

Westminster Cathedral RC Primary 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 the [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), 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 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

3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed persons are School's Office Administrators. 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 templates in appendices 2 and 3)
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's appointed persons 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

Westminster City 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.

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3.4 The headteacher

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

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of appointed persons and trained first aid personnel 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 the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

3.5 Staff

All school staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the trained first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where an appointed person 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 scene until help arrives
- 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, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents

- If the first aider judges that a pupil is in need of immediate emergency medical treatment they will call 999 immediately
- If emergency services are called, the school's office will contact parents immediately
- The first aider or school's administration officer 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 mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils
- Parents' contact details

Risk assessments will be completed by the Class Teacher or trip organiser prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

There will always be at least one first aider with a current paediatric first aid certificate on school trips and visits, as required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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 school's main office
- Nursery Classroom
- Reception Classroom
- Year 6 Classroom

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the member of staff that deals with the injury/illness 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 included in the accident form
- A copy of the accident report form will also be added to the pupil's educational record by the member of staff that deals with the injury/illness
- Records held in the first aid and accident book 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, and then securely disposed of

6.2 Reporting to the HSE

The School's Office 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 Head Teacher 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
 - 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
 - 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)

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6.3 Notifying parents

The School's Office Administrator and the class teacher/ teaching assistant will inform parents 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.

6.4 Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies

The Head Teacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a pupil 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 Head Teacher will also notify the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) 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).

Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training when it is no longer valid.

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

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Head Teacher every 2 years.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing board committee.

9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and safety policy
- Risk assessment policy
- Policy on supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Managing medicines in school policy

Appendix 2: serious accident report form

Playground injury Record

Date of injury: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Childs name: _____ Year group: _____

SERIOUSNESS OF INJURY (please specify)

Minor	Moderate	Serious
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TYPE OF INJURY

Fall from equipment	Swelling/bump/bruise	Collision with an object/child
Eye/ear/nose	Head injury	Sprain/strain
Scrape /scratch		
Other(please specify)		

TREATMENT

Ice pack	Cleaned and dressed	Cleaned and plaster
Parent called	Head injury letter and collected	Removed from playground
Bandaged/sling (please specify)	Ambulance	Removed and taken to A&E
Parent informed child to be taken to A&E – Time parent informed	Staff member who informed parent Staff member who attends A&E with child	

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Comments/notes:

STAFF INFORMED

Class Teacher: _____ SLT:



Appendix : accident report form

HEAD INJURY REPORT

Your child has sustained a head injury at school. It is the school's policy to advise parents when a child

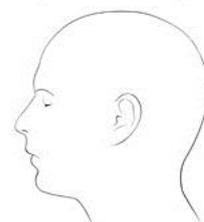
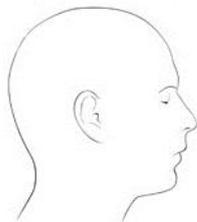
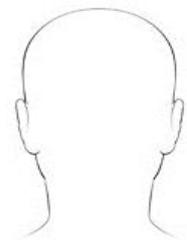
has had an injury of this kind. A head injury is usually minor and will not result in any permanent damage.

The symptoms are usually mild and short lived. A minor head injury often causes a bump or bruise on the exterior of the head.

Details		
Person reporting:	Date:	Time reported:
Child's name:	Class:	Place of Injury:
Time parent contacted:	Time parent spoken to:	Time child collected (if applicable):

Details of injury:		
Further action:		

POSITION OF INJURY (SHOW THE POSITION OF THE INJURY BELOW)



Observe them closely for 48 hours to monitor whether their symptoms change or worsen. If your child has a minor head injury, they may cry or be distressed. This is normal and, with attention and reassurance, most children will settle down. However, seek medical assistance if your child continues to be distressed.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR, FOR UP TO 48HRS FOLLOWING A HEAD INJURY:

- *Drowsiness
- *Dizziness
- *Vomiting
- *Blurred Vision
- *Unconsciousness
- *Severe Headache

IF YOU FEEL THAT THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CHILD OR YOUR CHILD DISPLAYS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY.

CLASS TEACHER INFORMED OF INCIDENT:

MEMBER OF SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

INFORMED:

Name _____

Date

Signed _____

A copy of this report is filed at school. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further queries.

Appendix:

St Johns Ambulance
On-line training/ e-training

Annual First Aid Refresher		
NAME	RESULT	CERTIFICATE EXPIRES
Patricia Figueriedo	Passed	May 2021
Anthony Wright	Passed	May 2021
Aine	Passed	
Geraldine Whittle	Passed	May 2021
Vanessa Bond	Passed	April 2021
Rosie Glynn	Passed	April 2021

Paediatric First Aid support modules		
NAME	RESULT	CERTIFICATE EXPIRES
Valentina Cartaino	Passed	May 2021
Vanessa Bond	Passed	May 2021
Lauren Colburn	Passed	May 2021
Rosie Glynn	Passed	May 2021

Early Years Support modules		
NAME	RESULT	CERTIFICATE EXPIRES
Angela Popple	Passed	May 2021