



IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Policy Document



The Cornerstones of our
Learning Community

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Policy Name:

First Aid in Schools

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Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, students 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

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 School Premises \(England\) Regulations 2012](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of students

Roles and responsibilities

Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed persons are Sandra Cook and Patricia Heron. They are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Liaising with departmental technicians, as appropriate, to ensure there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, helping with requests to replenish the contents of these kits

- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role (see Training section) 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 students home to recover, where necessary
- Filling in an accident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident. Forms are available from the student welfare officers or reception/school office
- Keeping their contact details up to date

The local authority and governing board

West Sussex County Council has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates responsibility for the strategic management of such matters to the school's governing board. The governing board delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the headteacher and staff members.

The headteacher

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

- Ensuring that the school have first responders trained and available to administer emergency first aid and that up to date registers of these staff is held and readily available.
- Ensuring that the school have at least two members of staff trained in First Aid at Work (FAW)
- Ensuring all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Ensuring appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or ensuring that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Ensuring that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of students
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider/appointed person is not called. Forms are available from the student welfare officers or reception/school office
- Informing the headteacher or their manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

First aid procedures

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 the appointed person/ qualified first aider, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment
- The appointed person/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 appointed person/first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- If the appointed person/ first aider judges that a student is too unwell to remain in school, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the appointed person/first aider will recommend next steps to the parents
- If emergency services are called, the school will contact parents immediately
- The appointed person/first aider/relevant member of staff will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury

Off-site procedures

When taking students 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 students
- Parents' contact details

Risk assessments will be completed by the trip leader prior to any offsite visit or activity that necessitates taking students off school premises. There will always be at least one first aider on school trips and visits.

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

- Scissors
- Cold compresses
- Burns dressings

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical room
- Reception (at the desk)
- All science labs
- All design and technology classrooms
- The school kitchens
- School vehicles/minibuses

Record-keeping and reporting

First aid and accident record book

- If this incident is a nonwork related injury an internal online accident form will be completed by the appointed person/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.
- A copy of the accident report form will be added to an internal record.
- Records held in the first aid and accident book will be retained by the school for a minimum of 5 years, in accordance with regulation 25 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, and then securely disposed of.
- West Sussex County Council retain records of reportable incidents and accidents until the child has reached the age of 21 after which time they will be securely disposed of.

Reporting to the HSE

Work related injury reporting

The appointed person 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 appointed person 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) <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

Training

All school staff are encouraged to undertake first aid training. A trained first aider is required for offsite school trips/offsite activities.

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.

Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training when it is no longer valid.

Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and safety policy
- Risk assessment policy
- Policy on supporting students with medical conditions