



FIRST AID POLICY

INTRODUCTION

This policy outlines the School's responsibility to provide adequate and appropriate first aid to pupils, staff, parents and visitors and the procedures in place to meet that responsibility. The policy is reviewed annually.

AIMS

- To identify the first aid needs of the School in line with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992 and 1999.
- To ensure that first aid provision is available at all times while people are on school premises, and off the premises whilst on school visits.

OBJECTIVES

- To appoint the appropriate number of suitably trained people as Appointed Persons and First Aiders to meet the needs of the Schools.
- To provide relevant training and ensure monitoring of training needs.
- To provide sufficient and appropriate resources and facilities.
- To inform staff and parents of the School's First Aid arrangements.
- To keep accident records and to report to the HSE as required under the Health & Safety at Work (General) (Guernsey) Ordinance 1987.

PERSONNEL

The Principal is responsible for the health and safety of College employees and anyone else on the premises including contractors.

The Principal must ensure that a risk assessment of the School is undertaken and that the appointments, training and resources for first aid arrangements are appropriate and in place.

The Principal should ensure that the insurance arrangements provide full cover for claims arising from actions of staff acting within the scope of their employ.

The Principal, supported by the Vice Principal(P), First Aid Officer and ECJS Headteacher are responsible for putting the policy into practice and for developing detailed procedures. He should ensure that the policy and information on the School's arrangements for first aid are made available to parents.

Teachers and other staff are expected to do all they can to secure the welfare of the pupils.

The Appointed Persons need not be First Aiders, but should have undertaken emergency first aid training. Each department* should have an appointed person who will:

- Take charge when someone is injured or becomes ill.
- Look after the first aid equipment e.g. restocking the first aid boxes.
- Ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate.

**refers to departments within the whole of Elizabeth College eg. Maintenance, Refectory, Acorn House etc, not Academic departments*

The First Aider must have completed and keep updated a training course approved by the HSE. This is a voluntary post. He/she will:

- Give immediate help to casualties with common injuries or illnesses and those arising from specific hazards at school.
- When necessary, ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is called. In selecting first-aiders, Heads should consider the person's:
- Reliability and communication skills
- Aptitude and ability to absorb new knowledge and learn new skills
- Ability to cope with stressful and physically demanding emergency procedures.
- Normal duties. A first aider must be able to leave to go immediately to an emergency.

PROCEDURES

Risk assessment

Reviews are required to be carried out at least annually, and when circumstances alter.

Practical Arrangements at the Point of Need

The guidelines are at Annex A.

Re-assessment of first-aid provision

As part of the Schools' annual monitoring and evaluation cycle:

- The Principal and ECJS Headteacher assisted by the Bursar will review the Schools' first-aid needs following any changes to staff, building/site, activities, off-site facilities, etc.
- The First Aid Officer monitors the number of trained first aiders, alerts them to the need for refresher courses and organises their training sessions.
- The First Aid Officer also monitors the emergency first-aid training received by other staff and organises appropriate training.
- The Appointed Person checks the contents of the first-aid boxes.

Providing information

- The Principal and Headteacher will ensure that staff are informed about the Schools' first-aid arrangements.
- The Vice Principal(P) will provide information packs for new staff as part of their induction programme.
- The Vice Principal(P) and First Aid Officer will give all staff information on the location of equipment, facilities and first-aid personnel. This will appear in the staff handbook.
- The First Aid Officer will maintain a first-aid notice board for the staff.

PROVISION

How many first-aid personnel are required?

The Principal, Headteacher and Heads of Department* will consider the findings of their risk assessments in deciding on the number of first-aid personnel required. The Schools are low risk environments, but the needs of specific times, places and activities will need to be considered, in particular:

- Off-site PE
- School trips
- Science labs
- DT/Art rooms
- Adequate provision in case of absence, including trips
- Out-of-hours provision e.g. clubs, events.

Arrangements should be made to ensure that the required level of cover of both First Aiders and Appointed Persons is available at all times when people are on School premises. During the School working day a certified First Aider should always be present. For out-of-hours activities a risk assessment will determine whether a certified First Aider is required.

First Aiders

The recommended number of certified First Aiders is one per 100 pupils/staff. There must always be a certified First Aider on-site when students are present. During the School working day a certified First Aider should always be present. For out-of-hours activities a risk assessment will determine whether a certified First Aider is required. The list of current qualified first aid trained staff is at Annex D (separate lists for US and ECJS).

Appointed Person

The Schools should appoint at least one Appointed Person per Department*.

Qualifications and Training

First Aiders will hold a valid certificate of competence, issued by an organisation approved by the HSE.

Appointed Persons should undertake one-day emergency first-aid training.

Specialist training in first-aid should be arranged in a three year cycle.

First aid materials, equipment and facilities

The Heads of Department* must ensure that the appropriate number of first aid containers according to the risk assessment of the site are available.

- All first-aid containers must be marked with a white cross on a green background.
- Each school minibus must carry a first-aid container.

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- All of the following must have first aid containers. Laboratories, Sports Halls, Kitchens, school vehicles, school main office, and Maintenance Dept and other Departments* subject to requirement and staff qualification.
- First aid containers must accompany teachers off-site. Available from Mr Le Page.

Spare stock should be kept in school.

Responsibility for checking and restocking the first-aid containers:

- Senior School; First Aid Room & Kitchen, the First Aid Officer
- School transport, the School First Aid Officer.
- Departments, including the kitchens and Maintenance Office, Head of Department (Appointed Persons).

Accommodation

The Principal must provide a suitable room for medical treatment and care of children during school hours. This need not be a dedicated area but should be close to a lavatory and contain a washbasin.

Hygiene/Infection Control

Basic hygiene procedures must be followed by staff.

Single-use disposable gloves must be worn when treatment involves blood or other body fluids.

Care should be taken when disposing of dressings or equipment.

Reporting Accidents

Statutory requirements: under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) some accidents must be reported to the HSE.

The Principal and Headteachers must keep a record of any reportable injury, disease or dangerous occurrence. This must include: the date and method of reporting; the date, time and place of the event; personal details of those involved and a brief description of the nature of the event or disease. This record can be combined with other accident records.

The following accidents must be reported to the HSE.

Involving employees or self-employed people working on the premises:

- Accidents resulting in death or major injury (including as a result of physical violence).
- Accidents which prevent the injured person from doing their normal work for more than three days.

For definitions, see Annex A to the HSC/E guidance on RIDDOR 1995, and information on Reporting School Accidents.

Involving pupils and visitors:

- Accidents resulting in the person being killed or being taken from the site of the accident to hospital **and** the accident arises out of or in connection with work i.e. if it relates to:
- Any school activity, both on or off the premises
- The way the school activity has been organised and managed
- Equipment, machinery or substances

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- The design or condition of the premises

HSE must be notified of fatal and major injuries and dangerous occurrences without delay. Any pupil taken to hospital whether admitted or not is the subject of a RIDDOR report to be raised within 7 days.

The Principal is responsible for ensuring this happens, but may delegate the duty to the Health and Safety Officer.

The Principal/Health and Safety Officer, must complete the RIDDOR form attached to this policy and send/fax it to Raymond Falla House, PO Box 459, Longue Rue, St Martins, GY1 6AF, Fax No. 235015.

Record Keeping

Statutory accidents records: The Principal must ensure that readily accessible accident records, written or electronic, are kept for a **minimum of seven years**.

(see DSS The Accident Book B1 510)

The Principal and Headteacher must ensure that a record is kept of any Incident and resulting first aid treatment given by first aiders or appointed persons. This should include:

- The date, time and place of incident
- The name (and class) of the injured or ill person
- Details of their injury/illness and what first aid was given
- What happened to the person immediately afterwards
- Name and signature of the first aider or person dealing with the incident.

The Principal and Headteacher must have in place procedures for ensuring that parents are informed of significant incidents.

In conjunction with the Accident Report Form (copy attached at Annex B) the tick box must be filled to confirm whether the pupil was taken to hospital, this would then lead to the RIDDOR report being raised if required.

First Aid Cover for Female Students

In the event of a female student requiring first aid treatment or reporting sick they should;

- Where possible report direct to the Main School Office.
- If the student is unable to report to the Main School Office, a qualified female first aider is to be summoned.
- In the event that a female first aider is not available a male first aider may administer first aid treatment but must ensure that another member of staff is available to chaperone.
- In the event of an emergency, the emergency services are to be summoned in the normal way.
- If a female student receives first aid treatment or is sent home unwell their school office (Ladies College/Blanchelande) is to be contacted with the details.

- Where an injury has been sustained at Elizabeth College a report of the incident should be sent to the relevant school Principal.

Arrangements for Pupils with Medical Conditions. See Annex C.

Spillage of Body Fluids

When a spillage occurs you need to do an assessment of;

- The content of the spillage – does it contain blood, urine, vomit or faeces?
- The size of the spillage.
- The material on which the spillage has occurred – i.e. fabric, vinyl, metal.

Then inform the Main Office of what has occurred and they will summon the Head Caretaker who is trained to deal with such matters.

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Annexes:

- A. Practical Arrangements at the Point of Need
- B. Incident Report Form
- C. Pupils & Medicines
- D. List of qualified First Aid trained staff.

