



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## CATHOLIC 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](#) and [Early years foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications](#) guidance, advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#), [health and safety in schools](#) and [actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#), 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.

### **3. Roles and responsibilities**

#### **3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders**

The school has several members of staff (see Appendix 1) who 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
- › Keeping their contact details up to date

#### **3.2 The Local Governing Body**

The Local Governing Body has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the Principal and staff members.

#### **3.4 The Principal**

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

- › Ensuring that an appropriate number of appointed persons and/or trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- › 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**

School staff are responsible for:

- › Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- › Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- › Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider/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 emergency services are called, the First Aider will 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

There will be at least 1 person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate on the premises at all times.

**During coronavirus:** we will use our 'best endeavours' to ensure 1 person with a full PFA certificate is on site when children aged 2 to 5 are present. If, after taking all possible steps in our power, we're still unable to secure a staff member with a full PFA certificate, we will carry out a written risk assessment and ensure someone with a current first aid at work or emergency PFA certification is on site at all times when these children are.

**During coronavirus:** first aiders will follow Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance for [first aid during coronavirus](#). They will try to assist at a safe distance from the casualty as much as possible and minimise the time they share a breathing zone. Treating any casualty properly will be the first concern. Where it is necessary for first aid provision to be administered in close proximity, those administering it will pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards including washing their hands.

### 4.2 Off-site procedures

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will ensure they always have the following:

- › A portable first aid kit
- › Information about the specific medical needs of pupils

Risk assessments will be completed by the class teacher prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

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.

**During coronavirus:** we will use our 'best endeavours' to ensure 1 person with a full PFA certificate accompanies children on outings when children aged 2 to 5 are present. If, after taking all possible steps in our power, we're still unable to secure a staff member with a full PFA certificate, we will include this in our written risk assessment and ensure someone with a current first aid at work or emergency PFA certification accompanies these children on the outing. Outings will only be undertaken if it is safe to do so. We will take account of any government advice in relation to educational visits during the coronavirus pandemic.

## 5. First aid equipment

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

- 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 Vice Principal Office
- Reception (at the desk)
- The BASC Kitchen area
- The school kitchen
- Staff Room

## 6. Record-keeping and reporting

### 6.1 First aid and accident record book

- An accident form will be completed by the first aider/appointed person 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
- 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 Principal 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 Principal 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 scalding 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 class teacher 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. Parents will receive communication of an accident via the schools communication system

### **6.4 Reporting to Ofsted and child protection agencies**

The Principal 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 Principal will also notify Birmingham 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.

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.

**During coronavirus:** if PFA certificate requalification training is prevented for reasons associated with the pandemic, the validity of current PFA certificates (expiring on or after 1 October 2020) can be extended to 31 March 2021 at the latest. We will do our best to arrange requalification training at the earliest opportunity. If staff members' certificates do need to be extended, we will encourage them to access online resources to refresh their knowledge of paediatric first aid procedures while waiting for face-to-face training.

## 8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Principal every year.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Local Governing Body

## 9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and safety policy
- Policy Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions



Appendix 1: list of appointed persons(s) for first aid and/or trained first aiders

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME	ROLE	CONTACT DETAILS
Cathy Hayden	Office Manager	<a href="mailto:chayden@emmausmac.com">chayden@emmausmac.com</a>
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Lee Wilson	Teacher Assistant	<a href="mailto:lwilson@emmausmac.com">lwilson@emmausmac.com</a>
Hannah Walker	Teacher Assistant	<a href="mailto:Hwalker@emmausmac.com">Hwalker@emmausmac.com</a>

**Commitment to Equality:**

We are committed to providing a positive working environment which is free from prejudice and unlawful discrimination and any form of harassment, bullying or victimisation. We have developed a number of key policies to ensure that the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in relation to human dignity and dignity in work become embedded into every aspect of school life and these policies are reviewed regularly in this regard.

This First Aid Policy has been approved and adopted by Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School on 09.10.24 and will be reviewed in 09.2025.

Signed by the Chair of the Local Governing Body for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Mr Matthew Higgins

Signed by the Principal for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School:

Mr John-Paul Shanahan

