

# **St Wystan's School and Nursery**

## **First Aid and Illness at School Policy**

### **Introduction**

Children and adults in our care need good quality first aid provision. Clear and agreed systems should ensure that all children are given the same care, and understanding, in our school.

It is our policy to ensure that appropriate first aid arrangements are in place for our staff, pupils and any visitors to our premises. This includes providing sufficiently trained employees and maintaining an adequate supply of first aid equipment.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school Health and Safety and Administering Medication policies.

### **First Aid Training**

All permanent staff are given full training in accordance with current legal requirements (i.e. all staff attend a basic six-hour course every three years). There is additional 2 day paediatric training for all members of the Foundation team (in accordance with EYFS requirements). The school maintains an up-to-date list of those employees who have undergone emergency first aid training. All staff will be informed of First Aid arrangements and made aware of this policy as part of their induction.

### **First Aid Equipment**

A first aid kit is available in the First Aid cupboard and the key is kept in the kitchen. There are also kits in the Form 1 cloakroom, the staffroom and the PE store. The Office staff are to ensure that the first aid boxes are checked and re-stocked when necessary. Records must be kept of pupils being given liquid paracetamol and, on no account, must liquid paracetamol be given to a pupil more than once in any one day. Lists of pupils suffering from allergies, and of pupils whose parents have not given permission for paracetamol to be given to them are kept in the First Aid cupboard and in every area in which a first aid kit is situated. These lists are to be updated every term by the School Office. Medicines sent by parents so that they can be given to pupils throughout the day are also kept in this locked cupboard. Medicines must only be given to pupils if parents have completed the necessary forms in the School Office.

### **Accident Procedures**

The patient should be given all possible reassurances and, if necessary, removed from danger. Onlookers should be sent away to reduce anxiety. The Staff Room can be used to attend to and comfort a pupil who is mobile. The Form 1 cloakroom area is a designated area for administering First Aid, in minor cases such as cuts and bruises and children who are sick.

During playtimes and lunchtimes injuries that require first aid treatment should be dealt with in the first instance by the lunchtime supervisors on duty. For injuries that require closer attention another first aider is sought.

Minor incidents and accidents should be dealt with, wounds cleaned etc and the child returned to the playground when possible and practical. Persons administering first aid should wear disposable gloves where bodily fluids are involved. An adult witness should be present if tending an intimate part of the body. Any dressings or materials which have been in contact with body fluids (e.g. blood, vomit etc) must be disposed correctly in the yellow bags contained within the first aid kits.

During lesson times if no trained member of staff is present, and the injury cannot be dealt with, the child should be sent to the School Office, accompanied by another child or adult.

All injuries must be recorded in the School Office using the appropriate Accident Forms. There is a decision to be made whether parents are contacted at that point.

If hospital attention is required, one of the following options must be taken, depending on the urgency of the case.

- dial 999 for ambulance service
- contact the pupil's parent so that he/she can take the child
- a member of staff transports a pupil to hospital. This will only be done on a voluntary basis and members of staff using their own cars are covered by the school's insurance policy.

In all cases where hospital attention is required, parents must be contacted immediately.

No pupil casualty will be allowed to travel to hospital without a parent or member of staff, nor will any adult casualty if there is any doubt about their fitness to do so.

In the case of non-urgent hospital treatment, parents will be informed immediately and arrangements made for the parents to collect their child.

It may be appropriate, depending on the seriousness of the injury, to report to the Health and Safety Executive (0845 300 9923) in order to comply with RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995)

### **Illness**

Children who feel unwell should be sent to the School Office (for younger children they should be sent with an accompanying note from the teacher explaining the nature of the child's illness). Use of the green and red cards are also advised. The decision to send an unwell child home will be made by the Headteacher or Senior Teacher, not by the Form Teacher. If neither are available the Office Staff will make an informed decision.

### **Vomiting and diarrhoea**

There are buckets in the Boiler room for pupils who feel sick. Sawdust, mops and buckets may all be found in the Boiler Room. Vomit must be treated as a biohazard and the area must be thoroughly disinfected.

If a child vomits or has diarrhoea in school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into school until 48 hours after the last symptom has elapsed. This includes if this happens at home.

### **Chicken pox and other diseases, rashes**

If a child is suspected of having chicken pox etc, a member of staff will look at their arms or legs. To look at a child's back or chest would only be done if the school were concerned about infection to other children. In this case another adult would be present and would not be completed without the child's consent.

If a child has any of these infections they will need to stay off school for a prescribed period of time. The Headteacher or School Office will advise timescales in accordance with "Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings" produced by Public Health England.

### **Head lice**

Staff do not examine children for head lice. If we suspect a child has head lice we will inform parents using our text message system and ask for them to be examined.

### **Pastoral care:**

There may be occasions that children state that they are unwell or require First Aid but actually require 'pastoral care'. Incidents requiring 'Pastoral Care' should be treated as follows:

- If an incident occurs during a teaching session, a member of staff in the class / year group should take 'Pastoral' care of the child ensuring his/her well-being.
- If an incident occurs at playtime the teacher on duty should take 'Pastoral' care of the child ensuring his/her well-being. It is the duty teacher's responsibility to inform the child's class teacher.
- If an incident occurs at lunchtime the lunchtime supervisor should take 'Pastoral' care of the child ensuring his/her well-being. If they require additional support they will seek the support of

the Headteacher, Senior Teacher or a member of the teaching staff. It is the lunchtime supervisor's responsibility to inform the child's class teacher.

If any member of staff is unsure whether a child is unwell, requires First Aid or requires pastoral care then they are encouraged to send them to the School Office.

It is the class teacher's responsibility to inform parents of significant pastoral care needs.

### **Seeking Professional Help**

St Wystan's is situated next to Repton School Sanatorium. Contact telephone number: 01283 559325

Contact Willington Surgery if no reply from Repton on 01283 703318

### **Policy Development and Review**

This policy document was produced in consultation with the school community, including school staff and Governors.

This document is freely available to the entire school community. It will be reviewed on an annual basis.