

# **King Edward's School First Aid Policy**

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It is our policy to ensure that appropriate first aid arrangements are in place for our pupils, staff and any visitors to our premises. We aim to make sure that every pupil, member of staff, and visitor will be safe and well looked after in the event of illness or accident, no matter how minor or major.

This policy assists staff to:

- To identify how to access competent first aid assistance for pupils and staff on a timely basis
- To identify those who have been trained to provide first aid whenever the school is open
- To set out the process for reporting accidents and injuries for review and reporting to Governors

### **1 Access to first aid**

- In the event of an injury the School First Aider should be contacted for treatment. If the School First Aider is not immediately available, contact Reception who will call other First Aiders.
- If the accident is serious the School First Aider will decide if an ambulance should be called and Reception will be immediately informed. The School First Aider will remain with the casualty and brief the ambulance service on the situation.
- No employee should use their private car to transport a casualty to hospital. If an ambulance is not required, then a taxi is to be used.
- If the accident was caused by a hazardous substance, the safety data sheets must be made available to the ambulance service.
- The First Aider will notify the Bursar if the matter is sufficiently serious.

#### **1.1 First aid during the school day**

The First Aid team at KES is led by the School First Aider, Magda Wyrzykowska. The School First Aider sits in the First Aid room located near reception. During office hours the School First Aider, or in her absence, another appropriately qualified colleague will administer first aid in the sick room. There is a supply of materials in the cupboards in the School First Aider's room for use by qualified first aiders at other times. In the instance where it is deemed necessary to contact parents/guardians this should be done by the School First Aider or the Receptionist.

#### **1.2 First aid cover out of normal office hours**

During the times that the First Aider is not in school (school holidays and after 4.15 pm) there is always a First Aider on site. Lists of other first aiders are displayed in the School First Aider's Office, the Staff Room, the School Secretary's office, and Reception. If the School First Aider is unable to be in school, the school will ensure that First Aid cover is provided and a notice with the relevant information posted on the First Aid room door.

### 1.3 First aid provision off site

When planning an out of school visit, staff discuss requirements with the School First Aider and the Safety Co-ordinator as part of the risk assessment process, including understanding whether there are any boys with particular pupil medical needs where appropriate. Staff take a first aid box with them together with details of any medical needs of pupils in their care.

### 1.4 Treating pupils and staff with COVID-19 symptoms

Any pupils exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be put into the meeting room opposite the Porters' Lodge and parents will be called to collect them. The room should be deep cleaned by the cleaners once the pupil has been collected. Any PPE used whilst in the presence of the pupil with symptoms should be bagged and left separately for 72 hours, after which it can be disposed of with the normal waste. Staff with symptoms should leave site immediately.

## 2 Trained personnel

The School First Aider's duties include the following

- Ensure that their First Aid certificate is always up to date.
- Keep a careful record of all visits to the First Aid room, noting the nature of the visit and any treatment administered.
- Officially record all accidents on an accident log
- Provide First Aid expertise throughout the working hours of the school day.
- Always attend a casualty when asked to do so and treat the casualty to the best of their ability, and in the safest way possible. This includes wearing gloves where there may be a loss of blood or body fluids.
- Call for assistance from other First Aiders or Emergency Services if appropriate.
- Always maintain adequately stocked First Aid kits and ensure that these are easily and quickly located throughout the school.
- Ensure that a pupil who is sent to hospital by ambulance is either:
  - Accompanied in the ambulance at the request of the paramedics
  - Followed to the hospital by a member of staff to act *in loco parentis*
  - Met at hospital by a relative
- Take charge of the first aid room and ensure that all medical supplies are up to date and appropriate.
- Be responsible for collecting medical information from parents when a pupil joins KES, in conjunction with the School Doctor.
- Inform the staff of a pupil's medical history if and when appropriate, having obtained permission to do so from the pupil and/or his parents.
- Display relevant and pertinent information for pupils and staff (for example, the location of First Aid kits).

The School First Aider is supported by members of staff who hold a current First Aid Certificate. The names of trained first aiders are located in the School First Aider's office, Reception and in the Reprographics Room in the staff room.

All staff attend annual training on Anaphylaxis and are invited to attend training sessions on Asthma, Diabetes and Epilepsy.

New members of staff are made aware of the First Aid procedures in school through induction. First Aid training will also be arranged recognised First Aid training for members of staff who request it. All members of staff will familiarise themselves with the First Aid procedures in place and meet the School First Aider.

Sports staff attend training courses on pitch side first aid. The school also uses a specialist sports first aid scheme for all fixtures taking place at weekends.

Staff are also encouraged to refer to the First Aider for advice and help if they are taken unwell during the school day.

### **3 Dispensing medication**

Medicines of any kind are not dispensed by members of staff. The School First Aider assesses all accidents and administers all medication and records each interaction (see 1.1 above).

With the exception of paracetamol and antihistamine tablets, we are not able to administer any non-prescription medicines in school. Paracetamol and antihistamines will only be administered where it is deemed necessary and where prior parental consent has been obtained. Any other medication that a pupil may need to take during the school day must be obtained on prescription from a doctor and supplied in the original pharmacist's container, along with clear written and signed instructions about the required dose and time and method of administration.

Pupils who have been given medication by parents or their doctor will normally self-medicate during the day, with their parents' agreement. Asthmatics must carry with them an inhaler for their own use. The school has spare ventolin inhalers in the medical room and also at main sports locations. Students who have been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector device such as an EpiPen must keep one with them at all times. The school keeps spare autoinjectors in the dining hall and staff room. Diabetics should keep their own supply of glucose and the school can keep spare glucose in the medical room on request. Diabetic pupils may, if required, keep a spare supply of insulin in the refrigerator in the School First Aider's office.

### **4 Role of the School Doctor**

The School Doctor attends the school site as required to assess new pupils where their medical history requires it. He also reviews incidents recorded in the Incident Log (see below) with the Safety Co-ordinator, and does a report for Governors presented at the Risk & Compliance Sub-Committee annually. This is explained to all new parents in their induction pack. The School Doctor does not prescribe medication and does not undertake the role of a family doctor.

### **5 Individual Health Care Plans**

Some pupils with medical needs may require an Individual Healthcare Plan, (IHCP). The School Doctor identifies those pupils that require an IHCP. IHCP's are reviewed at least annually or earlier if evidence is presented that a pupil's needs have changed. An IHCP records the following:

- the medical condition, its triggers, signs, symptoms;
- the pupil's resulting needs, including medication and any other daily care requirements;
- the name of the medication, dose, method of administration, when it should be taken and any side effects;
- what constitutes an emergency and the action to take if this occurs.

## **6 Sharing information about boys with medical needs**

Pupil medical information is kept on the School Information Management System and parents are asked to review and update this information annually. All staff should familiarise themselves with these and ask the School First Aider or Safety Co-ordinator for further advice or information if they need to, particularly if they are taking any of these boys out on trips.

All new joiners are asked to complete a medical form to declare any medical issues. Boys with significant issues are asked to see the School Doctor to ensure that appropriate actions are taken with regards to their care and that information is shared with staff as appropriate.

Boys with dietary requirements, including food allergies, also meet with the Catering Manager to assess their needs.

## **7 Recording and reporting**

- Once first aid treatment has been provided, the first aider makes a short note in the written log.
- Where the first aider considers that the Safety Co-ordinator will need to review an incident, an entry is made into the electronic Incident Log by the First Aider. These reports are printed, read and reviewed by the Safety Co-ordinator and the School Doctor. The Safety Co-ordinator will, where necessary, make any further enquiries and these may lead to a change in working practice to reduce the likelihood of a further accident.
- Once the entry has been made into the Incident Log, the electronic files are kept in a secure and confidential place in line with the Data Protection Act. Records must be kept for a period of 3 years from the date of the last entry. The injured person may have a print out of the page entry.
- Where an accident falls into the requirements of RIDDOR reporting, a report is made by the Safety Co-ordinator.

The School First Aider is a member of the Health & Safety Committee and raises any recurrent issues or any significant issues that have not had an official investigation either to the Committee or directly to the Facilities Manager or the Bursar.

The accident log is reviewed by the Safety Co-ordinator on a termly basis and discussed by the Safety Committee.

## **6 Review and Investigation**

In the event of a serious incident, an investigating officer (usually Bursar, Safety Co-ordinator or Facilities Manager) will:

- Ensure that the area is left undisturbed and sealed off, until authorised.
- Organise an investigation to determine the cause of the dangerous occurrence.
- Take photographs of the site of the incident and any other relevant tools, equipment, etc. if necessary, and seek access to any CCTV recordings if these exist.
- Obtain witness statements.
- Obtain a statement, if possible, from the injured person.

Where there is an incident involving a member of staff an investigation may be deemed necessary (the assessment would be made by the Safety Co-ordinator in conjunction with the Bursar). When the investigating officer has completed their investigations, they will retain a copy of their report for recording purposes and send an additional copy to Human Resources.

The Line Manager will review any appropriate risk assessments and safe working procedures to ensure any further remedial actions are taken.

The investigating officer will make a full report and include all of the above information and forward it to the Chief Master for onward transmission to the insurance company.

## **8 List of Certified First Aiders**

See Appendix 1

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APPENDIX 1 – First Aid Qualified Staff

The following staff have a current first aid certificate.

Qualifications vary, but all the following have covered emergency care including CPR.

Joel	Abbott	14/02/2022
Caterina	Arico	14/02/2022
Tom	Burdett	14/02/2022
Natasha	Cotterrell	14/02/2022
Jurgita	Dean	14/02/2022
Andy	Dutch	14/02/2022
Satinder	Kaur Sihra	14/02/2022
Shukla	Kulkarni	14/02/2022
Greg	MacDonald	14/02/2022
Ross	Orchard	14/02/2022
Andrew	Langlands	20/5/2022
Henry	Coverdale	21/05/2022
Pascale	Esnault	21/05/2022
Sarah-L	Jones	21/05/2022
Peter	Ollis	21/05/2022
Magda	Wyrzykowska	21/05/2022
Ian	Connor	2/6/2022
Debbie	McMillan	02/06/2022
Martin	Monks	02/06/2022
Thom	Wareing	02/06/2022
Carolyn	While	02/06/2022
Gemma	Aggarwal	10/10/2022
Rosie	Thomas	02/02/2023
John	Fennell	11/02/2023
Adam	Medkour	11/02/2023
Lawson	Roll	11/02/2023
Christine	Smith	11/02/2023
Louise	Williams	11/02/2023
Daniel	Limm	11/02/2023
James	Fair	13/02/2023
Xavier	Reeves	13/02/2023
Elaine	Sigston	13/02/2023
James	Vechio	13/02/2023
Tim	Woolley	13/02/2023
Helen	Falkner	11/12/2023
Olivia	Zamaniego	25/02/2023
Duncan	Raynor	12/03/2023
Matthew	Bott	09/02/2024
James	Butler	09/02/2024
Beccy	Leaver	09/02/2024
Anne	Ostrowicz	09/02/2024
Jon	Pavey	09/02/2024

Duncan	Witcombe	09/02/2024
Graham	Watson	09/02/2024