activities and school trips
- Out-of-hours arrangements for events such as – parent evenings, lettings or community events, holiday periods.

The assessment of first-aid needs will be reviewed annually or at any time if there have been changes to the buildings, nature of use or activities, level of occupancy or any other significant event.

Organisation of First-Aid provision and Duties

The Governors will arrange for the appointment of a suitable number of people, as determined by the assessment of risk, to be responsible for first-aid arrangements and to provide immediate help to casualties with common injuries or illnesses and those arising from specific hazards at school. The Governors will, through the procedures put in place by the Executive Head Teacher, provide adequate and appropriate resources, facilities, training and guidance for staff who volunteer to be first-aiders or appointed persons to help them cope with their duties and ensure their competence and confidence.

The Governing Body will delegate the monitor of this to the Resources Committee.

Duties and competence - the Site Co-ordinator will:

- Ensure that an accident or incident report is completed for the attention of the Executive Head Teacher.
- Monitor first-aid provision, including restocking first-aid boxes
- Check, update and replace as required first-aid signs and notices Inspect first-aid equipment and facilities such as; Wheel chairs – Medical couch – Medical room – first-aid kits and resources.
- Report to AHT or if possible rectify any defects identified immediately

Duties and competence – First-aider

A first-aider will:

- Complete an approved training course every three years.
- Hold a valid approved first-aid certificate
- Receive refresher training every three years.
- Take charge when someone is injured or falls ill.
- Call an ambulance if required.
- Liaise with the ambulance crew or paramedics arriving on site.
- Contact next of kin in the event of illness or injury at the request of the sick or injured person (**but not in the event of a serious injury or fatality when a member of the SLT will inform the appropriate persons**)
- If working in the EYFS phase of the school hold a valid Paediatric First Aid certificate.
- Be qualified in the use of Heartstart defibrillator equipment which is available on site.
- Give immediate help to casualties with common injuries or illnesses and those arising from specific hazards at school.
- Complete a record of any first-aid treatment given.

Organisation of first-aid provision

The **primary phase** building has a medical room adjacent to the reception office, with a toilet and disabled facilities adjacent to it.

The medical room is equipped with:

- Heartstart defibrillator.
- Lockable medicines refrigerator, First-aid dressing container.
- Medical waste bin and sharp container, sink with hot and cold running water.
- Wheelchair.
- First Aid Box in EYFS.

The **secondary phase** has medical room is situated in the reception area. There is a toilet and disabled facilities in close proximity to the medical room.

The medical room is equipped with:

- Heartstart defibrillator.
- Medical couch and privacy screen.
- Lockable medicines refrigerator.
- First-aid dressing container.
- Medical waste bin and sharp container.
- Sink with hot and cold running water.
- Wheel chair is also kept at this location. A second wheel chair is located on the ground floor, staffroom in Oaktree.
- First Aid boxes are located in higher risk areas - Cherrytree, Elmtree, sports hall, making area, food room, textiles room, woodshop.
- Student reception staff and the Premises Team Leader are both appointed persons and qualified first-aiders.
- Lists of first-aiders and the means by which they can be contacted are displayed in reception of primary and secondary phase.

All cases of illness or minor injury involving pupils are referred to the medical room by the person responsible for the pupil concerned.

More serious injuries are referred to a first-aider, directing them to the incident to assess the casualty and treat at the scene. The first-aider has access to a first-aid “grab bag” for use at the scene of the incident.

First-aid can be summoned by telephone and or two-way radio.

Hours of work

The premises team are on site between 06:00hrs and 20:00hrs Monday to Friday during term time, working either in small groups or at the beginning or end of their shifts, in lone working situations.

The school itself is open to staff during term time and holidays from 07:00hrs each day. Most staff normally leave site by 16:30hrs. However, some members of staff may remain on site after until 19:30hrs to deliver “Night School”, Saturday school, Holiday schools, Summer school and lettings.

In the period between 16:00hrs and 20:00hrs the qualified first-aider is the member of premises team.

Lone working arrangements and procedures are detailed in the school’s Lone Working policy statement.

During holiday periods the school is open between the hours of 08:00 and 15:30 and members of the premises team are First aid at work trained.

Monitoring of first-aid provision

The level of first-aid provision will meet the requirements of the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981.

Additional training will be provided for those providing support for pupils with medical conditions such as for example those with Insulin Dependent Diabetes and severe allergies.

The assessment of needs will be reviewed annually, or at any time if there have been changes to the buildings, nature of use, level of occupation or other significant events. This review will be reported to the Governors' Resources Committee.

All Staff will be informed of the first-aid arrangements, including the location of equipment, facilities and first-aid personnel and of any changes to them.

The number of first-aiders and appointed persons will be monitored by the Premises Team Leader to ensure levels of first-aid provision are adequate at all times. There will be enough trained staff across the school site at all times- for trips, Summer school, EFYS, primary, secondary, and in the different buildings. (A minimum of 12 trained First Aid at work staff).

The School Business Manager will review the insurance arrangements prior to each renewal to establish that the insurance provides full cover against claims of negligence arising from actions of staff that, acting within the scope of their employment, assist with any form of first-aid procedure.

Records of first-aid training will be kept for all appointed persons and first-aiders and reviewed annually by the individuals' line manager as part of the schools Performance Management programme.

When necessary appropriate refresher training will be provided for appointed persons and first-aiders.

First-aid containers, signage, notices and information for staff concerning first-aid provision will be checked regularly by First Aiders, the Site Co-ordinator and AHT to ensure that:

- First-aid containers are fully stocked and first-aid supplies are in date.
- Signage is in place.
- Information on notices is current and updated in line with any changes.

Anyone who is provided with a personal emergency "bum bag" first-aid kit must ensure it is checked and restocked regularly and that all items are in date where appropriate.

Reporting of injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences

Details of accidents, or incidents of any kind are recorded electronically and anonymous hard copies are created and filed for reference.

All reported accidents will be recorded and when necessary under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR.) will also be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) online, by email or by telephone followed up in writing on form F2508 within ten days when necessary. In accordance with the regulations, accident records will be readily accessible and will be retained for a minimum of 3 years for staff or adults. If an incident involving a child occurs because of, or in connection with, the working environment or work activities and results in the person being injured or unwell these records will be retained until the child reaches the age of twenty-one.

Accidents or incidents involving pupils or visitors will be recorded separately within the electronic system. However; if an accident occurs because of, or in connection with, the working environment or work activities and results in the person being killed or taken to hospital from the site of the accident, such accidents will be reported to the HSE without delay, online, by email or by telephone followed up in writing on form F2508 within ten days when necessary.

In addition to the accident reports, a record of any first-aid treatment given by first-aiders will be kept and will include:

- The date, time and place of the incident.
- The name (and form) of the injured or ill person (pupils).
- The name and address of the person injured or ill (staff, visitors, contractors).
- Details of the injury/illness and what first-aid treatment was given.
- What happened to the person immediately afterwards.
- Collect witness statements.
- Name and signature of the first-aider dealing with the incident.

The Site Co-ordinator will regularly review the data provided by the accident reports and any subsequent investigations to:

- Help identify accident trends;
- Identify areas for improvement in the control of health and safety risk;
- Inform future first-aid needs assessments;
- Support insurance investigations.

Details of accident and incident statistics, and any subsequent recommendations will be reported to the Governors in the Site Co-ordinator's report to the Health and Safety Committee.

Performance indicators

1. Staff awareness of the policy and its inclusion in the induction of new staff.
2. Spot checks of first aid provision.
3. Accident trends.

Useful Guidance

The following approved codes of practice, guidance or information sheets are available from the Health & Safety Commission (HSC) or the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Basic advice on first-aid at work (1997)

IND(G)215L – free leaflets or available in priced packs

ISBN 0 7176 1070 5

First-aid at work – your questions answered (1997)

IND(G)214L - free leaflets or available in priced packs

ISBN 0 7176 1074 8

First-aid at work – The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981

Approved Code of Practice and Guidance (1997)

L74 ISBN 0 7176 1050 0 - **priced at £6.75**

First-aid training and qualifications for the purposes of Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (1997)

ISBN 0 7176 1347 X – **priced at £8.50**

Everyone's guide to RIDDOR '95 (1996)

HSE31 - free leaflets or available in priced packs

ISBN 0 7176 1077 2

Reporting school accidents (1997)

EDIS 1 - free leaflets or available in priced packs Contact:

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