



First Aid Policy

BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 the [statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), 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
- [The 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 persons are – Justine Gibbens, Kara Satterley & Nicki Llewellyn. They are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Making sure there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Making sure 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 as, 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 first aiders are listed in appendix 1.

3.2 The local authority and governing board

Kent 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.

3.3 The headteacher

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

- Making sure that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- Making sure that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Making sure all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Making sure appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or making sure that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Making sure that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of pupils
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

3.4 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Making sure they follow first aid procedures
- Making sure 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 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
- If the injured person (or their parents/carers, in the case of pupils) has not provided their consent to the school to receive first aid, the first aider will act in accordance with the alternative arrangements (for example, contacting a medical professional to deliver the treatment)
- 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, the first aider will contact parents/carers and ask them to collect their child. On the parents/carers' arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to them
- If emergency services are called, one of the appointed persons will contact parents/carers immediately
- The first aider/relevant member of staff will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practicable after an incident resulting in an injury

There will be at least 1 person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on the premises at all times.

4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will make sure that they always have the following:

- A mobile phone
- 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
 - 2 safety pins
 - Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
 - 2 pairs of disposable gloves
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils

➤ Parents/carers' 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:

- 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
- 12 assorted safety pins
- 1 pair of rustproof blunt-ended scissors

Risk assessments will be completed by the leading staff member and checked by a member of SLT prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

The procedure in 4.1 will be followed as closely as possible for any off-site accidents (though whether the parents/carers can collect their child will depend on the location and duration of the trip).

There will always be at least 1 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 (EYFS).

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 safety pins
- 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:

- The medical room
- The school hall

- The school kitchen
- Classrooms

See section 4.2 for first aid equipment off the school site.

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and MedicalTracker accident record system

- All accidents and first aid incidents will be recorded electronically on the school's MedicalTracker system by the first aider or relevant member of staff on the same day, or as soon as possible after the incident.
- As much detail as possible will be recorded within MedicalTracker when reporting an accident, including all relevant information relating to the injury, treatment provided, and any follow-up actions.
- For accidents involving pupils where a family member is contacted, details of the incident will be logged on MedicalTracker and an automated notification/email containing the accident information will be sent to parents/carers. Where appropriate, the incident may also be recorded on the pupil's CPOMS record by a member of staff.
- All accident and first aid records held within MedicalTracker will be securely retained by the school in line with data protection requirements and statutory retention periods (a minimum of 3 years in accordance with regulation 25 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979), after which they will be securely deleted or disposed of in accordance with the school's data retention policy.

6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The School Business Lead will keep a record of any accident that results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7).

A member of SLT 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 member of SLT 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 where 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)

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)

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6.3 Notifying parents/carers

The first aider will inform parents/carers of any accident or injury sustained by a pupil, and any first aid treatment given, on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable. Parents/carers will also be informed if emergency services are called. Parents/carers will be contacted immediately if there has been a head injury or bruising/cuts/grazes that have required cleaning and dressing.

6.4 Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies (registered early years providers ONLY)

The headteacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a child while in the school’s care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident.

The headteacher will also notify local child protection agencies of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, a pupil while in the school’s care.

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 1).

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.

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

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be monitored by Kara Satterley and reviewed by the governing board every year.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the headteacher and full governing board.

The first aid provision will be reviewed by the appointed persons at least annually.

Appendix 1: list of trained first aiders

Surname	Forename	Certificate	Expiry Date
HUSBAND	Sophie	Paediatric First Aider	05/10/2026
PERRY	Madeline	Paediatric First Aider	05/10/2026
STEWART	APRIL-ROSE	Paediatric First Aider	05/10/2026
SATTERLEY	Kara	Paediatric First Aider	06/10/2026
FIRTH	Amy	Paediatric First Aider	23/11/2026
JARVIS	Gemma	Paediatric First Aider	23/11/2026
THOMAS	KIRSTY	Paediatric First Aider	23/11/2026
NEAL	Holly	Paediatric First Aider	24/11/2026
ANSELL	KERRY	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
ARNOLD	REBECCA	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
GIBBENS	JUSTINE	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
GIBBONS	Rebecca	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
GREENHOW	Carrie-Ann	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
HARRIS	Katie	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
LLEWELLYN	Nicola	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
SMITH	Liam	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
WILLIAMS	JANE	Paediatric First Aider	24/10/2027
Watson	Megan	Paediatric First Aider	10/07/2028
Watson	Lorraine	Paediatric First Aider	10/07/2028
Muzyczek	Kalina	Forest School First Aid Cetifica	22/07/2028

Appendix 2: accident report form

Pupils:

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT / ILLNESS REPORT SLIP		Pupil's Name		Date
				Time
				Class
Location and details of accident / incident / illness				
Head Injury		Sprains / Twists		Parent / Carer Contacted
Asthma		Nosebleed		Unable to contact Parent
Bump / Bruise		Stomach Pains / Upset Tummy		Well enough to remain in school after First Aid
Cut / Graze		Mouth Injury / Tooth Ache / Loose or Missing Tooth		IMPORTANT Please consult your doctor or local hospital if your child suffers any drowsiness, vomiting, impaired vision or excessive pain after returning home.
Headache / High Temperature		TLC Applied		
Vomiting / Nausea		Collected from school		
				Authorised Signature
Details of Treatment and Additional Comments				

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School Accident / Illness Report Slip

Report issued by:

Pupil's Name:

Date:

Time:

Class:

Location and details of accident/incident/illness

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|--|--|
| ☐ Head injury | ☐ Vomiting/Nausea |
| ☐ Asthma | ☐ Sprain/Twist |
| ☐ Bump/Bruise | ☐ Nosebleed |
| ☐ Cut/Graze | ☐ Stomach pain/Upset tummy |
| ☐ Headache/High temperature | ☐ Mouth injury/Toothache/Loose or missing tooth |

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| ☐ TLC applied |
| ☐ Collected from school |
| ☐ Parent/Carer contacted |
| ☐ Unable to contact parent |
| ☐ Well enough to stay in school after first aid |

IMPORTANT: Please consult your doctor or local hospital if your child suffers any drowsiness, vomiting, impaired vision or excessive pain after returning home.

Details of treatment and additional comments:

Authorised signature:

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Staff:

Accident record

1 About the person who had the accident

Name _____
Address _____ Postcode _____
Occupation _____

2 About you, the person filling in this record

i If you did not have the accident write your address and occupation.

Name _____
Address _____ Postcode _____
Occupation _____

3 About the accident

i Continue on the back of this form if you need to.

When it happened. Date _____ Time _____

Where it happened. State room or place _____

How the accident happened. Give the cause if you can _____

If the person who had the accident suffered an injury, say what it was _____

Please sign the record and date it. Signature _____ Date _____

4 For the employee only

☐ By ticking this box I give my consent to my employer to disclose my personal information and details of the accident which appear on this form to safety representatives and representatives of employee safety for them to carry out the health and safety functions given to them by law.

Signature _____ Date _____

5 For the employer only

Complete this box if the accident is reportable under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR). To report, go to page 4 of this book or go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

Please sign the record and date it. Signature _____ Date _____