

First Aid Policy

Bolton Brow Primary Academy



Policy and Procedure: First Aid Policy

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Statement of intent

Bolton Brow Primary Academy is committed to providing emergency first aid provision in order to deal with accidents and incidents affecting employees, children and visitors. The arrangements within this policy are based on the results of a suitable and sufficient risk assessment carried out by the school in regard to all staff, pupils and visitors.

Bolton Brow Primary Academy will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff and pupils. Details of such precautions are noted in the following policies:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Administering Medication Policy
- Food Hygiene Policy and Procedures
- Educational Visits and School Trips Policy

The following procedures are also displayed within school:

- First aid procedures.
- Administering medication to children.

Gail Fawcett (Assistant Administrator) and Louise Wilde (Administrator) have overall responsibility for ensuring that the school has adequate and appropriate first aid equipment, facilities and personnel, and for ensuring that the correct first aid procedures are followed.

Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to statutory legislation, including, but not limited to the following:

The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and approved code of practice and guidance

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and subsequent regulations and guidance

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Aims

2.1. All staff should read and be aware of this policy, know who to contact in the event of any illness, accident or injury, and ensure this policy is followed in relation to the administration of first aid.

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2.2. All staff will use their best endeavours, at all times, to secure the welfare of the pupils.

2.3. Anyone on the school premises is expected to take reasonable care for their own and others' safety.

2.4. The aim of this policy is to:

- Ensure that the school has adequate, safe, and effective first aid provision in order for every pupil, member of staff and visitor to be well looked after in the event of any illness, accident or injury; no matter how major or minor.
- Ensure that all staff and pupils are aware of the procedures in the event of any illness, accident, or injury.
- Ensure that medicines are only administered at the school when express permission has been granted for this.
- Ensure that all medicines are appropriately stored.
- Promote effective infection control.

2.5. Nothing in this policy should affect the ability of any person to contact the emergency services in the event of a medical emergency. For the avoidance of doubt, staff should dial 999 for the emergency services in the event of a medical emergency before implementing the terms of this policy and make clear arrangements for liaison with ambulance services on the school site.

To achieve the aims of this policy, the school will have suitably stocked first aid boxes. Where there is no special risk identified, a minimum provision of first aid items would be:

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid;
- Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes);
- Two sterile eye pads;
- Four individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile);
- Six safety pins;
- Six medium sized (approximately 12cm x 12cm) individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings;
- Two large (approximately 18cm x 18cm) sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings; and
- One pair of disposable gloves.
- Equivalent or additional items are acceptable.

- 2.6. The lead first aider is responsible for examining the contents of first aid boxes. These should be checked frequently and restocked as soon as possible after use. Items should be discarded safely after the expiry date has passed.
- 2.7. First aid boxes are located in the following areas:

All classrooms, the School Hall, the Key Stage 1 corridor (outside Class 2), the Key Stage 2 corridor (outside Year 6), the Nursery, School Kitchen and the school office.

First aiders

- 3.1. The main duties of first aiders are to give immediate first aid to pupils, staff or visitors and to ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is called, when necessary.
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- 3.2. First aiders are to ensure that their first aid certificates are kept up-to-date through liaison with the school administrator.
 - 3.3. Each first aider has a responsibility to ensure all first aid kits are properly stocked and maintained. The first aid appointed person(s) will be responsible for maintaining supplies.
 - 3.4. The current first aid appointed person is Gail Fawcett.
4. **Emergency procedure in the event of an accident, illness or injury**
- 4.1. If an accident, illness or injury occurs, the member of staff in charge will assess the situation and decide on the appropriate course of action, which may involve calling for an ambulance immediately or calling for a first aider.
 - 4.2. If called, a first aider will assess the situation and take charge of first aid administration.
 - 4.3. In the event that the first aider does not consider that he/she can adequately deal with the presenting condition by the administration of first aid, then he/she should arrange for the injured person to access appropriate medical treatment without delay.
 - 4.4. Where an initial assessment by the first aider indicates a moderate to serious injury has been sustained, one or more of the following actions will be taken:
 - Administer emergency help and first aid to all injured persons. The purpose of this is to keep the accident victim(s) alive and, if possible, comfortable, before professional medical help can be called. Also, in some situations, action now can prevent the accident from getting more serious, or from involving more victims.
 - Call an ambulance or a doctor, if this is appropriate – after receiving a parent’s clear instruction, take the accident victim(s) to a doctor or to a hospital. Moving the victim(s) to medical help is only advisable if the person doing the moving has sufficient knowledge and skill to make the move without making the injury worse. If a parent cannot be contact the school with contact the second contact on Arbor etc...If the

school cannot make contact with anyone then SLT will ensure an adult from adult will stay with the children until contact is made with parent(s).

- Make sure that no further injury can result from the accident, either by making the scene of the accident safe, or (if they are fit to be moved) by removing injured persons from the scene.
- See to any children who may have witnessed the accident or its aftermath and who may be worried, or traumatised, in spite of not being directly involved. They will need to be taken away from the accident scene and comforted. Younger or more vulnerable children may need parental support to be called immediately.
- When the above action has been taken, the incident must be reported to:
 - The Headteacher or, in their absence, the Deputy Head or Assistant Head.
 - The parents/carer of the victim(s).

Reporting to parents

- 5.1. In the event of incident or injury to a pupil, at least one of the pupil's parents must be informed as soon as practicable. **Appendix 1 gives an overview of the school procedures and this is displayed on all classroom/ school safeguarding display boards.**
- 5.2. Parents must be informed in writing of any injury to the head, minor or major, and be given guidance on action to take if symptoms develop. Below is an example of a form completed correctly:

Date	11/20	Time	12:45	Pupil Name	F Blaggs	Class / Form	2	Location of Incident	Playground	File Completed		Time	1:00
Details of Treatment and Additional Comments										Name of parent/carer contacted (if applicable)			
F fell when running on the playground and grazed their head. Cut cleaned and bandaged.										S Blaggs			
Bump / Bruise	✓	Ventilating / Nazarene		Noise/bleed		Head Injury		Cut / graze		Asthma		Other	
Parent contacted													
Unable to contact Parent. The child was well enough to return to school.													
The child was collected from school.													
The school was notified that your child should consult a doctor.													
IMPORTANT FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PARENT / CARER										Should your child suffer any drowsiness, vomiting, impaired vision or excessive pain after returning home please consult your doctor or local hospital and take this slip with you		Authorised Signature:	
Bolton Brow Primary Academy Tel: 01422 831031										INCIDENT / ILLNESS REPORT SLIP		REPORT SLIP No. 006289	

Date	11/20	Time	9:25	Pupil Name	F Blaggs	Class / Form	2	Location of Incident	Classroom	File Completed		Time	9:30
Details of Treatment and Additional Comments										Name of parent/carer contacted (if applicable)			
F bumped their head on the classroom table. Cold compress given.										S Blaggs			
Bump / Bruise	✓	Ventilating / Nazarene		Noise/bleed		Head Injury		Cut / graze		Asthma		Other	
Parent contacted													
Unable to contact Parent. The child was well enough to remain in school.													
The child was collected from school.													
The school was notified that your child should consult a doctor.													
IMPORTANT FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PARENT / CARER										Should your child suffer any drowsiness, vomiting, impaired vision or excessive pain after returning home please consult your doctor or local hospital and take this slip with you		Authorised Signature:	
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- 5.3. Parents will be contacted by telephone to notify them of a head injury and of an injury that leaves a serious mark / graze. Parents will be told of the written accident form that the child's teacher will provide to them at the end of the school day.

- 5.4. In the event of serious injury or an incident requiring emergency medical treatment, the pupil's class teacher will telephone the pupil's parents as soon as possible.
- 5.5. A list of emergency contact details are kept on Arbor.

Visits and events off-site

- 6.1. Before undertaking any off-site events, the teacher organising the trip or event will assess the level of first aid provision required by undertaking a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of the event and persons involved. This will be reviewed by the school business manager before the event is organised.
- 6.2. Please see the separate Educational Visits and School Trips Policy for more information about the school's educational visit requirements.

Storage of medication

- 7.1. Medicines are always securely stored in accordance with individual product instructions, save where individual pupils have been given responsibility for keeping such equipment with them.
- 7.2. All medicines shall be stored in the original container in which they were dispensed, together with the prescriber's instructions for administration, and properly labelled, showing the name of the patient, the date of prescription and the date of expiry of the medicine.
- 7.3. All medicines will be returned to the parent to arrange for safe disposal when they are no longer required.
- 7.4. An emergency supply of medication should be available for pupils with medical conditions that require regular medication.
- 7.5. Parents should advise the school when a child has a chronic medical condition so that staff can be trained to deal with any emergency in an appropriate way. Examples of this include epilepsy and diabetes. A disclaimer will be signed by the parents in this regard.

Illness

- 8.1. When a child becomes ill during the day, the parents/carer will be contacted and asked to pick their child up from school as soon as possible.
- 8.2. A quiet area will be set aside for withdrawal and for pupils to rest while they wait for their parents/carer to arrive to pick them up. Pupils will be monitored during this time.

Consent

- 9.1. Parents will be asked to complete and sign a medical consent form when their child is admitted to the school, which includes emergency numbers, details of allergies and chronic conditions, and consent for the administration of emergency first aid – these forms will be updated periodically.
- 9.2. Staff do not act 'in loco parentis' in making medical decision as this has no basis in law – staff always aim to act and respond to accidents and illness based on what is reasonable under the circumstances and will always act in good faith while having the best interests of the child in mind – guidelines are issued to staff in this regard.

Monitoring and review

- 10.1. This policy is reviewed annually by the Headteacher in conjunction with the Governing Body; any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff.
- 10.2. All members of staff are required to familiarise themselves with this policy as part of their induction programme.
- 10.3. **The school displays a First Aid procedures flow chart on all Safeguarding display boards for staff to refer to at all times (Appendix 1).**

Appendix 1 – School procedures for responding to a First Aid incident.

First Aid - Injuries to children at Bolton Brow Primary Academy.

Making the parent/carer aware

If a child has injured themselves but you have decided that they are fine to stay at school you must then do the following:

- *Ask a member of the school office team to ring and speak to the parents/carers to inform them of the injury and the current medical status of the child.*

Or

- *Speak to the parents/carers advising them of the injury/ incidents and actions taken.*

If you were the first person to come into contact with the child following an injury, you must liaise with the member of staff who carried out the first aid treatment and a member of the school office team to record this in the school First Aid book which is located in the school office.

If you are not the class teacher, you must ensure that you inform them of the incident and provide them with the appropriate document to give to the parent/carer at the end of the school day.

If the injury/ incident occurred at lunchtime the member of staff who dealt with the case will speak personally to the teacher of the injured child. It will then be the responsibility of the teacher to follow the procedure to inform parents/carers outlined above. The staff member must also make sure that Mrs Judith Kershaw (Senior Midday Supervisor) is aware of the incident, and she will check with the school office that all the procedures have been followed.

Trips and visits

If an incident occurs offsite, then there is still a need to inform parents/carers as soon as possible either whilst on the visit itself or on return to school before the child leaves the premises.