

# Billingham South Community Primary School



# First Aid and Medications Policy

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## First Aid and Medicine Policy

The Governors and Headteacher of Billingham South Community Primary School accept their responsibility under the Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 and acknowledge the importance of providing First Aid for employees, children and visitors within the school.

We are committed to the authority's procedure for reporting accidents and recognise our statutory duty to comply with the Reporting of injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences regulations 1995.

The provision of First Aid within the school will be in accordance with the Authority's guidance on First Aid in school.

### Statement of Organisation

The school's arrangements for carrying out the policy include nine key principles:

- Places a duty on the Governing body to approve, implement and review the policy.

- Places individual duties on all employees.

- To report, record and where appropriate investigate all accidents.

- Records all occasions when first aid is administered to employees, pupils and visitors.

- Provide equipment and materials to carry out first aid treatment.

- Make arrangements to provide training to employees, maintain a record of that training and review annually.

- Establish a procedure for managing accidents in school which require First Aid treatment.

- Provide information to employees on the arrangements for First Aid.

### Arrangement for First Aid Materials, equipment and facilities

The school will provide materials, equipment and facilities as set out in DfE 'Guidance on 'First Aid for schools'.

The Appointed Persons: Currently the Appointed persons is Mrs Balharry & Mrs Wilson

The appointed person is responsible for the arrangement of adequate First Aid training for staff.

Each first aider has their own First Aid Box. These need to be stored where they are visible and easy to access.

There is also a First Aid Box in the First Aid Room.

It is the responsibility of the Appointed Persons to ensure the stock of equipment in the boxes are maintained and are not running low. There is a weekly check table in each team which must be initialled each week to evidence that the first aid equipment has been checked and that it is fit for purpose. The main supply of first aid equipment is held in the First Aid Room and Mrs Balharry and Mrs Wilson are responsible for ensuring this is maintained.

### **Head injuries**

Any bump to the head, no matter how minor is treated as serious. All bumped heads should be seen by a First Aider and parents informed. The adults in the child's classroom should also keep a close eye on the child. All bumped head accidents should be recorded by completing an accident form and parents be informed by the first aider who is dealing with the incident as soon as possible after the injury has occurred.

### **Allergic reaction**

Children in school who have severe allergies may have an Epi-pen. Staff who will be working in close contact with these children will receive Epi-pen awareness training. This training is also covered in Paediatric First Aid Training.

### **Record Keeping**

#### **First Aid and Medicine files**

A record of all children's medical conditions will be kept in the school office. Individual sheets for medical conditions will be given to the teachers where they have a child in their class with a medical condition form. A fully compiled version of these sheets is kept in the school's Crucial Documents folder on the shared system.

### **Employees/ staff**

The school has a responsibility to provide first aid to all staff. In case of an accident/incident staff should seek First Aid from any of the qualified First Aiders. All First Aid treatment to staff should be recorded on an accident form. In case an accident/incident results in the individual being taken to hospital, where they receive treatment and are absent from work for 3 days or more, the appointed person needs to be notified. The appointed person and the Head Teacher will review the accident and report to the Local Authority on an SP8 form.

### **Arrangement for Medicine in schools**

#### **Administering medicine in school**

At the beginning of each academic year, any medical conditions are shared with staff and a list of these children and their conditions is kept in the office and in the class file.

Medications kept in the school for children with medical needs, are stored in a lockable cabinet in the school office or in the refrigerator in the EMS Class.

Medicine cannot be administered without a consent form being obtained from parents/carers. Copies can be obtained from the office. Only named persons will be permitted to administer medicines to children in school.

### **Asthma**

In order for children's Asthma pumps to be kept in school, an Administering Medication Consent form, a register of pupils with asthma and an emergency inhaler use form must be completed by parents. It is the parents/carers responsibility to provide the school with up-to date Asthma

Pumps for their children. Adults in the classroom are to check the expiry date on the pumps regularly (at the end of each half-term) and inform parents should the pumps expire or run out. Asthma pumps should be carried by the person who it has been prescribed to, and clearly labelled with the child's name. Asthma sufferers should not share inhalers. Inhalers are suitably stored in classrooms. An emergency inhaler (with spacer) clearly marked 'Emergency inhaler' is also kept in each year group area.

### **Epi-pens**

Children with Epi-pens require a medical condition form. In order for children's Epi-pens to be kept in school, an Administering Medication Consent form must be signed by parents. It is the parents/carers responsibility to provide the school with up-to date Epi-pens for their children. Adults in the classroom are to check the expiry date on the pens regularly (at the end of each half-term) and inform parents should the pens expire or run out. Epi-pens are suitably stored in classrooms.

### **PE, Fire Drills and Educational Visits**

Asthma pumps and Epi-pens should be taken with children when doing PE and should also be taken during evacuation of the school building e.g. during a fire drill or for Educational Visits.

### **Short term prescriptions**

Medications such as the short term use of antibiotics or painkillers can be administered only if the parent /carer fill out the 'Parental consent form for administering medicine' form on the day the request is made. The form can be obtained from the school office. Signed copies of the forms are stored in the school office. Parents need to give the completed form to the school office together with the medication. However, staff should encourage parents to administer medicine at home. Medication may be administered in school if it is required to be taken four (4) times a day. Only medication prescribed by a GP, hospital or pharmacy and clearly labelled with the child's name, address and required dosage can be administered in school. Non-prescription medication or creams and lotions should not be administered in school. All medication is stored as stated above. If a child refuses to take a medicine, staff should not force them to do so. Instead they should note this in records and inform parents/ carers or follow agreed procedures or the Care Plan.

### **Record keeping - Medicine**

Staff should record any instances when medicine is administered. The records need to include, date and time of medicine administered, its name and the dose given, signed by the person responsible for administering the medicine. Medication logs are held by Mrs Balharry and Mrs Wilson

### **Calling the Emergency services**

In case of a major accident, it is the decision of the fully trained first aider if the emergency services are to be called. Staff are expected to support and assist the trained first aider in their decision. The Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher should be informed if such a decision has been made, even if the accident happened on a school trip or on school journey. If the casualty is a child, their parents/ carers should be contacted immediately and given all the information required. If the casualty is an adult, their next of kin should be called immediately. All contact numbers for children and staff are available from the school office.

### Headlice

Staff do not touch children and examine them for headlice. If we suspect a child or children have headlice we will have to inform parents/carers. A standard letter should be sent home with all the children in the class where the suspected headlice incidence is. If we have concerns over headlice the school nurse can be called in to give further advice.

### Chickenpox and other diseases, rashes

If a child is suspected of having chickenpox, measles etc a First Aider will look at the child's arms or legs. Chest and back will only be looked at if further concerned. We should call a First Aider and another adult should be present. The child should always be asked if it was ok to look. For the inspection of other rashes, the same procedure should be followed. If we suspect the rash to be contagious (such as scabies, impetigo, conjunctivitis, etc.) inform parents and request that children are treated before returning to school. In most cases once treatment has begun it is safe for children to return to school.

It is the Headteacher's duty to decide if there is an outbreak of infectious disease and whether there is a need to report it to the local HPU (Health Protection Unit).

### Sun cream

Sun cream should be applied by parents before school starts. Staff will not reapply sun cream to children, but will guide children in self-application.

### Residential Visits and Educational Visits

The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a pupil whilst on trips away from the school premises, even if additional arrangements might be required. However, there may be occasions when it may not be possible to include a pupil on a school trip if appropriate supervision cannot be guaranteed. For residential visits, parents will be asked to complete a risk assessment for any child who may need medication.

Medication and First Aid are an important consideration on all Risk Assessments for educational visits.