



# **First Aid Policy**

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## Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, pupils and visitors
- Ensure that staff 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

## Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on first aid in schools and health and safety in schools, and guidance from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on incident reporting in schools, 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 assess 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, plan 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.

## Roles and responsibilities

The Open Door Academy has a sufficient number of suitably trained first aiders to care for employees and pupils. The Open Door Academy will identify an Appointed Person who is responsible for overseeing the arrangements for first aid within the provision.

Appointed person(s) and first aiders:

They 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 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 as, or as soon as is reasonably practicable after, an incident

**Directors are responsible for:**

- Keeping contact details up to date
- Ensuring that an appropriate number of first aiders are present in the Academy at all times
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Ensuring all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Ensuring appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place

**The Open Door staff are responsible for:**

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the appointed person and first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to where a first aider is not called
- Informing the Directors of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

## **First aid 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 the 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.

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- If emergency services are called, the staff will contact parents immediately.
- The relevant member of staff will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury.

## **First aid equipment**

The Open Door Academy will hold a fully stocked first aid kit.

## **Record-keeping and reporting**

First aid and accident record log

- An accident log will be completed by the relevant staff member 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
- For accidents involving pupils, a copy of the accident report form will also be added to the pupil's educational record by the First Aid Lead.
- 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.

## **Reporting to the HSE**

The first aid lead 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). <https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

The first aid lead will report these to the HSE as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident – except where indicated below. Fatal and major injuries and dangerous occurrences will be reported without delay (i.e. by telephone) and followed up in writing within 10 days.

**School staff: reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences. These 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) which:
    - Covers more than 10% of the whole body's total surface area; or
    - Causes significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs

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- Any scalping 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. Any scalping requiring hospital treatment
- Work-related injuries that lead to an employee being away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident). In this case, the first aid lead will report these to the HSE as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 15 days of the accident.

## **Notifying parents / carers**

The Head of Centre will inform parents / carers 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 also be informed if emergency services are called.

## **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 Open Door Academy will keep a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and when this is valid until.

The Open Door Academy will arrange for first aiders to retrain before their first aid certificates expire. In cases where a certificate expires, the school will arrange for staff to retake the full first aid course before being reinstated as a first aider renewed every 3 years.