



Pound Hill Junior School

FIRST AID POLICY

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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](#), [health and safety in schools](#) and [actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#), 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

Pound Hill Junior School will strive to exceed the minimum legal requirement which is to have an “appointed person” to take charge of first aid arrangements. The appointed person does not need to be first aid trained. The school will ensure that there are sufficient numbers of suitably qualified first aiders within the school, on school trips and liaise with settings where outside agencies provide the activity. At all times, the context and needs of the pupils will be considered when deploying first aid trained staff.

3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed persons are Rebecca Ngan, Petra Havelkova and Amy Saunders (SENDCo)

They are 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(s) 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 Governing Body 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.

3.4 The Headteacher

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

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel alongside an appointed person 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 West Sussex County Council and 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 West Sussex County Council accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider or appointed member of staff 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 or appointed member of staff, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment
 - ✓ Send the injured person to the medical room
 - ✓ Treat the injury
- The first aider or appointed member of staff, if called to an incident, 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 or appointed member of staff will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- The first aider or appointed member of staff, if involved in the Medical Room, 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
- If the first aider or appointed member of staff 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 or appointed member of staff will recommend next steps to the parents
- If emergency services are called, the appointed member of staff will arrange contact with parents immediately

- The first aider or appointed 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

4.2 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 available on BROMCOM accessed through school mobile phone

Risk assessments will be completed by the trip leader 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:

- The medical room
- The kitchen

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident recording

- The first aid will be completed by the first aider or appointed member of staff on BROMCOM 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.
- The first aid and accident records 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 on BROMCOM. This information will be passed to subsequent schools.

6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The appointed member of staff 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 appointed member of staff will report these to West Sussex County Council through 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 scalding 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

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](http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm)

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 2 years.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Headteacher.

9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and Safety Policy
- Administering Medication Policy
- Policy on supporting pupils with medical conditions

Appendix 1: list of trained first aider

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME	ROLE	DATE OF CERTIFICATION

Appendix 2: first aid additional training log

NAME/TYPE OF TRAINING	STAFF WHO ATTENDED (INDIVIDUAL STAFF MEMBERS OR GROUPS)	DATE ATTENDED	DATE FOR TRAINING TO BE UPDATED (WHERE APPLICABLE)
E.g. first aid			
E.g. paediatric first aid			
E.g. anaphylaxis			