

John Donne Primary School

First Aid Policy

First Aid Policy Statement

The Governors and Head teachers of John Donne Primary School accept their responsibility under the Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 and acknowledge the importance of providing First Aid for employees, children and visitors within the school.

We are committed to the authority's procedure for reporting accidents and recognise our statutory duty to comply with the Reporting of injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences regulations 1995.

The provision of First Aid within the school will be in accordance with the Authority's guidance on First Aid in school.

Signed:



(Headteacher)

Date:

11th October 2022

Signed:



(Chairperson of the Governing Body)

Statement of First Aid organisation.

The school's arrangements for carrying out the policy include nine key principles.

- Places a duty on the Governing body to approve, implement and review the policy.
- Place individual duties on all employees.
- To report, record and where appropriate investigate all accidents.
- Records all occasions when first aid is administered to employees, pupils and visitors.
- Provide equipment and materials to carry out first aid treatment.
- Make arrangements to provide training to employees, maintain a record of that training and review annually.
- Establish a procedure for managing accidents in school which require First Aid treatment.
- Provide information to employees on the arrangements for First Aid.
- Undertake a risk assessment of the first aid requirements of the school

Arrangement for First Aid

Materials, equipment and facilities.

The school will provide materials, equipment and facilities as set out in DfE 'Guidance on 'First Aid for schools'.

The Appointed Person: Currently the Appointed person is Amanda Riminucci. She will regularly check that materials and equipment are available. She will ensure that new materials are ordered when supplies are running low.

Each class in Nursery and Reception, have their own First Aid Box. These need to be stored where they are visible and easy to access. The school has wall mounted First Aid stations installed on each level of the main building, in the Sunshine room and on the main Playground. It is the appointed person's responsibility to ensure that these are regularly checked and that the stations are fully stocked.

Each class have their own trip first aid bum-bag. It is the responsibility of the adults of that class to notify the appointed person if stocks in the trip bag are running low.

Responsibility to regularly check First Aid Boxes located outside the classrooms lies with staff working in the classes. If First Aid boxes need replenishing the Appointed Person should be immediately notified and extra supplies should be requested.

All classrooms and play-leader are provided with PPE which must be worn every time First Aid is administered. It is the responsibility if the adults in class and play-leaders to request more PPE from the Appointed Person.

Science Room:

There is a fully stocked First Aid Box in the science room. This is specifically stocked for purpose, to meet the needs of first aid during science lessons. The First Aid Box in the science room is regularly checked by the Appointed Person. There is also a wall mounted first aid station installed in the science room to be used for all purposes.

Playground:

Wall mounted First Aid station can be found on the playground. It is every supervising adult's responsibility to provide FA in case of a minor accident. Should an adult not have FA training, they then can request help/ second opinion from a qualified First Aider.

In case of a major accident or a head injury a qualified First Aider should be asked to assist in giving First Aid.

Cuts

The nearest adult deals with small cuts. All open cuts should be covered after they have been treated with a cleansing wipe.

Any adult can treat more severe cuts, but a fully trained first aider must attend the patient to give advice. Minor cuts should be recorded in the accident file. Severe cuts should be recorded in the accident file and a major accident form should be given to the office to be kept on file. Parents and Guardians should be informed by telephone. (No forms are sent home at the moment due to COVID)

ANYONE TREATING AN OPEN CUT SHOULD USE RUBBER GLOVES.

Head injuries

Any bump to the head, no matter how minor is treated as serious. All bumped heads should be treated with an ice pack. Parents and Guardians must be informed by Telephone. The adults in the child's class room should be informed and keep a close eye on the child. All bumped head accidents should be recorded in the accident file. Children with a bumped had should be given an 'I bumped my head' wrist band' to take home.

First Aid and Medicine files

These files are kept in each classroom, in the playground and in the office. The contents of these files are collected at the end of the academic year, by the appointed person, and kept together for a period of 3 years as required by law.

For Major accidents/ incidents a further form must be completed within 24 hours of the accident/ incident. (Any accident that results in the individual being taken to hospital is considered a Major accident/ incident.). These forms are obtainable from the office and once completed a copy of it must be kept on file. They also need to be signed by the Headteacher.

Administering medicine in school:

At the beginning of each academic year, any medical conditions are shared with staff and a list of these children and their conditions is kept in the Teachers' files/ Inclusion folder/ First Aid-Medicine Record files and on file in the office.

Children with Medical conditions have to have a care plan provided by the school nurse, signed by parents/ guardians. These need to be checked and reviewed regularly. Medications kept in the school for children with medical needs, are stored on the first floor, in a white cabinet, clearly marked with the green cross, right next to the photocopier (in the ICT suit). Each child's medication is in a clearly labelled container with their name.

All medicines in school are administered following the agreement of a care plan.

Asthma

Children with Asthma do not require a care plan. In order for children's Asthma pumps to be kept in school an 'Asthma Pump Card' form must be filled out. The 'Asthma Pump Card' is obtainable from the office. Parents need to be directed to the office to fill out the card. The office then will pass the Asthma Pump Card on to the person responsible for Medicine at school, currently Ms Riminucci, who will allocate a Red Asthma Pump bum-bag to the child and will inform class room staff about the child's needs regarding the asthma pump and its usage. It is the parents/carers responsibility to provide the school with up-to date Asthma Pumps for their children. Adults in the classroom are to check the expiry date on the pumps regularly and inform parents, should the pumps expire or run out. Asthma pumps should be carried by the person who it has been prescribed for, and clearly labelled with the child's name. Asthma sufferers should not share inhalers. Children are provided with RED bum-bags to carry their Asthma pumps in when not in the class-room.

Only **Blue** (reliever) Asthma Pumps should be kept in schools.

Generic emergency salbutamol asthma inhalers:

In accordance with Human Medicines Regulations, amendment No2, 2014, the school is in possession of 'generic asthma inhalers', to use in an emergency.

These inhalers can be used for pupils who are on the school's Asthma register. The inhalers can be used if pupils' prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, if it is broken or empty). The emergency inhalers

are stored in the First Aid cabinet in the ICT suit, in Miss McDonald's room, in Miss Riminucci's room, in the First Aid box in the main office, in Nursery and in Red Reception. The inhalers are clearly labelled.

Nursery: The emergency inhaler asthma bag contains

- One salbutamol inhaler (clearly labelled), inside its original packaging with instructions on how to use and clean the inhaler.
- One plastic spacer to be used with younger children (Nursery, Reception)

First Aid cabinet (ICT suit): The emergency inhaler asthma bag contains

- One salbutamol inhaler (clearly labelled), inside their original packaging, with instruction on how to use and clean the inhaler.
- List of names of children with Asthma card

In case of an emergency, an adult needs to be sent to get the asthma pump while a First Aider remains with the child. Once the pump has been administered, (older children can administer it for themselves under supervision) the First Aider needs to record the time and dose of salbutamol (how many puffs have been administered). This needs to be recorded on administering medicine form. (Kept in the First Aid folders in each classroom.)

For further information on administering medicine see next section, also see Pupils with Medical conditions in School policy.

Adults may also use the inhalers in an emergency and should follow the above instructions on recording the use of the inhalers.

When the emergency inhalers have been used, please notify the persons responsible for First Aid and Medicine, currently Miss Riminucci.

Other Medicines

Short term prescriptions; Medications such as the short term use of antibiotics or painkillers can be administered only if the parent /guardian fill out the 'Parental consent form for administering medicine' form. Parents can obtain the form from the office on the first day of requesting the medicine to be administered at school. The office is to pass the forms and medication to the person responsible for Medicine at school, currently Ms McDonald, who will inform adults in the named child's class room regarding the administration of the medicine in question. The copy of the Administering Medicine at Schools Form must be kept in the Medical File, also one copy needs to be kept with the with the medication. Medication may be administered in school if it is required to be taken four (4) times a day.

Classroom staff should encourage parents to administer all other medicine at home. All medication administered at school must be prescription medicine, prescribed by a doctor and obtained from the pharmacy, clearly labelled with the child's name and address.

All medication should always be handled by adults. The transfer of medication from school to home, or after school club, and vice versa should be between adults and it should never be put in a child's book bag.

Medications that need to be kept in the fridge can be stored in the HT's office or DH's office.

Calling the Emergency services.

In case of a major accident, it is the decision of the fully trained first aider if the emergency services are to be called. Staff are expected to support and assist the trained first aider in their decision.

The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher should be informed if such a decision has been made even if the accident happened on a school trip or on school journey.

If the casualty is a child, their parents/ guardians should be contacted immediately and given all the information required. If the casualty is an adult, their next of kin should be called immediately. All contact numbers for children and staff are available from the school office.

Headlice

Staff do not touch children and examine them for headlice. If we suspect a child or children have headlice we will have to inform parents/carers. A standard letter should be sent home with all the children in that class where the suspected headlice incidence is. If we have concerns over headlice the school nurse can be called in, who is able to examine children and also give advice and guidance to parents/carers on how best to treat headlice.

Chicken pox and other diseases, rashes

If a child is suspected of having chicken pox etc, we will look at the child's arms or legs. Chest and back will only be looked at if we are further concerned. We should call a First Aider and two adults should be present. The child should always be asked if it was ok to look.

COVID-19

If a child displays one or more symptoms of COVID-19, a class based adult will bring the child to the isolation room, maintaining social distancing of 2 metres at all times. The child will remain in the room until the parent/carer will be able to collect. Staff needs to ensure that they wear the correct PPA equipment while attending to a child with COVID-19 symptoms.

The child is not to return to school until a COVID test has been taken and the result is negative. In case of tests being unavailable, the current government guidelines state, the period of self-isolation is 14 days.

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