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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 advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), and 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
- [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

On each of our sites there is a member of the Senior Leadership Team who is responsible for overseeing first aid provision across the campus. There will always be at least two suitably qualified first aiders on each site. At Fitzwilliam site, this will include staff trained in paediatric first aid for the younger students.

### 3.1 Appointed persons and first aiders

The school's [appointed persons](#) are: Fitzwilliam- Ruth Slater, Trinity- James Fletcher

They are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials available for first aid 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 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
- Consulting with SLT to advise, then sending pupils home to recover, where necessary
- Filling in an accident report on the same day onto the trust reporting form, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident
- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's first aiders are listed in appendix 1.

### 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 headteacher

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

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- 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 pupils
- Ensuring the Health and Safety Manager is informed of any specified incidents which may be reportable to the HSE

### 3.4 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures

- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident/incident reports (online) for all incidents they attend to where a first aider is not called
- Informing the headteacher 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
- 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 Senior Administrator/Receptionist will contact parents immediately
- The first aider will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury

##### 4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will ensure they always have the following:

- A mobile phone with the school number saved
- A portable first aid kit including, at minimum:
  - 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
  - Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
  - 2 pairs of disposable gloves
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils and a copy of IHCP of any students in the group
- Parents' contact details

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

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
- 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
- 1 pair of rustproof blunt-ended scissors

Risk assessments will be completed by the group leader (usually the class teacher/tutor) prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

There will always be at least 1 first aider on school trips and visits.

## 5. First aid equipment

A typical first aid kit in our 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 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:

- Receptions
- All science labs
- Cooking rooms
- The school kitchens
- School vehicles
- Class bases/tutor rooms of first aiders

- Primary classrooms

## 6. Record-keeping and reporting

Accident/incident reports are kept by TDET Health and Safety Manager. Where first aid has been administered by first aiders, a copy of the incident is requested (check box) and the email response is forwarded to responsible person for the campus.

### 6.1 First aid and accident recording

An online accident/incident 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 should be supplied when reporting an accident. An emailed copy of the report is to be requested and forwarded to the appointed person for the campus where the accident occurred.
- Records held in the online recording system 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, and then securely disposed of. This is managed by TDET's Health and Safety Manager.

### 6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The TDET Health and Safety Manager 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 Health and Safety Manager will report these 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
- 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 Health and Safety Manager will report these 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\*
- An injury that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity\* and 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)

## 7. Training

All school staff are able to undertake first aid training if they would like to.

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.

## 8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Principal or Appointed Persons every year.



At every review, the policy will be approved by the Principal/full governing board.

## **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

## Appendix 1

### First Aiders

#### Fitzwilliam

	First aid at work		Paediatric first aid	
Name	Training date	Renewal date	Training date	Renewal date
Sam Redhead	22/04/2021	21/04/2024	22/07/2021	21/07/2024
Pauline Foster			31/01/2022	30/01/2025
Lorraine Webb			31/01/2022	30/01/2025
Sarah Brooker			12/05/2022	11/05/2025
Diana Francois			14/07/2022	13/07/2025

#### Trinity

	First aid at work		Paediatric first aid	
Name	Training date	Renewal date	Training date	Renewal date
Tania-Marie Hambleton			23/09/2021	22/09/2024
Christie Burke	13/05/2021	12/05/2024		
Karen Bond	12/07/2022	11/07/2025		
Darren Morgan	02/11/2022	01/11/2025		
Carl Smith	02/11/2022	01/11/2025		
James Mansell	11/02/2022	10/11/2025		