



# *Blue Gate Fields Junior School*

## **First Aid Policy**

### **Policy details:**

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### **Person (s) responsible for implementation and monitoring:**

**Sian Acreman (Head Teacher)**

**Signature (Chair of governors)**

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**Signature (Head teacher)**

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**Date: April 2021**

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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 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 pupils

### **3. Roles and responsibilities**

#### **3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders**

The school's appointed person is Jackie Walsh. She is responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing 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 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
- Sending pupils home to recover, where necessary
- Filling in an accident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident (see the template in appendix 2)
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's appointed person and first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school.

#### **3.2 The local authority and governing board**

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets 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.

### **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
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

### **3.5 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 (see appendix 2) for all incidents they attend to where a first aider/appointed person 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 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.
- If emergency services are called, parents will be contacted 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
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils

Risk assessments will be completed prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

### **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
- 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:

- Each classroom
- The first aid room
- School office
- The school hall
- The design and technology classroom
- The school kitchen

Emergency asthma pumps are located throughout the school in:

- First aid room
- Office
- PE cupboard
- Headteacher's office
- SENCO office
- ICT room

## **6. Record-keeping and reporting**

### **6.1 First aid and online accident recording tracker**

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury using Medical Tracker (an online reporting and recording system)
- Records held 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

- **6.2 Reporting to the HSE**

The headteacher 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 headteacher 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

### **6.3 First aid audit**

The appointed person carries out termly audits of equipment and supplies as well as reviewing practice within the school.

## **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 (see appendix 3).

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

## **8. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed by the headteacher every two years.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing body.

## **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

## First Aid Trained Staff

### Course Title: Emergency First Aid At Work, Level 3 Paediatric First Aid

Staff Member	Date Course Taken	Course Expires
Jackie Walsh	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Staff Member	Date Course Taken	Course Expires
Chantelle Springer	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
George Davis	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Saleha Hussain	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Jenny Shelton	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Sharifun Nessa	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Leeroy Trense	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Tracy Walker	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Madeline Pittaway	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Emma Went	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Shaheen Shahbady	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Daniel Chalaye	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Nazuma Bibi	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Maria Delgado	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Afia Begum	04/01/2022	03/01/2025
Fariha Ahmed	04/01/2022	03/01/2025

### Course Title: Emergency Life Support

Staff Member	Date Course Taken	Course Expires
Madeline Pittaway	04/01/2022	03/01/2025



<b>Course Title: First Aid At Work, level 2</b>		
Staff Member	Date Course Taken	Course Expires
Ruth Bonicci	04/09/2019	04/09/2022
Christine Wright	04/09/2019	04/09/2022

**Appendix 1: list of appointed person for first aid and trained first aiders**

