

**LOW ASH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FIRST AID  
POLICY**

**MRS BETH MEDHURST**

**December 2016**

## **Rationale:**

At Low Ash Primary School we endeavour to provide the best possible care for our pupils. This policy is to inform staff, governors, parents/carers and visitors about the procedures we follow when administering first aid in our school. All the teaching staff and the Governing body have agreed this policy.

In implementing this policy due consideration to equal opportunities, with regard to race, gender, religion and ability, should be ensured with reference to the Race Relations Amendment Act 2000 (as amended) and other relevant legislation.

## **Safeguarding**

The Education Act 2002 places a duty on schools to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school by ensuring that risks of harm to welfare are minimised and taking appropriate actions to address concerns about the welfare of a child or children, working to agreed local policies and procedures in full partnership with other local agencies.

The First Aid Policy should be read in conjunction with the Health and Safety and the Child Protection – where concerns arise regarding safeguarding and/or child protection, these should be recorded in writing, and passed on to the designated Named People in school.

## **Appointed first aiders:**

Mrs Helen Matthews

Mrs Mandy Geraghty

Miss Carrie Gray (paediatric)

Mr. Craig Jessop

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Mr Karl Renardson

Mr Andrew Robinson (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Miss Alexandra Baines (full first aid plus paediatric first aider)

Mrs Kirsty Newby (full first aid plus paediatric first aider)

Miss Janine Coope (paediatric first aider)

Mrs Sabrina Towriss (paediatric first aider)

Mrs Clare Jones (paediatric first aider)

A list of staff who hold a first aid certificate is displayed around the school.

Lunchtime supervisors receive emergency first aid training, so can deal with minor cuts and grazes during lunchtimes.

All members of staff received yearly EpiPen training. It does not need to be a designated first aider who administers this.

The Deputy Head teacher ensures the training needs of staff are met.

The Headteacher will ensure that health and safety procedures are followed and that accident reporting procedures are followed.

### **Location of first aid equipment:**

The school will provide materials, equipment and facilities needed to carry out First Aid'. First aid boxes (and accident files) are kept in the following locations:

- Photocopying room
- Year 2 classroom
- Nursery

All classes also have a mini first aid kit which is kept in classrooms.

When further supplies are needed, this will be reported to Mrs Helen Matthews who will place further orders.

### **Procedures**

Plastic gloves are to be worn when dealing with all incidents. Bloods/soiled dressing and used gloves should be disposed of in plastic bags which are then to be placed directly in the outside bin. Wounds should be cleaned with water and antiseptic wipes and the wound dressed with an appropriate sterile dressing and pressure pad, if needed, to prevent infection. Cotton wool should not be used in cleaning wounds since it is not sterile and could cause infection.

When first aid of any kind has been administered this will be recorded in the accident book.

### **Minor injuries**

In the case of minor injuries, such as cuts and grazes, a first aider will treat the injury as outlined above. When injuries are of more concern, but not of great severity eg. sprains and strains, etc, parents /carers will be contacted, advised of the situation and asked if they would like to collect their child or if they are happy for them to remain in school.

In other cases, e.g. where no injury is visible, the pupil will be kept under observation. If concerns increase, medical attention may be obtained but in all cases a parent/carer will be advised of the incident.

### **Head injuries**

In the case of a head injury, a parent/carer should be informed in every case. The accident should be recorded in the accident book and the parent / carer given a 'Head Injury Form' (This is printed on green coloured paper so as to distinguish it from other letters). Where it is not possible to hand the head injury form directly to a parent/ carer eg. in case of an afterschool club / collection by a child minder, a telephone call will be made to notify them. All children who have suffered a head injury, if kept in school, will be checked upon by a first aider after an hour to re assess their injury. If injuries are severe, but do not warrant calling an ambulance, or a child deteriorates following a head bump, parents will be called and, if necessary, encouraged to collect their child from school. (*see major accidents / injuries*)

**NB In the event of a bump to the head, it is essential that persons be monitored and not left alone or unsupervised as appropriate.**

**All minor injuries and head injuries need to be recorded on the correct school accident form.**

## **Major accidents/incidents**

In all cases when an accident involves a serious injury eg broken bone, or where there is any doubt about the injury, the injured person should not be moved, unless in danger, until assessed by a first aider. The first aider will then decide what action is to be taken but where they are in doubt as to the severity of the injury, they are to obtain immediate medical attention by dialling 999 and asking for an ambulance. Parents/carers should be contacted as soon as possible, but this should not result in a delay obtaining medical attention.

If a child needs hospital treatment in a non-urgent situation, the parent will be contacted to accompany the child to hospital. If the parent/carer cannot be contacted, then a member of staff will drive the child to hospital. The child should be strapped into the back seat, using a booster seat if required, and another member of staff should sit in the back with the child. Every attempt to contact a parent/carer will be made by the school.

For any incident where a child has needed to go to hospital, an incident reporting form should be filled in online using the following link <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/hands/index.asp?a=Accidents> (as of 1.3.2017)

## **Accidents to staff and visitors**

All accidents to staff and/or visitors should be recorded on the form AB1. Any accident causing an employee to be absent beyond the day of the accident or resulting in an employee or visitor being taken directly to hospital should be recorded on the form RIF1. This should be sent to the Occupational Safety Unit and a copy retained in school. The Occupational Safety Unit should be contacted by telephone (01274 431007) if the accident is of a serious nature, or if absence as a result of the accident reaches 3 full days, or for guidance / advice.

## **Educational visits and Offsite Activities**

Classes leaving the school premises take a First Aid box, and a sick bucket containing essential cleaning aids. Individual medication such as inhalers, epipens will also be taken. It is the responsibility of the teacher leading the trip to ensure all first aid supplies and medication are taken. Depending on the nature of the trip a person trained in First Aid *may* accompany the children.

## **Hygiene Control Guidelines**

The following Hygiene Control Guidelines should be followed:

- Staff dealing with injuries involving bleeding must wear appropriate protective clothing. Disposable gloves (latex-free) are provided for this purpose and kept in first aid boxes and bumbags. Soiled gloves and dressings/wipes should be bagged and disposed directly into outside bins.
- Minor cuts, open or weeping skin lesions and abrasions should be covered with a suitable dressing.
- **Seek medical advice** in the event of splashes of blood from one person to another
- Splashes of blood on the skin should be washed off immediately with soap and water.
- Splashes of blood into the eyes or mouth should be washed out immediately with copious amounts of water.
- After accidents resulting in bleeding, contaminated surfaces, eg tables, or furniture should be disinfected.
- If staff giving care to infected children have cuts and abrasions, these should be covered with waterproof or other suitable dressings.

## **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the governors' Staffing and Pay Committee.

**Policy reviewed and adopted December 2016**

**Signed:..... on behalf of Chair of Governors**

**Next Review Date: November / December 2017**