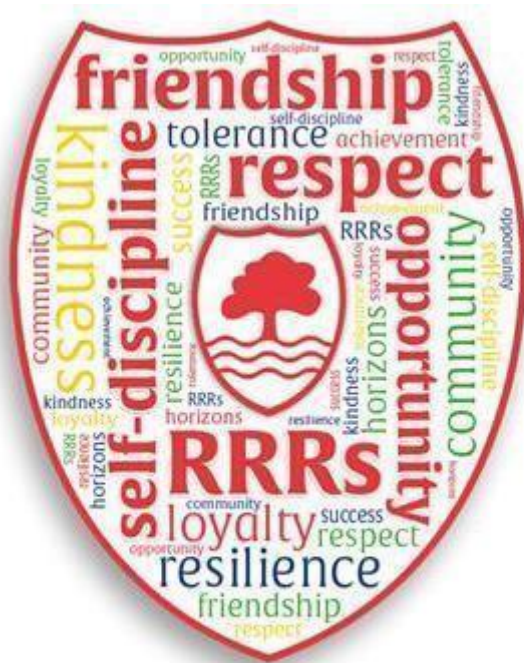


OAKMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 (DfE) on first aid in schools and health and safety in schools, 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
- The 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

In schools with Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision, at least 1 person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate must be on the premises at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings.

Beyond this, in all settings, employers must usually have a sufficient number of suitably trained first aiders to care for employees in case they are injured at work. The number of trained first aiders you'll need will depend on your assessment of first aid needs that will need to take into account:

The number of employees and the nature of their work

The layout and location of the school

If your assessment of need shows that a designated first aider is not needed, the minimum legal requirement is to have an 'appointed person' to take charge of first aid arrangements. The 'appointed person' doesn't need to be a qualified first aider, but it's good practice for them to get emergency first aid training.

Section 3.1 below sets out the expectations of appointed persons and first aiders as set out in the 1981 first aid regulations and the DfE guidance listed in section 2.

3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed is Mrs Oli. They are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Making sure there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Making sure 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 as, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident (see the template in appendix 2)
- Keeping their contact details up to date

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

3.2 The local authority and governing board

Hertfordshire 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.

3.3 The headteacher

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

- Making sure that an appropriate number of appointed persons and/or trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- Making sure that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Making sure all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Making sure appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or making sure that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Making sure that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of pupils
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

3.4 Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Making sure they follow first aid procedures
- Making sure they know who the appointed person(s) and/or first aiders in school are

- Completing accident reports (see appendix 2) for all incidents they attend to where the 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 the scene until help arrives
- If the injured person (or their parents/carers, in the case of pupils) has not provided their consent to the school to receive first aid, the first aider will act in accordance with the alternative arrangements (for example, contacting a medical professional to deliver the treatment)
- 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, the Office Manager or Headteacher will contact parents/carers and ask them to collect their child. On the parents/carers' arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to them
- If emergency services are called, the Office Manager or Headteacher will contact parents/carers immediately
- The 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
- There will be at least 1 person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on the premises at all times.

4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will make sure that they always have the following:

- A school mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit including, at minimum:
 - A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
 - 6 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings
 - 1 large sterile unmedicated dressing
 - 2 triangular bandages – individually wrapped and preferably sterile
 - 2 safety pins
 - Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
 - 2 pairs of disposable gloves
 - 2 instant ice packs

- o 5 sick bags
- o Information about the specific medical needs of pupils
- o Parents/carers' contact details

Risk assessments will be completed by class teachers and checked by Headteacher prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

The procedure in 4.1 will be followed as closely as possible for any off-site accidents (though whether the parents/carers can collect their child will depend on the location and duration of the trip).

There will always be at least 1 first aider with a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on school trips and visits, as required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

5. First aid equipment

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

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
- 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
- 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:

- The medical room
- Reception (at the desk)
- Each classroom

See section 4.2 for first aid equipment off the school site.

Emergency Medication (not for general use)

- Auto injector (Epipen) – stored in Office. **Can only be administered in an emergency to someone who has been prescribed an auto injector by their doctor and advised by 999 or 111**
- Asthma inhaler – stored in Office. **Can only be administered in an emergency to someone who has been prescribed an inhaler by their doctor.**
- **If a child suffers from a minor medical ailment in school a First Aider will administer paracetamol/antihistamine tablet/aqua cream if written permission has been received from the parent. Parent will be informed before medication is given. See Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy.**

6. Record-keeping and reporting

6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider/relevant member of staff on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury
- As much detail as possible will be supplied when reporting an accident, including all of the information included in the accident form at appendix 2
- 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 Office Manager will keep a record of any accident that 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.

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

- o Occupational dermatitis, e.g. from exposure to strong acids or alkalis, including domestic bleach
- o Hand-arm vibration syndrome
- o Occupational asthma, e.g. from wood dust
- o Tendonitis or tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm
- o Any occupational cancer
- o 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 where 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)

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)

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

6.3 Notifying parents/carers

The first aider or office team will inform parents/carers 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. Parents/carers will also be informed if emergency services are called.

6.4 Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies (registered early years providers ONLY)

The Office Manager will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a child 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 Office Manager will also notify Local Authority 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 3).

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.

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

All Staff have undertaken training on choking and using a defibrillator

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be monitored by Office Manager annually and reviewed by the Headteacher annually as well.

9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the:

- Health and safety policy
- Policy on supporting pupils with medical conditions

Appendix 1: List of Lead First Aider and General First Aiders

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME	ROLE	CONTACT DETAILS
Iwona Olejniczak	Lead First Aider/TA	Iolejniczak@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Hollie Madeley	Teacher / EYFS Lead	hmadeley@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
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Lyndsey Jennings	Well-being champion	ljennings@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Jodie King	TA	jking@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
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Sindu Selvaraj	TA	sselvaraj@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Carol Hedges	MSA	chedges@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Lorraine Williams	Receptionist	lwilliams@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Olivia Miller	Office Manager	omiller@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Carla Taylor	Office administrator	ctaylor@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Sam Corr	TA	scorr@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Tanya Wilson	TA	twilson@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Lynda Buckley	TA	lbuckley@oakmere.herts.sch.uk

Nicola Huxley	TA	ndisbrey@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Abigail Minden	TA	aminden@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
Thomas Smith	TA	tsmith@oakmere.herts.sch.uk
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Peter Thompson	Site Manager	pthompson@oakmere.herts.sch.uk

Appendix 2: accident report form

NAME OF INJURED PERSON		ROLE/CLASS	
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT		LOCATION OF INCIDENT	
INCIDENT DETAILS			
<p>Describe in detail what happened, how it happened and what injuries the person incurred.</p>			
ACTION TAKEN			
<p>Describe the steps taken in response to the incident, including any first aid treatment, and what happened to the injured person immediately afterwards.</p>			
FOLLOW-UP ACTION REQUIRED			
<p>Outline what steps the school will take to check on the injured person, and what it will do to reduce the risk of the incident happening again.</p>			

NAME OF INJURED PERSON		ROLE/CLASS	
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT		LOCATION OF INCIDENT	
INCIDENT DETAILS			
NAME OF PERSON ATTENDING THE INCIDENT			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

Appendix 3: first aid training log

NAME/TYPE OF TRAINING	STAFF WHO ATTENDED (INDIVIDUAL STAFF MEMBERS OR GROUPS)	DATE ATTENDED	DATE FOR TRAINING TO BE RENEWED (WHERE APPLICABLE)
Paediatric First Aid	Hollie Madeley	June 2025	June 2028
Paediatric First Aid	Sam Corr	July 2023	July 2026
Paediatric First Aid	Tanya Wilson	July 2023	July 2026
Paediatric First Aid	Sinduja Selvaraj	July 2023	July 2026
Paediatric First Aid	Lorraine Williams	July 2023	July 2026
Paediatric First Aid	Carol Hedges	July 2023	July 2026
First Aid in Schools	Iwona Olejniczak	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Karen Black	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Roxane Flanagan	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Jodie King	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Nicola Huxley	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Lynda Buckley	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Sinthia Das	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Lyndsey Jennings	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Abigail Minden	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Thomas Smith	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Olivia Miller	January 2025	January 2028
First Aid in Schools	Peter Thompson	January 2025	January 2028

