

# **First Aid Policy**

# April 2023 – March 2024

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# 1. <u>AIMS</u>

The Aim of this Policy is to set out guidelines for all Staff in school in the administering of First Aid to children, employees and visitors. Teachers and other staff in charge of children are expected to use their best endeavours at all times, particularly in emergencies, to secure the welfare of the children at the school in the same way that parents might be expected to act towards their children. In general, the consequences of taking no action are likely to be more serious than those of trying to assist in an emergency. Furthermore, the Governors are committed to the authority's procedure for reporting accidents and recognise their statutory duty to comply with the Reporting of injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences regulations 2013.

#### 2. SHARING OF INFORMATION

This policy and other policies referenced shall be shared with all employees during their induction. Employees with first aid qualifications will be responsible for administrating first aid and their certificates held in the Health & Safety file and Safeguarding file.

#### 3. QUALIFIED FIRST AIDERS

Staff trained in First Aid at Durham Trinity School & Sports College hold the following qualifications which are recognised.

NAME	QUALIFICATION	JOB TITLE	COMPLETED DATE	RENEWAL DATE
Sara Medland	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (RQF)	Teaching Assistant	3.8.2021	3.8.2024
<del>Jenna Carter</del>	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (RQF)	<del>Teaching</del> Assistant	<del>25.9.2020</del>	<del>25.9.2023</del>
Michelle Francis	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (RQF)	Teaching Assistant	15.7.2021	15.7.2024
Bethany Humble	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (RQF)	Teaching Assistant	25.11.2022	25.11.2025
Helen Cowell	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work (RQF)	HLTA	3.8.2021	3.8.2024
Brooke Fearnley	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid (RQF)	Teaching Assistant	17.11.2022	17.11.2025
Emily Warren	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid (RQF)	Teaching Assistant	12.12.2022	12.12.2025
Sarah Settrey	Fane Ltd. QA Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid (RQF)	Teacher	8.11.2021	8.11.2024

#### FIRST AID QUALIFICATIONS

# 4. APPLICATION

A qualified First Aider must be consulted immediately in the event that a child (or member of staff) should sustain a major injury or injury of the following nature:

- Any respiratory difficulties
- Cut to head or serious knock
- Suspected sprain or break
- Burns
- Stings: i.e. bees/wasps/insects (due to the possibility of allergic reaction)

In the event of a major injury, a First Aider must be notified first and an ambulance called immediately afterwards. Children with specific needs have an Individual Health and Care Plan (IHCP) to ensure their safety. This should always be consulted and shared with medical professionals as required.

There are additional policies in place for:

- Administering Medication
- Asthma
- Supporting Pupils with medical conditions

Copies of these can be found on the school website or provided on request from the school office.

## 5. PROCEDURES

The member of staff responsible for the child should either carry out First Aid, if qualified, or call for a first aider. An informed assessment will be carried out and the appropriate treatment given. If a child needs to be sent home or to a doctor or hospital owing to injury in school this must be authorised by the Headteacher or, in her absence, by a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). In the event of minor injury, once treated, the class teacher must be informed so that they can liaise with Parents/Carers by the end of the school day. Should the child be feeling unwell or have been sick in school, the class teacher must be notified so that an informed decision may be made. Should the decision be that Parents/Carers be notified/the child needs to go home, authorisation is to be sought from a Pathway Lead or Senior Leader and the Parents/Carers contacted.

#### 6. INCIDENT REPORTING

All incidents requiring first aid (whether minor or major) must be recorded on the Accident Report Form pad (green and white), as in Appendix 1, by the attending first aider and returned to the Headteacher.

For incidents where the recommended course of action is to call an ambulance, attend hospital or seek further medical advice, an online Durham County Council Health & Safety Incident Report Form must also be completed. The link to the form can be found here: <u>https://myforms-durham-dash.achieveservice.com/en/service/Corporate\_Accident\_Report\_Form</u>

The Governing body is aware of its statutory duty under RIDDOR in respect of reporting the following to the Health and Safety executive as it applies to employees:

- An accident that involves an employee being incapacitated from work for more than seven consecutive days.
- An accident which requires admittance to hospital for in excess of 24 hours.
- Death of an employee.
- Major injury such as fracture, amputation, dislocation of shoulder, hip, knee or spine.

For non-employees and children, an accident will only be reported under RIDDOR:

- Where it is related to work being carried out by an employee or contractor and the accident results in death or major injury, or;
- It is an accident in school, which requires immediate emergency treatment at hospital
- For each instance where the Headteacher considers an accident to a visitor or child is reportable under RIDDOR the advice of the Local Authority will be sought.
- All accidents to non-employees (e.g. visitors) which result in injury will be reported to the authority. All accident/ injury and first aid records will be monitored by the Headteacher to help identify trends as part of the school's risk assessment process.

It is the responsibility of the individual staff member to report accidents, incidents and near misses etc. to the Local Authority (as identified using the link above) using the online Accident Reporting Portal. Following this report, the Headteacher will follow up and complete the investigation section of the online form. Copies of reports will be kept in the Health and Safety file and the Headteacher will report the number of reports to Governors termly.

# 7. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING A CHILD'S HEAD

The Governing Body recognise that accidents involving the pupil's head can be problematic because the injury may not be evident and the effects only become noticeable after a period of time. Where any child has an injury to the head, parents/carers will be contacted as soon as possible to discuss further and on occasion may be requested to come to school to discuss the injury. A record of this phone call should be made on CPOMS.

## 8. FIRST AID MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

All staff must acquaint themselves with the position of the First Aid kits. These are kept in:

- Main school office
- Primary Kitchen
- Secondary Food Technology
- Staff Room
- Wear Class
- Medical Room (additional off-site first aid bags stored here too)
- Barnard Class
- Tweed Class
- Aln Class
- First Aid boxes on each of the three school minibuses

Stock in each box is checked by Mrs Sara Medland (Lead Medical Teaching Assistant) on a halftermly basis and ordered as necessary.

The group leader or nominated First Aider must take First Aid Boxes/bags on all off-site activities.

#### **APPENDIX 1**

Book Number	Page Number	I I	Date Completed		Person Completed sheet handed to		
A SEPARATE SHEET SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PERSON INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT Once completed, the sheet should be removed and passed to the person or department on the front of this book for secure safekeeping. The employee who had the accident, may wish to make a copy of this form for their own records before handing it in.							
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The person involved in the accident should tick the box and sign and date below if they consent to their deta on this form being disclosed and made available to safety representatives and representatives of employee safety when requested.

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Signature...... Date:

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Date reported:	1	1	Print Name	Signature

This section should be signed by the data protection officer (DPO) or a relevant contact to acknowledge receipt of the record and that it has/will be stored as per GDPR documentation.

Signed..... Dated