

# **First Aid Policy**

# This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- First Aid Provision when School Nurse unavailable or not on premises guidelines
- Medicines Policy
- Nurses Department Policy
- Spills Policy

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## 1. Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all students, staff and visitors.
- Ensure that all staff and other members of the school community are aware of their responsibilities with regards to first aid health and safety.
- Provide a framework for responding to an incident and recording and reporting the outcomes.

## 2. Legislation and guidance

The 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 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 Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of students.

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

The role of the first aider is to provide care after an accident or injury including preserving life, minimising further injury and making the patient as comfortable as possible until professional help is available. It is not to give treatment.

This document sets out the procedures to be followed for the provision of first aid at Bedford Modern School (hereafter referred to as 'the school') when the school is open: during term time, when holiday courses are running and when the school is open to staff and visitors during the holidays. It also gives general guidance for the provision of first aid for students and staff on sports fixtures and visits away from the school.

There is always a fully qualified nurse (who is also a trained first aider), on duty during the school day, together with teaching and support staff who are trained first aiders, situated around school (see appendix 1). On occasion, the school will use bank nurses and/or trained first aiders/paramedics from an external agency, to supplement staffing as needed in the nurses room.

The School nurses are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill.
- Providing nursing and first aid support.
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate.
- Sending students home to recover, where necessary.
- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, checking kits regularly and replenishing the contents of these kits as needed.
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualifications, keep their training up to date and remain competent to perform their role.
- Overseeing/organising first aid support at home sports fixtures.
- Providing support and first aid equipment to staff taking students on school trips.
- Completing accident forms (either those forwarded by staff or initiating an accident form).
- Analysing and maintaining accident form data and reporting such data to the school Health and Safety committee meetings.
- Maintaining equipment, appropriate storing of medications and administration of medications in line with Nursing and Midwifery Council guidelines and the school Medicine Policy.

Trained first aiders are responsible for:

- Responding to any incidents as they arise during the school day, during sports fixtures, when attending trips away from school. First aiders can either provide immediate and appropriate treatment, signpost the injured or unwell pupil/person to the nurses dept. or request that nursing staff are called to attend to the injured or unwell student/person.
- When a student or member of staff requires first aid when they are away from school, first aid should be provided by a trained first aider and professional medical help sought in the case of an emergency.
- Filling in an accident form on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident (see appendix 2).

It is acknowledged that the nurse on duty is not expected to attend at other locations within school grounds to provide treatment except in an emergency. When an emergency situation arises, nursing staff should use their discretion – balancing the nature of the emergency being reported, with the conflicting need to cover the nurse's room, especially if there are patients in his/her care.

# 4. First Aid procedures

## 4.1 In-school procedures:

In the event of an accident resulting in injury, or a student/member of staff becoming unwell:

The closest member of staff present will assess the seriousness of the situation and seek the assistance of the school nurse or a qualified first aider, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment. Where able, the unwell student/staff member/visitor may be able to make their way to the nurse's room (either accompanied or unaccompanied, depending on the situation).

Contact details for the School Nurses:

Extension: 505 (internal) School Nurse Dept. number 01234 332505 School Nurse Emergency Phone (1): 07788 970 153 School Nurse Emergency Phone (2): 07788 970 154

The school nurse (or 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 school nurse/first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position. Where possible, the student/staff member/visitor will be assisted to the nurse's room for further assessment and treatment if needed.

If the school nurse judges that a student is too unwell to remain in school, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the school nurse will recommend next steps to the parents.

If emergency services are called, the school nurse or an appropriate member of staff will contact parents immediately.

The school nurse/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.

# 4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking students off the school premises (sports fixtures or trips), staff will ensure they always have the following:

- A mobile phone, fully charged, with relevant contact details stored.
- A portable first aid kit and where needed, a basic medicine box.
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils and staff.
- Parents' contact details/ staff next of kin information.

For trips, risk assessments will be completed by the Trip Leader and Educational Visits Co-ordinator prior to any educational visit that necessitates students being off school premises.

For away sports fixtures, a transport assessment is carried out. The away hosts take responsibility for first aid provision but Bedford Modern School sports staff carry individual first aid kits, with most sports staff first aid trained.

There is always at least one first aider at away sports fixtures, on school trips and visits.

## 4.3 Home sports fixtures:

During the autumn term, two emergency care practitioners/paramedics will be in attendance with two school nurses for Saturday fixtures, supported by first aid trained staff.

During the spring term, one emergency care practitioner/paramedic will be in attendance with a school nurse, supported by first aid trained staff.

During the summer term, first aid support is given by school staff who hold a relevant first aid qualification. The school nurse can be contacted as needed.

For mid-week fixtures, first aid will be provided by either a trained first aider, the school nurse or an emergency care practitioner/paramedic. Provision will depend upon numbers/ages of students taking part in fixtures.

## 5. First aid equipment

## First Aid boxes.

First aid boxes/bags can be found in the following areas:

- Main reception (opposite the reception desk)
- The nurses room
- Junior School reception
- Science building
- The Rutherford building
- DT classrooms
- Drama studios
- Sports hall/King Room/ Swimming Pool
- School house
- School kitchens (including the King Room and staff room kitchens).
- School vehicles

Appendix 3 provides a list of exact locations for first aid boxes around the school. All boxes are checked and restocked each term by the Nurses Department. First Aiders also restock as necessary, and allocated staff (see appendix 3) can contact the nurse's room for supplies during nurse's dept. opening hours.

A typical first aid box/bag in the 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 and clinical waste bags
- Antiseptic wipes
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Ice packs (sports bags only)

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

#### For school trips.

Staff will be provided with a first aid bag – the quantity and size of bag provided depends on the number of trip attendees and the length/type of trip. Staff will be provided with a medicine box containing over the counter medication – analgesia, anti-histamines, dextrose tablets and a spare inhaler.

Any medication identified for students with known medical conditions (i.e. anaphylaxis, epilepsy) will also be provided. Trip staff and school nurses will review the list of attendees in a timely manner before departure.

## Away sporting fixtures.

First aid trained sports staff carry a first aid bag to all fixtures. Students with known medical conditions (i.e. asthma, anaphylaxis) should carry and be responsible for, any

medication they may require (i.e. inhalers and adrenaline auto-injectors) brought from home. Junior school students may require assistance from sports staff to look after any medicines that are sent with the pupil.

# Other first aid equipment.

The school also provides the following equipment/medical boxes in the designated locations:

Equipment Location	Burns box	Defibrillator	Diabetes emergency box	Eye wash station	Emergency adrenaline auto- injector	Emergency inhaler kit
Main school reception		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Junior school reception		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Nurses room	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Science building	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rutherford building		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Sports hall		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
King room		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Swimming pool		Yes	Yes	Yes		
Kitchens	Yes			Yes		

All defibrillators, emergency adrenaline auto-injectors and emergency inhalers can be used by trained staff, and by untrained lay people who are willing to volunteer their support in an emergency.

Glucose gel (used to treat hypoglycaemia as part of a diabetic management plan) should only be administered by school nurses and staff trained to give this medication.

# 6. Record-keeping and reporting

Attendances to the nurse's room for treatment, or where the school nurse is called to see a student/staff member, is initially logged onto the written daily record log.

Any first aid or medical support provided by school nurses is then recorded on electronic records for students/staff (excluding catering staff), through the medical centre module on iSAMS.

## 6.1 First aid and accident recording

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider/relevant member of staff/school nurse 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, including all of the information requested in the accident form in appendix 2.
- A copy of the accident report form will be logged by the nurse's room administration assistant and a copy forwarded to the Director of Operations, Deputy Head Pastoral and where indicated, to Neale Else (Science), Matt Price (Trips), Joanna Rex (Junior School), Simon Sinclair (Sports).
- Accident follow ups will be sought by the school nurses and information fed back to the Director of Operations.
- Accident form records will be retained by the school for a minimum of 7 years, in accordance with the School's Retention Policy and then securely disposed of, either by shredding in school or through the use of an external agency.
- All accidents are reviewed and discussed at the Health and Safety committee meeting, held termly.

# 6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The Deputy Bursar/Director of Operations 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).

If required, the Director of Operations 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
  - $\circ$  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
  - $\circ\;$  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 Notifying parents

The school nurse/tutor or another appropriate member of staff will inform parents of any accident or injury sustained by a student, and any first aid treatment given, on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable. This will either be by phone call, email or via a letter from the Nurses department.

## 7. Training

All school and support staff are able to undertake first aid training if they would like to, and should approach senior nurse to organise.

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).

Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training before it is no longer valid. Staff will be reminded of approaching expiry by the nurse's dept. and refreshers/further training booked as needed.

At all times, at least 1 staff member will have a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate and is updated at least every 3 years.

The senior nurse will signpost staff to online training in how to use adrenaline autoinjectors. All staff can approach the school nurses for ad-hoc training in the use of adrenaline auto-injectors, inhalers and basic first aid procedures

> Rachel Lloyd Senior Nurse

May 2019 Review Date May 2020 List of First Aiders in school by dept. Year: 2018-19

- 516
Y - 564
1 - 304
SWORTH -
597
97
538
538
IS
06
506
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	Ralph MILLAR Andrew SLATER	
NURSES ROOM	PPE	PSYCHOLOGY
Rachel LLOYD – 505 Angela MACGREGOR - 505 Helen MORRISON – 505 Louise RAYNER-CURTIS - 505 Lesley ROCHFORD (Bank) - 505	Stuart BAKER David BAREHAM Sheena BOA Richard SMITH	Helen KELLY
RE	REPROGRAPHICS	SCIENCE
Jonathan HOOPER – 583 Jon SEARLE - 569	Norma SHERIDAN - 580	David DONOGHUE John FITTON – 530 Wendy HALLETT Dan HONNOR - 738 Julian KRISHNA Terry MULLAN Clare OSWALD – 747 Trevor REX – 554 Sarah SANCTUARY Karen SOLOMON - 734/749 Chris WHITHAM - 737/724
SITE SUPPORT	SPORTS/PE/SWIMMING/	
SITE SUPPORT	ROWING	
Guido DARMANIN	Mark BAVINGTON Chris BARROW Sam BRIGHTMAN Jordan BRUCE Tim BUCKTIN Ashley BYGRAVES George DARLOW Heather GILBERT Emily HAYMAN Adam HIGGENS Jan LEYDON Guy MARSH Michael PARK Ally SATCHWILL Kieran SMITH Sam SPRUCE Ashley TAPPER Andrew TAYLOR Tom WALLIS Ed WARREN William WHITE Rebecca WOODGATE Paul WOODROFFE	

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# **Appendix 2**

Accident, Ir		Miss Report F	orm	Ref No:	
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& Postcode			Gender	Female	
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Details of any					
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This form sets out the recording of accidents at Bedford Modern School as required by the Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and reporting of injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (R.I.D.D.O.R.). The form is required to be kept for a minimum of 3 years.

# **Patient Treatment Information**

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■ Skin injury e.g. cut,		] Inflammatio	on/swelling	Conc	ussion		Loss c	
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🗌 Sprain e.g. ligament	rain e.g. ligament tear			□ Fracture (including □ Respirator suspected) problem			ratory	
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# Location of First Aid Boxes

LOCATION OF FIRST AID BOXES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR			
Becontion Main building	CHECKING Nurses			
Reception – Main building School Office	Claire White			
Staff common room	Nurses			
Year 7 common room	Jon Searle			
Year 8 common room	Sarah Sanctuary			
Year 9 common room	Lucy Neville			
Year 10 common room	John Fitton			
Year 11 common room	Trevor Rex			
Geography dept. H7	Ben Day			
Art dept.	Sian Milton			
Library	Margaret Brown			
Music School	Ann Milburn			
Drama Powder room				
	Margaret Brown Nick Parker			
" Workshop				
ROUITI	Rachael Bradley			
ROUIT Z	Rachael Bradley			
Studio	Rachael Bradley			
Junior school main reception	Helen Draycott			
Main nail refreshment	Helen Draycott			
area				
Staff kitchen	Helen Draycott			
Design rechnology	Helen Draycott			
Science laboratory	Helen Draycott			
" " Outside computer room	Helen Draycott			
After school care, Junior School Science block	Helen Wittering/Nurses			
Rutherford building Foyer	Sharon Burns			
" " Staff room	Lynne McBride			
" " Sixth form	Sharon Burns			
common room				
" " Cleaners cupboard	Maciej Kowalewski			
Science building main reception	Karen Solomon			
Biology prep/Burns box	Lynn Winters			
Chemistry prep/Burns box	Karen Solomon			
Physics prep/Burns box	Chris Witham			
Rutherford building kitchen	Andy Ballard			
" " tuck shop	Andy Ballard			
Weights and fitness room	Louise Williams			
Sports hall	Claire and Claire (Sports admin)			
King Room First Aid room	Nurses			
King Room Kitchen	Catering			
Swimming pool				
Deputy Bursar's office	Ashley Bygraves			
	Sylvia Styles			
School House Kitchen	Heather Lovelock			
Speech & Drama (School House)	Shelly Leather			
CCF	Alex Smith			
Caretakers office	Maciej Kowalewski			
Maintenance workshop	John Heard			

Main boiler house	John Heard			
School house boiler room	John Heard			
Sports hall boiler room	John Heard			
Rutherford boiler room	John Heard			
Junior School boiler room	John Heard			
Science block boiler room	John Heard			
Robert Luff boiler room	John Heard			
First Aid grab bag	John Heard			
Maintenance truck	John Heard			
Groundsman's Office	Michael Logan			
Garage & Garden store	Martin Billington			
Catering Van CF63 MHU	Sylvia Styles			
Tim Morley Van WF60 0KX	Sylvia Styles			
GX66 WKF	Sylvia Styles			
GU64 MVW	Sylvia Styles			
KM13 VPZ	Sylvia Styles			
GX66 WKE	Sylvia Styles			
GU66 UCJ	Sylvia Styles			
GX66 WKG	Sylvia Styles			
GK67 EFP	Sylvia Styles			