



THE
KEYSTONE
ACADEMY

First Aid Policy



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1. INTRODUCTION

This policy sets out the approach to first aid within The Keystone Academy.

Management of First Aid will be undertaken in such a way as to ensure there are adequate arrangements for training and retraining of first aid staff, provision of first aid equipment and facilities and for the recording of first aid treatment.

2. AIMS

The Academy aims to:

- provide a prompt and appropriate response in cases of illness and injury
- ensure compliance with all relevant legislation
- ensure there are sufficient numbers of competent staff within the school environment
- ensure there are suitable facilities to administer first aid
- identify and implement reasonably practical arrangements for dealing with first aid incidents
- keep accident records and report to the HSE as required under the Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995
- ensure all staff, trustees and local governors are aware of their responsibilities regarding health and safety

3. LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), and guidance from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on [incident reporting 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 Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

- This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Local Support Board (LSB) review matters of Health and Safety on a regular basis and delegate the responsibility for ensuring the policies are put into practice to the Headteacher. All staff in the school are expected to do all they can to safeguard the welfare of pupils, other staff and visitors.

4.1 APPOINTED PERSON AND FIRST AIDERS

The school's appointed person is **JENINE RUTTER**. 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 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
- Filling in an accident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's appointed person and current first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school.

4.2 The Local Support Board

The local support board has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but operational matters and day-to-day tasks are delegated to the headteacher and staff members.

4.3 Headteacher

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

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of first aiders 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
- Ensuring that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of pupils

- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 7)

4.4 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders and appointed person in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider is not called
- Informing the headteacher or their manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

5. FIRST AID PROCEDURES

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 the 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 emergency services are called, the Office Manager will also contact parents immediately
- The first aider will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury, and ensure a copy is sent home with the pupil.
- If there is doubt or concern about an individual's condition they will be taken to hospital either by ambulance or car, accompanied by a qualified First Aider.
- The nearest hospital to the School is Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, where there is an Accident & Emergency Unit. The hospital is 0.8 miles from the School and the contact telephone number is 01743 261000 or 999 in an emergency.

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 and appropriate medication for any specific medical needs of pupils

Risk assessments will be completed by the class teacher or educational visit co-ordinator prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises, including individual risk assessments where necessary.

There will always be at least 1 first aider on school trips and visits.

6. FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

A typical first aid kit in our school will include the following as a minimum:

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
- 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
- 20 antiseptic wipes for wound cleaning
- 2 sterile eye pads
- 2 individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile)
- 6 safety pins
- 6 medium-sized individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- 2 large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- 3 pairs of disposable gloves

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- Medical room
- School office
- School kitchen
- Staff work room
- DT classroom
- Food tech classroom

7. RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

7.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider 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
- A copy of the accident report form will be sent home with the pupil and the other copy kept in school for use during accident analysis carried out by office staff

The Academy will always contact parents/carers if a pupil suffers anything more than a trivial injury, or if they become unwell, or if the school has any worries or concerns about their health.

In the event of an injury to an employee or visitor, an accident report form should be completed by the individual concerned and forwarded to the Headteacher and school office. In the event of serious injury, notifiable disease or dangerous occurrence the Headteacher should be notified immediately. They will then arrange for any necessary investigations or reporting, and the line manager of the injured employee will be informed as soon as possible.

7.2 Reporting to the HSE

The Office Manager 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 Office Manager will report these to the HSE as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident – except where indicated below. Fatal and major injuries and dangerous occurrences will be reported without delay (i.e. by telephone) and followed up in writing within 10 days.

School staff: reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences

These 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) which:
 - Covers more than 10% of the whole body's total surface area; or
 - Causes significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs
 - 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
- Work-related injuries that lead to an employee being away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the

day of the incident). In this case, the Office Manager will report these to the HSE as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 15 days of the accident

- Occupational diseases where a doctor has made a written diagnosis that the disease is linked to occupational exposure. These include:
 - Carpal tunnel syndrome
 - Severe cramp of the hand or forearm
 - Occupational dermatitis, e.g. from exposure to strong acids or alkalis, including domestic bleach
 - Hand-arm vibration syndrome
 - Occupational asthma, e.g. from wood dust
 - Tendonitis or tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm
 - Any occupational cancer
 - Any disease attributed to an occupational exposure to a biological agent
- 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

Pupils and other people who are not at work (e.g. visitors): reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences

These include:

- Death of a person that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity*
- An injury that arose from, or was in connection with, a work activity* and the person is taken directly from the scene of the accident to hospital for treatment

*An accident "arises out of" or is "connected with a work activity" if it was caused by:

- A failure in the way a work activity was organised (e.g. inadequate supervision of a field trip)
- The way equipment or substances were used (e.g. lifts, machinery, experiments etc); and/or
- The condition of the premises (e.g. poorly maintained or slippery floors)

8. 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.

The school will arrange for first aiders to retrain before their first aid certificates expire. In cases where a certificate expires, the school will arrange for staff to retake the full first aid course before being reinstated as a first aider.

9. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Office Manager.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Local Support Board.

10. APPENDICES

1. List of appointed person and qualified first aiders

