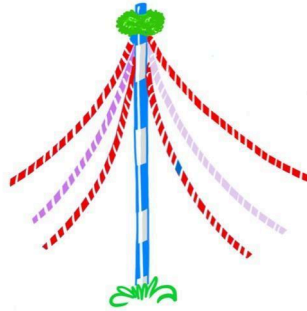


Maypole School



FIRST AID POLICY 2024-2025

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1. INTRODUCTION

Maypole School is committed to caring for the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, staff, volunteers and visitors to the school in the best possible way.

In line with the school's training policy and schedule, we will ensure that there are always fully trained first aiders at the school to support anyone who may become unwell, be injured whilst at school or have an accident.

This policy has been written with reference to The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purposes of this Policy are to:

- provide effective, safe First Aid cover for pupils, staff and visitors;
- ensure that all staff and pupils are aware of the system in place;
- and to provide awareness of Health & Safety issues within school and on school trips, to prevent, wherever possible, potential dangers or accidents.

3. FIRST AIDERS

The term FIRST AIDER refers to those members of the school community who are in possession of a valid First Aid at Work (FAW) certificate or equivalent.

There will be at least two nominated First Aiders at school who hold the First Aid at Work Certificate, which requires a 3 day training course. First Aiders will ensure that their qualifications are always up to date. For 2024/25, at Sunbury these will be:

- Craig Reed
- Vicki Elharhy
- Conor Forrester

At Leigham Court these will be:

- Emily Barnes
- Laura Cosstick

Other staff will undertake a one day Emergency First Aid at Work course as part of the school's inset day training cycle.

4. FIRST AIDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

General

First Aiders will always attend a casualty when requested to do so, and will treat the casualty to the best of their ability in the safest way possible. This includes wearing gloves where any loss of

blood or body fluid is evident, calling for help from other First Aiders or Emergency Services. First Aiders will:

- Ensure that first aid kits are clearly signposted, are adequately stocked and always to hand.
- Act as a person who can be relied upon to help when the need arises.
- Help fellow First Aiders at an incident and provide support during the aftermath.
- Ensure that accident report books are completed and kept up to date, or any relevant documentation completed following the application of first aid to any person.

In the event of an injury

The First Aider will:

- Insist that any casualty who has sustained a significant head injury is seen by professionals at the hospital, either by sending them directly to hospital or by asking parents to pick up a child to take them to hospital.
- Ensure that parents are aware of all head injuries promptly.
- Ensure that a child who is sent to hospital by ambulance is either accompanied in the ambulance by a member of staff, or if for any reason this is not permitted, followed to the hospital by a member of staff to act as 'responsible adult' if a relative cannot be contacted or get there immediately. The First Aider need not be the member of staff to accompany the casualty to hospital, but an appropriate staff member should be sent.
- Ensure that the parent/carer/relative is met at the hospital by a staff member.
- Liaise with the Head Teacher to ensure they are aware of the situation and so they can arrange cover for the staff member supporting the pupil (or staff member) to hospital.

Post-injury actions

The First Aider will:

- Keep a record of each person attended to, the nature of the injury and any treatment given in the first aid log. In the case of an accident, the Accident Book must also be completed.
- Ensure that everything is cleared away, using gloves, and every dressing etc. be put in a yellow bag for contaminated/used items and sealed tightly before disposing of the bag in a bin. Any bloodstains on the ground must be washed away thoroughly. No contaminated or used items should be left lying around.

5. SCHOOL LEADERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Principal, Executive Head Teacher and members of the leadership team will:

- Ensure that there is always at least one qualified first aid person available on the school site.
- In the event of an injury, complete the necessary paperwork (electronically if possible) and pass to the school office for secure filing.
- Action any RIDDOR reports that may be required.

6. THE GOVERNING BODY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governing Body will:

- Ensure the school provides adequate First Aid cover as outlined in the Health & Safety [First Aid] Regulations 1981.
- Monitor and respond to all matters relating to the health and safety of all persons on school premises.
- Ensure all new staff are made aware of First Aid procedures in school.
- Ensure that relevant and appropriate insurance policies are in place.

7. OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the:

- Administration of Medicine Policy;
- Health & Safety Policy (SHEF);
- And the Educational and Offsite Visits Policy.

8. LEGISLATION & GUIDANCE

This policy is written in accordance with the following documents:

- The Health & Safety at Work Act
- Health & Safety Executive
- DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023
- DfE Guidance on First Aid for Schools