

Trust Policy

First Aid Policy



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This policy should be read in conjunction with:

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- Medical Treatment of Pupils Procedure
- Educational Trips and Visits Policy



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For guidance in respect of providing First Aid during the coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak please refer to Appendix 1.

Introduction

First aid is accepted to be: The provision of immediate care to a person with an injury or illness, with the aims of preventing further injury, preserving life and promoting recovery.

Intent

Nova Education Trust recognises its responsibility to provide adequate first aid provision as required under H&S regulations and DfE guidance.

It will ensure that suitable arrangements are in place to comply with regulatory requirements relating to employees who are working for the trust and students who are under the care of trust employees or on trust property.

Responsibilities

The final responsibility for Health and Safety, which includes First Aid, rests with the Directors of the Trust.

The CEO of the trust is responsible for ensuring that the policy requirements are put in place and maintained but he/she may delegate the operational activities to ensure this takes place across the separate organisations within the trust. In the case of trust academy's/school's the CEO has delegated day to day operational responsibility to the Head of School/Headteacher.

All first aid trained staff are responsible for providing first aid assistance, within their competency, when it is required and to do this to the best of their abilities and training.

Non-first aid trained staff are required to act appropriately if they become aware of any individual requiring first aid whilst going about their normal employment. This includes acting within the bounds of "in loco parentis" and ensuring that the relevant trained personnel are informed of the situation as soon as possible.

Students within our academy's/school's also have responsibility for informing an appropriate adult as soon as possible if they become aware of an individual requiring first aid.

Arrangements

The number and competency of first aiders available and the number and placement of first aid kits should be formally recorded by each school with a copy kept by the Head of School/Headteacher. A template first aid needs assessment is attached as Appendix 2.

The control of first aid equipment including regular re-stocking of first aid kits and re-supply requirements will be delegated by the Head of School/Headteacher to a specific member of staff within their own organisation nominally known as the 'First Aid Responsible Officer'. The

First Aid Responsible Officer will also be responsible for the collation, recording and retention of first aid reports.

All first aiders must complete a first aid report form for each incident in which they are involved and after detaching the form from the book will pass this to the First Aid Responsible Officer.

All first aid reports will be assessed by the First Aid Responsible Officer to decide whether further action needs to be taken, this could include communication of information to the behavioural team, the initiation of an accident investigation or other activities which may arise as a result of the information detailed on the first aid report.

All first aid reports will be retained as hard copy or scanned pdf document until the child is at least 25 years old and also entered onto the Trusts electronic recording system for the creation of statistical information and reporting purposes

All regulated information will be retained in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR) requirements.

The reporting of incidents as required under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) will be delegated by the CEO/Head of School/Headteacher to a designated member of staff who will be supplied training to ensure they are competent to complete this function.

Details of all RIDDOR reportable incidents will be supplied to the Directors/Governors as soon as reasonably possible after the RIDDOR report has been completed.

Listings of current qualified first aiders and placement of the available first aid kits will be made available, at least termly, in an easily accessible format, by the First Aid Responsible Officer to all staff within their organisation.

Relevant first aid information to assist staff in ensuring their knowledge is up to date will also be made available, at least termly, in an easily accessible format, by the First Aid Responsible Officer to all staff within their organisation.

The administration of prescribed medicines is not part of the first aiders remit and is dealt with in the Nova Education Trust Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions policy.

Arrangements should be made to take a first aid kit and a member of staff who is First aid trained on all off site trips. Further information can be found in the Nova Education Trust Educational Trips and Visits Procedure.

In school's/academy's that open their facilities for private hire customers must be advised that they should provide their own first aid personnel.

Appendix 1

First aid during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

First aiders should take account of the specific guidance on giving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the [Resuscitation Council UK](#).

Guidance for first aiders

Try to assist at a safe distance from the casualty as much as you can and minimise the time you share a breathing zone.

If they are capable, tell them to do things for you, but treating the casualty properly should be your first concern. Remember the 3P model – preserve life, prevent worsening, promote recovery.

Preserve life: CPR

- Call 999 immediately – tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms
- Ask for help. If a portable defibrillator is available, ask for it
- Before starting CPR, to minimise transmission risk, use a cloth or towel to cover the patient's mouth and nose, while still permitting breathing to restart following successful resuscitation
- If available, use:
 - a fluid-repellent surgical mask
 - disposable gloves ○ eye protection
 - apron or other suitable covering
- Only deliver CPR by chest compressions and use a defibrillator (if available) – **don't** do rescue breaths

Prevent worsening, promote recovery: all other injuries or illnesses

- If you suspect a serious illness or injury, call 999 immediately – tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms
- If giving first aid to someone, you should use the recommended equipment listed above if it is available
- You should minimise the time you share a breathing zone with the casualty and direct them to do things for you where possible

After delivering any first aid

- Ensure you safely discard disposable items and clean reusable ones thoroughly
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser as soon as possible

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Appendix 2

First aid needs assessment

Name of First Aid Responsible Officer: Beverley Cox

Building name and address: Birklands Primary School, Appleton Street, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts, NG20 0QF

First – aid personnel	Required Yes/No	Minimum Number required
First aider with first aid at work certificate	Yes	1
First aider with emergency first aid at work certificate	Yes	20
Appointed person	No	0
First aid equipment and facilities	Required Yes/No	Number required
First aid container	Yes	6
Additional equipment (Specify) Defibrillator	Yes	1
Travelling first aid kits	Yes	9
First aid room	Yes	1

Other additional notes:

Maximum expected number of staff and visitors on site at any one time – 40

Maximum number of pupils expected to be on site at any one time – 300

Environment is medium hazard - particular attention to practical teaching areas and specifically PE.

Staff are also trained in Paediatric First Aid (4)

List of first aid kits:

Each MDSA has a first aid 'bum bag' (7)

Cupboard in school office (3)

First aid station in Reception area (2)

Year 3/4 corridor (1)

Year 5/6 corridor (1)

EYFS corridor (1)

Defibrillator in school office (1)