



*Phoenix Integrated Primary &
Nursery School*

First Aid & Administration of Medicines Policy

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Policy Statement

The Principal and Board of Governors of *Phoenix Integrated Primary & Nursery School* accept their responsibility under the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and *Phoenix Integrated Primary & Nursery School* acknowledge the importance of providing First Aid for employees, children and visitors within the School.

The staff of recognise their statutory duty to comply with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and agree to abide by the Department of Education and Education Authority procedure for reporting accidents.



Signed _____

(Principal)



Signed _____

(Chairperson of Board of Governors)

Introduction

'First Aid is the initial assistance or treatment given to someone who is injured or suddenly taken ill' (The Joint First Aid Manual 10th Edition (updated following conversation with H&S team EA Southern Region Oct17). Staff administering First Aid should seek to assess the situation, protect themselves and the casualty from further danger, deal with any life threatening condition and where necessary obtain medical assistance or refer the casualty to hospital as quickly as possible. In developing this policy, the school followed guidance materials from Department of Education and Education Authority.

Statement of First Aid Provision

The School's arrangements for providing First Aid will: -

- Place a duty on the Principal and Board of Governors to approve, implement and review the First Aid policy;
- Place individual duties on all employees;
- Report and record accidents using relevant form to the EA Southern Region;

- Record all occasions when First Aid is administered to employees, pupils and visitors.
- Provide equipment and materials to provide First Aid treatment;
- Make arrangements with Education Authority Southern Region to provide First Aid training to employees, maintain records of training and review annually;
- Establish a procedure for managing accidents in school which require First Aid treatment;
- Provide information to employees on the arrangements for First Aid;
- Undertake a risk assessment of the First Aid requirements of the School and review on a regular basis;
- Use the information from the risk assessment of First Aid to determine the number and level of trained staff and also any additional requirements (eg specialised training for children with particular medical needs);
- Notify parent/guardian that first aid treatment was given to the child.

Arrangements for First Aid

The School will provide materials and equipment and facilities to provide First Aid. The location of the First Aid Kits in the School are: -

Nursery – Main Office

Main school

First Aid/Wet Room – opposite Year 1

Every classroom

A standard First Aid Kit will contain the following items:

- Leaflet giving general advice on First Aid
- 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings assorted sizes
- 4 triangular bandages
- 2 sterile eye pads
- 5 Sterile wipes
- 6 safety pins
- 6 medium wound dressings
- 2 large wound dressings
- 3 extra-large wound dressings
- 4 pair of disposable gloves

The contents of the Kits will be checked on a regular basis by Mrs Mary Quinn & Principal/VP.

The School First Aider(s) are:

Nursery

Mrs Kelda Henry

Main School

Mr Steven Kelly VP/Y7

Mrs Mary Quinn

Mrs Paula Corey

Mrs Aisling Mullan

Before undertaking any off site activities, the level of first aid provision will be assessed by the Principal or Vice Principal and at least one First Aid Kit will be taken along. This is part of our regular Risk Assessment arrangements.

Information on First Aid Arrangements

The Principal will inform all employees at the school of the following: -

- The arrangements for recording and reporting of accidents;
- The arrangements for First Aid;
- Those employees who are qualified First Aiders;
- The location of the First Aid Kits.

In addition, the Principal will ensure that photos of first aiders and related material are displayed throughout the School providing the following information: -

- The names of employees with First Aid qualifications;
- Duty rota in agreed areas
- Location of the First Aid Box.

All members of staff will be made aware of the School's First Aid policy. No member of staff should attempt to give First Aid unless they have been trained.

Recording children with Medical issues

The school will ensure that children with medical issues are recorded centrally.

Parents will be asked to provide evidence to confirm medical issues – from GP/Consultant.

A list of will be compiled and be displayed in classrooms/lunch area and staffroom to ensure members of staff are aware of children with medical needs.

First Aid training for specific children will be organised through Education Authority.

Accidents involving bumps to a Pupil's head

The consequence of an injury from an accident involving a bump or blow to a pupil's head is not always evident immediately and the effects may only become noticeable after a period of time.

Where emergency treatment is not required a 'Head Bump' letter will be sent home/and or a phone call to the parent/guardian.

Transport to hospital or home

The Principal will determine the appropriate action to be taken in each case. Where the injury requires urgent medical attention an ambulance will be called and the pupil's parent or guardian will be notified. If hospital treatment is required, then the pupil's parent/guardian will be called for them to take over responsibility. If no contact can be made with parent/guardian or other designated emergency contacts, then the Principal may decide to transport the pupil to the hospital.

Where the Principal makes arrangements for transporting a child then the following points will be adhered to:-

- Only staff cars insured to cover such transportation will be used;
- No individual member of staff will be alone with the pupil in a vehicle;
- A second member of staff will be present to provide supervision of the injured pupil.

Administering Medication Policy Covid-19 Addendum – August 2021

The following amendments to the existing Managing Medication in School will be followed.

Administering Medication

Staff – no medication will be administered by staff to pupils or other staff members unless a medical emergency occurs such as Epi Pens or is prescribed such as asthma inhalers.

Parents are required to notify the school as a matter of urgency to request a Risk Assessment. This should be emailed to the Principal or by telephone with a covering email giving authorisation to administer.

If any medication is administered to pupil(s), two staff signatures will continue to be required on the form supplied with the group first aid kit.

Medicine should be supplied in an unopened bottle to be left at school and dates must be checked by the parent.

All medication will be kept by the teacher/TA. Teachers are responsible for checking any supplied medication is within date and has not expired throughout the school year.

Care Plans for individual pupils will also be made available to the adults of each group and a copy kept with the medication.

If a pupil attends school without either an inhaler or an Epi-Pen or medication is out of date parents will be notified and if medication is not sent in within two days then the child will be sent home until the required medication (in date) is on school premises.

Staff administering medicine should cover their mouth and maintain a distance of 2m if possible.

Parents can administer non-prescription medication to their children at the school gate.