

# First Aid Policy

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#### **Introduction**

'First Aid is the initial assistance or treatment given to someone who is injured or suddenly taken ill' (The Joint First Aid Manual 8<sup>th</sup> Edition). Staff administering First Aid should seek to assess the situation, protect themselves and the casualty from further danger, deal with any life threatening condition and where necessary obtain medical assistance or refer the casualty to hospital as quickly as possible.

### **Statement of First Aid Provision**

The Academy's arrangements for providing First Aid will:-

- Place a duty on the CEO/Principal and Board of Governors to approve, implement and review the First Aid policy;
- Place individual duties on all employees;
- Report and record accidents using relevant form.
- Record all occasions when First Aid is administered to employees, pupils and visitors.
- Provide equipment and materials to provide First Aid treatment;
- Make arrangements with FIS to provide First Aid training to employees, maintain records of training and review annually;
- Establish a procedure for managing accidents in school which require First Aid treatment:
- Provide information to employees on the arrangements for First Aid;
- Undertake a risk assessment of the First Aid requirements of the School and review on a regular basis;
- Use the information from the risk assessment of First Aid to determine the number and level of trained staff and also any additional requirements (eg specialised training for children with particular medical needs);
- Notify parent/guardian that first aid treatment was given to the child.

# **Arrangements for First Aid**

The Academy will provide materials and equipment and facilities to provide First Aid. The location of the First Aid Kits in our academies/schools is:

- Main Reception
- premises office
- Individual first aid kits are kept with all first aiders.

### A standard First Aid Kit will contain the following items to comply with Government standards

Leaflet giving general advice on First Aid

20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings assorted sizes

- 4 triangular bandages
- 2 sterile eye pads
- 6 safety pins
- 6 medium wound dressings

- 2 large wound dressings
- 3 extra-large wound dressings
- 1 pair of disposable gloves

The contents of the Kits will be checked on a regular basis across the Academy by the Facilities Manager/Site Manager.

Before undertaking any off site activities the level of first aid provision will be assessed by the CEO/Principal and at least one First Aid Kit will be taken along.

# <u>Information on First Aid Arrangements</u>

The CEO/Principal will inform all employees at the school of the following:-

- The arrangements for recording and reporting of accidents;
- The arrangements for First Aid;
- Those employees who are qualified First Aiders;
- The location of the First Aid Kits.

In addition the CEO/Principal will ensure that signs are displayed throughout the School providing the following information:-

- The names of employees with First Aid qualifications;
- Their room number or extension number:
- Location of the First Aid Box.

All members of staff will be made aware of the School's First Aid policy. No member of staff should attempt to give First Aid unless they have been trained.

#### Accidents involving bumps to a student's head

The consequence of an injury from an accident involving a bump or blow to a pupil's head is not always evident immediately and the effects may only become noticeable after a period of time.

Where emergency treatment is not required a 'Head Bump' letter will be sent home to the parent/guardian. Every bump to a head should be communicated to the parents by phone on the day of the incident regardless of the severity of the injury.

#### <u>Transport to hospital or home</u>

The first aider attending an incident will determine the appropriate action to be taken in each case. Where the injury requires urgent medical attention an ambulance will be called and the pupil's parent or guardian will be notified. If hospital treatment is required, then the pupil's parent/guardian will be called for them to take over responsibility. If no contact can be made with parent/guardian or other designated emergency contacts then the CEO/Principal may decide to transport the pupil to the hospital.