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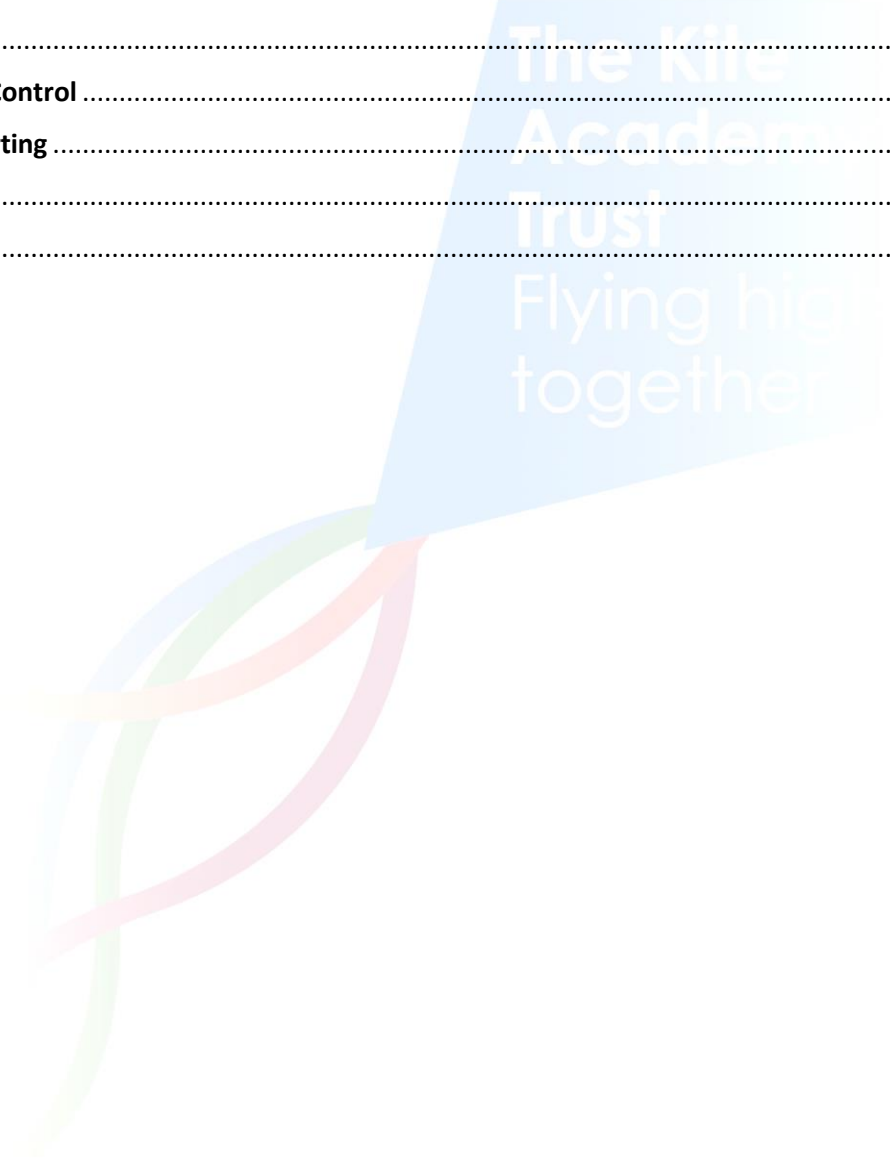


KITE ACADEMY TRUST

FIRST AID POLICY

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1 Introduction

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

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

2 Legislation & Guidance

This policy is based on the [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety 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 make an assessment of 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, make arrangements 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
- [Social Security \(Claims and Payments\) Regulations 1979](#), which set out rules on the retention of accident records
- [The Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

3 Roles and Responsibilities

In academies with Early Years Foundation Stage provision, at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises at all times.

Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The academy will appoint designated 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 (this may be the responsibility of the Office staff).
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role in accordance with the [Health & Safety \(First-Aid\) Regulations 1981](#) and [Guidance on First Aid for Schools](#). They 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, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident
- The Office staff will be responsible for keeping contact details up to date

- Names of appointed person and/or trained first aiders are listed and displayed prominently around the academy.

Trust Board

The Kite Academy Trust Board has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters but delegates operational and day-to-day responsibility to the Head Teacher of each academy.

The Academy Head

The Academy Head is responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel 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;
- Undertaking, or ensuring that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place;
- Ensuring that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of pupils;
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary.

Staff

Academy staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures;
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders are in the academy;
- Completing accident reports for all incidents they attend to, whether a first aider is required or not;
- Informing the Academy Head or their manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs.

4 Medical Emergencies - First Aid Procedures

In-academy 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 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 academy, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents;
- If emergency services are called, the designated member of 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;

In the event of a pupil becoming unwell:

- the pupil is taken to the academy office and placed in the medical room, to be monitored. The child's parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect the child if necessary. In extreme situations an ambulance may be called.

Please also see Kite Academy Trust's Infection Control Policy.

Off-site Procedures

When taking pupils off the academy premises, staff will ensure they always have the following:

- A mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils
- Parents' contact details

Risk assessments will be completed by the relevant member of staff prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off academy premises.

There will always be at least one first aider with a current paediatric first aid certificate on academy trips and visits, as required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Where an academy trip and/or visit does not involve Early Years Foundation Stage children, there will always be at least one first aider.

In any medical emergency, pupils' parents will be contacted as soon as practicable. If the child's parent cannot be contacted, attempts will be made to contact other emergency contacts provided for the child. Parents must provide **three** emergency contacts for their child, in contact priority order.

5 First Aid Equipment

All staff must know where the First Aid Kits are stored around the academy.

First Aid kits will be kept in areas around the academy as agreed by the Academy Head.

A full First Aid kit will be kept in the Office/medical room.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is available if there is a risk of contamination with blood or bodily fluids.

In the event of an outbreak of an infectious illness, PPE should be worn by staff caring for a child if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

Please see the Kite Academy Trust's Infection Control Policy.

6 Infection Prevention & Control

The Kite Academy Trust's Infection Control Policy provides guidance to prevent and manage infections in our academies.

We follow national guidance published by Public Health England (PHE) when responding to infection control issues and encourage staff and pupils to routinely follow good hygiene practice.

During an outbreak of an infectious illness, epidemic or pandemic, additional measures and procedures will be put in to practice to minimise the spread of the infection and ensure our academies are safe. These will include daily cleaning procedures that follow national guidance and are compliant with the COSHH. Enhanced cleaning will be undertaken where required.

If the clothing of the first-aider or a child becomes contaminated with blood or bodily fluids, the clothing is to be removed as soon as possible and placed in a plastic bag. The child's clothing is sent home with the child.

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7 Record-keeping & Reporting

First Aid and Accident Record Book

- An accident form will be completed by the relevant member of staff 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
- Records held in the first aid and accident book will be retained by the academy 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

All accidents reportable under either OSHENS or the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) must be recorded by the designated person and authorized by the Academy Head.

The relevant member of staff will report these to the Health and Safety Executive as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident.

Reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences 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)
- 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
- Injuries where an employee is away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident)
- Where an accident leads to someone being taken to hospital
- Near-miss events that do not result in an injury, but could have done. Examples of near-miss events relevant to academies include, but are not limited to:
 - The collapse or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment
 - The accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
 - The accidental release or escape of any substance that may cause a serious injury or damage to health
 - An electrical short circuit or overload causing a fire or explosion

Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here:
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

Notifying Parents

The designated member of staff will inform parents 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.

Reporting to the Area School's Office

The Academy Head will notify the Area School Office (ASO) of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a pupil while in the academy's care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident.

8 Training

All academy staff are able to undertake first aid training if they would like to.

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role in accordance with the [Health & Safety \(First-Aid\) Regulations 1981](#) and [Guidance on First Aid for Schools](#).

At all times, at least 1 staff member will have a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate which meets the requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework and is updated at least every 3 years.

All first aiders must have completed a training course, and must hold a valid certificate of competence to show this. The academy will keep a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and when this is valid until.

Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training when it is no longer valid.

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