

An Daras Multi-Academy Trust



St Catherine's C of E School First Aid Policy

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First Aid Policy



1. General Statement

St Catherine's School is committed to providing emergency first aid provision in order to deal with accidents and incidents affecting staff, pupils and visitors. The arrangements within this policy are based on the results of a suitable and sufficient risk assessment carried out by the school in regard to all staff, pupils and visitors.

The school will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff, pupils and visitors.

This policy aims to:

- Ensure that the school has adequate, safe and effective first aid provision for every pupil, member of staff and visitor to be well looked after in the event of any illness, accident or injury, no matter how major or minor.
- Ensure that staff and pupils are aware of the procedures in the event of any illness, accident or injury.
- Ensure that medicines are only administered at the school when express permission has been granted for this.
- Ensure that all medicines are appropriately stored.
- Promote effective infection control.

Nothing in this policy will affect the ability of any person to contact the emergency services in the event of a medical emergency. For the avoidance of doubt, staff should dial 999 in the event of a medical emergency before implementing the terms of this policy and make clear arrangements for liaison with ambulance services on the school site.

2. The Legal Position

This policy has due regard to legislation and statutory guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013
- DfE (2015) 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'
- DfE (2019) 'Automated external defibrillators (AEDs)'
- DfE (2021) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'
- DfE (2022) 'First aid in schools, early years and further education'

These require us to carry out a risk assessment in order to determine what first aid facilities and personnel are necessary to meet the needs of our school.

We are also required to review this assessment periodically to ensure that current provision is adequate. In order to comply with these Regulations, our assessment has considered a number of factors, including the following:

- Size of school
- Type of school
- Building layout
- Past history of accidents
- Needs of travelling and/or lone workers
- Current medical needs of staff and pupils.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- The overarching development and implementation of this policy and all corresponding procedures.
- Ensuring that the relevant risk assessments, and assessments of the first aid needs of the school specifically, have been conducted.
- Ensuring that there is a sufficient number of appointed first aiders within the school based upon these assessments.
- Ensuring that there are procedures and arrangements in place for first aid during off-site or out-of-hours activities, e.g. educational visits or parents' evenings.
- Ensuring that insurance arrangements provide full cover for any potential claims arising from actions of staff acting within the scope of their employment.
- Ensuring that appropriate and sufficient first aid training is provided for staff, and ensuring that processes are in place to validate that staff who have undertaken training have sufficient understanding, confidence and expertise in carrying out first aid duties.
- Ensuring that adequate equipment and facilities are provided for the school site.
- Ensuring that first aid provision for staff does not fall below the required standard and that provision for pupils and others complies with the relevant legislation and guidance.
- Ensuring that an 'appointed person' is selected from amongst staff to take the lead in first aid arrangements and procedures for the school.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- The development and implementation of this policy and its related procedures.
- Ensuring that all staff and parents are made aware of the school's policy and arrangements regarding first aid.
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the locations of first aid equipment and how it can be accessed, particularly in the case of an emergency.
- Ensuring that all pupils and staff are aware of the identities of the school first aiders and how to contact them if necessary.

Staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring that they have sufficient awareness of this policy and the outlined procedures, including making sure that they know who to contact in the event of any illness, accident or injury.
- Securing the welfare of the pupils at school.
- Making pupils aware of the procedures to follow in the event of illness, accident or injury.

First aid staff are responsible for:

- Completing and renewing training as dictated by the governing board.
- Ensuring that they are comfortable and confident in administering first aid.
- Ensuring that they are fully aware of the content of this policy and any procedures for administering first aid, including emergency procedures.
- Keeping up to date with government guidance relating to first aid in schools.

The appointed lead first aider is responsible for:

- Overseeing the school's first-aid arrangements.
- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill.
- Looking after the first-aid equipment, e.g. restocking the first aid container.
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate.
- Partaking in emergency first aid training, and refresher training where appropriate, to ensure they have knowledge of:
 - What to do in an emergency.
 - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
 - First aid for the unconscious casualty.
 - First aid for the wounded or bleeding.
 - Maintaining injury and illness records as required.

4. Procedures

The following are general first-aid related procedures to be followed by all staff:

- If you are aware that anyone on the school premise has been taken ill, or has had an accident, call another member of staff for assistance.
- The first aider will assess the patient's condition and then call 999 or 112 for advice.
- 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 office staff will contact parents immediately.
- The 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.
- When a child has injured their knee/leg and is required to pull their tights down or

remove trousers, in order for an adult to assess and treat, 2 adults are required.

Where a child is involved contact the parents in the first instance. If the parents cannot be reached the school will make the decision (See 'Procedures in the Event of First Aid Emergency' – Appendix 1, 'Accident Form' – Appendix 2, 'Additional Information' – Appendix 3)

- If you need to access a first aid kit for personal use, do not remove it from its designated place.
- Any loss or damage to first aid equipment must be reported to First Aiders At Work
- If a first aid kit is poorly stocked, this should be reported to First Aiders At Work
- All staff on visits out of school are expected to carry a first aid kit with them at all times. They are responsible for informing First Aiders At Work when it is poorly stocked.

In line with government guidance, and taking into account staff to child ratios, the school will ensure that there is at least **one** member of staff with a current and full Paediatric First Aid (PFA) certificate on the premises and available at all times when pupils are present, and accompanying pupils on any and all outings taken.

All staff members will be made aware that agreeing to become a first aider for the school is strictly on a voluntary basis and that they should never feel pressured to take on this role.

When selecting first aiders, the school will follow the criteria laid out in government guidance, considering the individual's:

- Reliability and communication skills.
- Aptitude and ability to absorb new knowledge and learn new skills.
- Ability to cope with stressful and physically demanding emergency procedures.
- Availability to respond immediately to an emergency.

The school will ensure that first aid training courses cover mental health in order to help them recognise the warning signs of mental ill health and to help them develop the skills required to approach and support someone, while keeping themselves safe. Pupils will be supported in accordance with the school's Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy.

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

The teacher will complete risk assessments prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils offschool premises.

There will always be at least one 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.

5. 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
- 2 Sterile eye pads with attachments
- 2 individually wrapped triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape
- 12 assorted safety pins
- 3 pairs of disposable gloves
- 10 Antiseptic wipes
- 24 individually wrapped sterile adhesives of assorted sizes
- 6 medium sized individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- 2 large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- 3 large sterile unmedicated ambulance dressings
- Scissors
- Burns dressings

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First Aid boxes can be found in the following areas:

Office

Kitchen

Each Classroom

KS2 Girls' Toilets

First Aid Kits for Trips are kept in the stock cupboard

The school will take a first aid kit on all offsite visits. Additionally, the school will ensure that all large vehicles and minibuses have a first aid box readily available.

6. Reporting accidents and record keeping

In the event of incident or injury to a pupil, a parent will be informed as soon as practicable. In the event of a serious injury or an incident requiring emergency medical treatment, the pupil's class teacher will telephone the pupil's parent as soon as possible. Parents will be informed in writing of any injury to the head, whether minor or major, and be given guidance on the action to take if symptoms develop.

A list of emergency contacts will be kept at the school office.

The appointed first aider will ensure that records are kept of any injuries, accidents or illnesses, as well as any first aid treatment that is given – this will include:

- The date, time and place of the incident.
- The name and class of the injured or ill person.
- Details of the injury or illness and what first aid was given.
- Details of what happened to the person immediately afterwards, e.g. whether they were sent home or went back to class.
- The name and signature of the first aider or person dealing with the incident.

The headteacher will ensure that any injury or accident that must be reported to the HSE or LA under RIDDOR obligations is reported in a timely and detailed manner.

7. Storage of medication

Medicines will be stored securely and appropriately in accordance with individual product instructions, save where individual pupils have been given responsibility for keeping such equipment with them. Medicines will be stored in the original container in which they were dispensed, together with the prescriber's instructions for administration, and properly labelled, showing the name of the patient, the date of prescription and the date of expiry of the medicine.

Medicine brought in by pupils will be returned to their parents for safe disposal when they are no longer required or have expired.

An emergency supply of medication will be available for pupils with medical conditions that require regular medication or potentially lifesaving equipment, e.g. an EpiPen.

Parents will advise the school when a child has a chronic medical condition or severe allergy so that an IHP can be implemented and staff can be trained to deal with any emergency in an appropriate way. Examples of this include epilepsy, diabetes and anaphylaxis. A disclaimer will be signed by the parents in this regard.

Pupils will have any medication stored and, where appropriate administered, in accordance with their EHC plans and the school's Managing Medicine Policy.

8. Illnesses and allergies

When a pupil becomes ill during the school day, their parent will be contacted and asked to pick their child up as soon as possible.

A quiet area will be set aside for withdrawal and for pupils to rest while they wait for their parent to pick them up. Pupils will be monitored during this time.

Where a pupil has an allergy, this will be addressed via the school's Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy.

The school will manage any emergencies relating to illnesses and allergies in accordance with the Emergency procedures section of this policy.

9. Dealing with Visitors

It is our policy to offer first aid assistance to visitors on our premises. Should a visitor feel unwell or have an accident, then the employee supervising their visit should call for a first

aider/appointed person. If the visitor has had an accident, the employee supervising their visit is responsible for ensuring that an entry is made in the accident book/form.

10. Children with Medical Needs

A list of children who have medical conditions, allergies, auto-immune injector pens, inhalers or who have diabetes will be held centrally. Class information will be held in the classroom. The location of each child's auto-immune injector pen or inhaler will appear alongside the child's name.

11. Staff Training

All staff undertaking first aid duties will be given full training in accordance with current legal requirements. Any appointed persons will attend a basic four-hour course. The Head teacher will attend a managing allergens training course. A rolling programme of training will be established to ensure there is always a qualified first aider on site.

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.

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

12. Information for Employees

We acknowledge that first aid arrangements will only operate efficiently where they are understood, both by employees and others who may be working on our premises. These include part-time and temporary staff. For this reason, information on how to summon first aid is provided for all new staff.

Information on the current first-aider/appointed person will be provided on staff notice boards.

Monitoring

This policy will be monitored regularly by the Local Governing Advisory Body.

Agreed and adopted by the Board of Directors –

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Next review – **Summer Term 2024**

Appendix 1: Procedures in the Event of First Aid Emergency

Emergency procedures

If an incident, illness or injury occurs, the member of staff in charge will assess the situation and decide on the appropriate course of action, which may involve calling for an ambulance immediately or calling for a first aider.

If called, a first aider will assess the situation and take charge of first aider administration. If the first aider does not consider that they can adequately deal with the presenting condition by the administration of first aid, then they will arrange for the injured person to access appropriate medical treatment without delay.

Where an initial assessment by the first aider indicates a moderate to serious injury has been sustained, or the individual has become seriously unwell, a responding staff member will call 999 immediately.

Where necessary, a trained staff member will administer emergency help and first aid to all injured persons. The purpose of this is to keep the victim alive and, if possible, comfortable, before professional medical help arrives. In some situations, immediate action can prevent the accident from becoming increasingly serious, or from involving more victims.

Where the seriously injured or unwell individual is a pupil, the following process will be followed:

- A responding staff member calls 999 immediately and follows the instructions of the operator – this may include the administering of emergency first aid.
- Where an ambulance is required, a staff member accompanies the pupil in the ambulance and calls the pupil's parent as soon as possible to inform them of the course of action taken. The staff member remains with the pupil at the hospital until a parent arrives.
- Where an ambulance is not required, but medical attention is needed, the pupil is taken to a hospital or doctor in a staff car, accompanied by at least **two** staff members – one to drive the car, and one who is a first aider, to sit with the pupil in the back seat and attend to their medical needs. The pupil's parent is called as soon as possible to inform them that this course of action has been taken, and at least one of the staff members remains with the pupil at the hospital or doctor's office until a parent arrives.
- The school will ensure that no further injury can result from any incidents that occur, either by making the scene of the incident safe, or, if they are fit to be moved, by removing injured persons from the scene.
- Responding staff members will see to any pupils who may have witnessed the incident or its aftermath and who may be worried or traumatised, despite not being directly involved. These pupils will be escorted from the scene of the incident and comforted. Younger or more vulnerable pupils may need parental support to be called immediately.

Once the above action has been taken, details of the incident will be reported promptly to:

- The headteacher.
- The parents of the victim(s).

Appendix 2: Accident Form

Accident Record Form

Child's Name:		Date of Birth:	
Date and time of accident:			
Name of witnesses/adults present:		Place accident occurred:	
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Description of how the accident occurred:		Record of any injury and action taken:	
<div></div>		<div></div>	
Condition of child following the accident:			
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Parent contacted?

Yes

☐

No

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Name of parent contacted:

Time:

How parent was contacted:

Call

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Dojo

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Text

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Other comments:

Attending adult's signature: _____

Date: _____

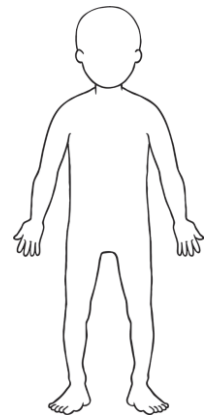
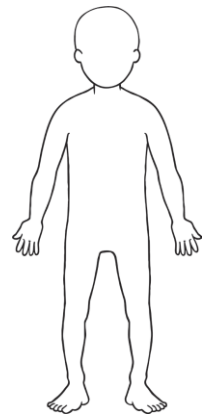
Leader's signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

Body Map



Appendix 3: Additional Information

Complete and Dojo to parents accident forms, however if a head bump ensure:

- Parent is phoned at the time and informed
- A bumped head slip (See below) is completed and handed to the adult who collects. (They may not be the person who receives the Dojo so this is important)

Other injuries that may need additional actions – phone calls/paper accident form - would include potential sprains or breaks or that might warrant a check at minor injuries.

Please continue to ensure accident forms are sent to the school office for filing.

If a parent informs you that their child subsequently visited hospital this needs reporting to the Headteacher and School Office to record on the AssetNet Accident reporting system.

Any accidents where a staff member or visitor is injured must be reported to Jo to record in our staff/visitor accident book. Again if this results in a hospital visit, this needs to be reported on AssetNet.

I've had a bump!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

_____ had a bump today.

Details: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____

