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First Aid Policy

Introduction

THIS DOCUMENT IS a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for administering first aid at North Downs Primary School.

IT WAS DEVELOPED through a process of consultation with teaching and non-teaching staff and the governing body.

IT HAS BEEN TAKEN FOR APPROVAL to the Governors in Spring Term 2023.

THIS POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED in Autumn 2024.

Aims

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

Legislation and 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 School Premises (England) Regulations 2012*, which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

Roles and Responsibilities

Appointed Person(s) and First Aiders

The school's Office Administrators and Teaching Assistants are the appointed people. 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
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role and 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 resulting in an injury**, using the online recording system
- Our school's appointed person(s) and/or first aiders are listed in appendix 3

The Local Authority and Governing Board

- *Surrey County Council* has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates responsibility for the strategic management of such matters to the school's governing board.
- The governing board delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the Headteacher and staff members.

The Headteacher

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

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of appointed persons and/or trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- 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

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports, using the online recording system, for all incidents they attend to where a first aider/appointed person is not called
- Informing the Headteacher or their manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

First Aid Procedures

In-school 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 school, 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 school's office administrators will contact parents immediately
- The first aider/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** (see evolve Flow chart in Appendix 1).

Off-site Procedures

When taking pupils off the school 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

Risk assessments will be completed by the group leader prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

There will always be one first aider on school trips and visits and on any Reception school trips and visits there will be a first aider who has a current paediatric first aid certificate, as required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

First Aid Equipment

A typical first aid kit in our school will include the following:

- A leaflet with general first aid advice
- Regular and large bandages
- Eye pad bandages
- Triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Safety pins
- Disposable gloves
- Sterile cleansing wipes (not antiseptic wipes)
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Cold compresses
- Burns dressings

Equivalent or additional items are acceptable. No medication is kept in first aid kits. First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical room (Brockham) or office (Leigh and Betchworth)
- The school hall (Brockham)
- Swimming pool
- Classrooms
- The school kitchens

Record-keeping and reporting

First Aid and Accident Record

- An accident report will be completed, using the online recording system, by the first aider/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
- Office staff will automatically be alerted by the Evolve Accident Book once an accident report has been completed
- Records held in online recording system will be retained by the school for a minimum of 3 years and then securely disposed of

Reporting to the HSE

The school's office administrators will keep a record of any accident which results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7).

The school's office administrators will report these in accordance with the guidance in Appendix 4 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 schools 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

Notifying Parents

The pre-populated email generated by the online reporting system 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. In the event of a head injury parents will be informed with a phone call in addition to the email.

Reporting to Ofsted and Child Protection Agencies

The Headteacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a pupil while in the school's care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident.

The Headteacher will also notify The Area School's Officer of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, a pupil while in the school's care.

Training

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

All first aiders must have completed a training course, and must hold a valid certificate of competence to show this. The school 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. Newly appointed staff are trained as soon as is possible.

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.

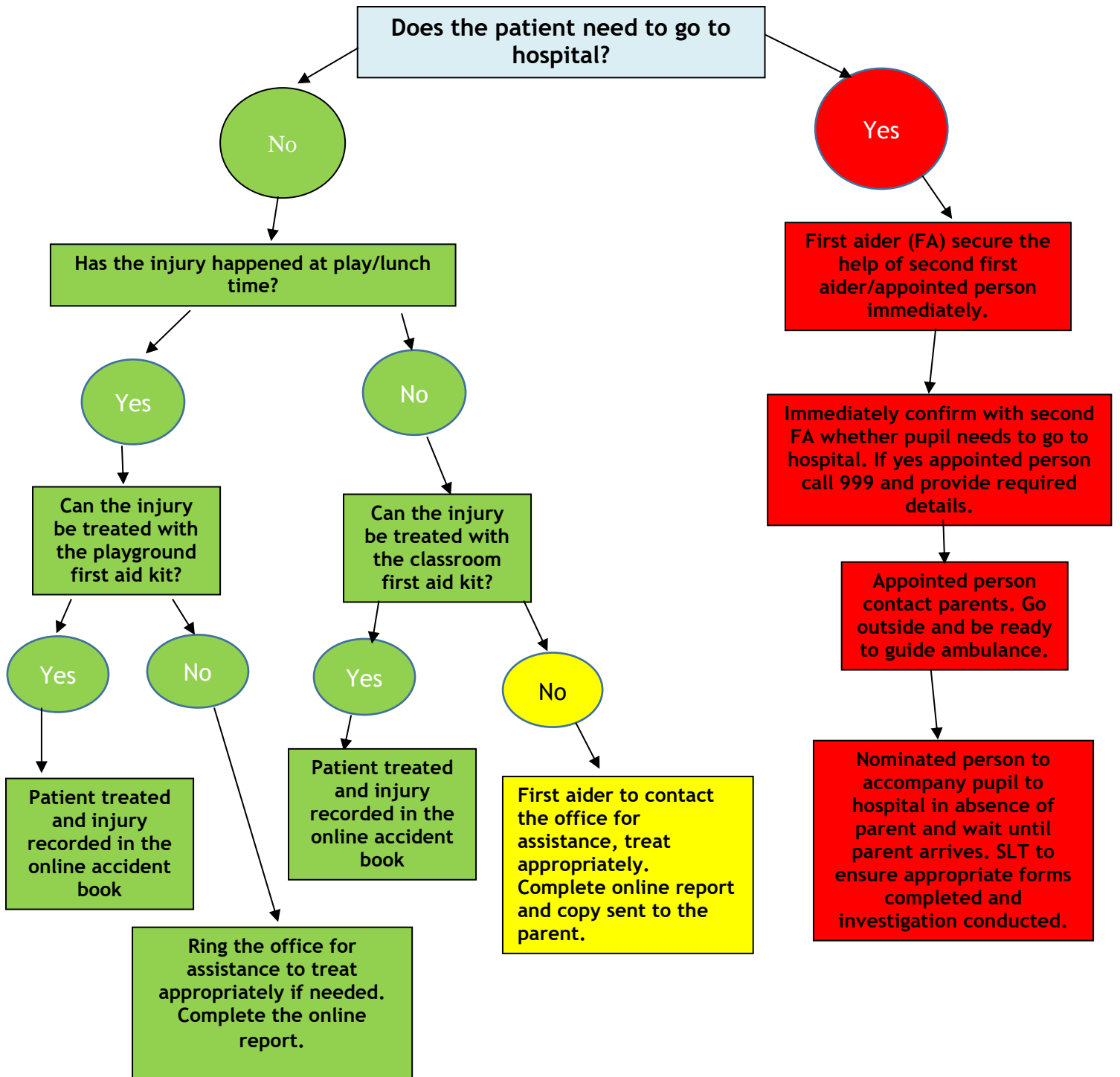
Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Medicines Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

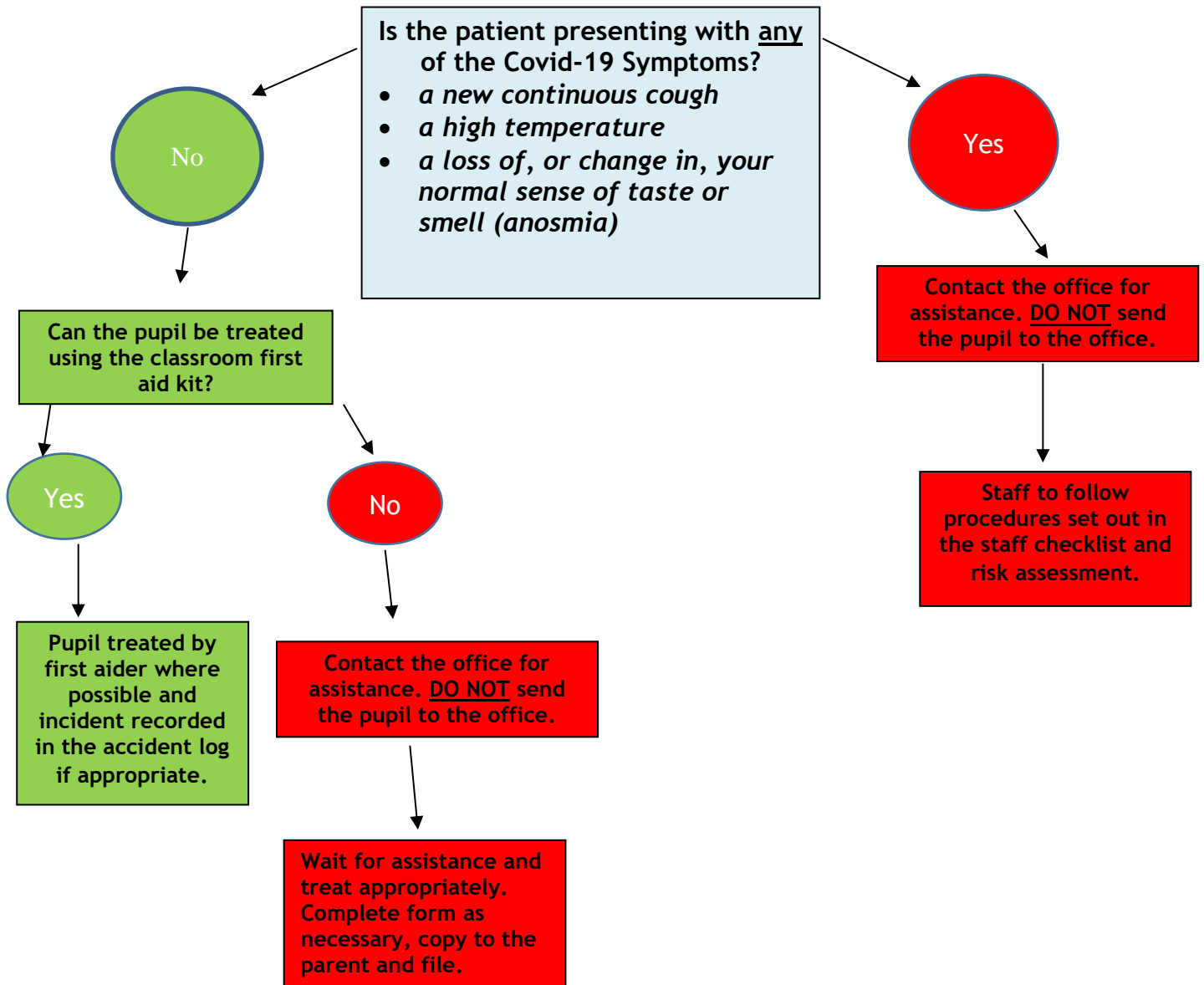
Emergency Flow Chart for First Aiders

Assess the situation



Flow Chart for First Aid in class

Assess the situation



Evolve Flow Chart for First Aiders

Assess the situation

Has the patient sustained a head injury?

No

Yes

Treat with the appropriate first aid - ice pack etc.

Inform the office and complete the form on evolve.

Office to contact the parents and inform them of the accident and generate the email to go to parents.

Once the incident has been dealt with and parents have been informed, if no further action is required the admin team will close the incident on Evolve.

Does the injury have the potential for parents to need to act on it later (i.e. not just a graze to the knee) or has the first aider had to treat the injury differently (e.g. because the child has a plaster allergy treatment has had to change)?

Yes

No

Patient treated and injury recorded in the online accident book. Inform the office and generate the email to go home to parents. Admin team will close the incident once it is clear that no further action is required.

Patient treated and record the incident on evolve. Admin team to close the incident.



School accident reporting flow chart

Non employees

- Pupil
- Visitors to site
- Parents

Employees

This includes volunteers, part time, temporary or a self employed person working on your site

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Accident, injury or near miss
Minor – such as a graze.
Record locally in the accident book.

Violent incident involving students
Record internally in accordance with schools behaviour management policy.

Accident, injury or near miss
Minor – Record locally.
Consider recording near miss reports on Oshens.

Verbal abuse/threat
Minor – Record locally in accordance with school policy.

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Accident, injury or near miss
Moderate* - significant first aid, HSE major injury/dangerous occurrence.
Record and report on OSHENS
https://surreycc.oshens.com/AIR2/Incbook/incbook_tab_begin.aspx?First=1
Initiate remedial action and review report within 7 days

Verbal abuse, threat or violent incident**
Record and report on OSHENS
<https://surreycc.oshens.com>.
Initiate remedial action and review report within 7 days.

Accident, injury or near miss
Moderate* - first aid required, HSE major injury/dangerous occurrence
Record and report on OSHENS
<https://surreycc.oshens.com>.
Initiate remedial action and review report within 7 days.

Verbal abuse, threat or violent incident**
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Identify if injury/accident/dangerous occurrence is RIDDOR reportable e.g. Non-employee taken straight from site to hospital for treatment as a result of inadequate supervision arrangements, the condition, design or maintenance of premises/equipment or a specified dangerous occurrence. **For more detail see** www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/edis1.pdf

- **Fatality**- notify HSE immediately by telephone **0845 300 9923** and email srm.hands@surreycc.gov.uk and sccealthandsafety.gov.uk
- **All other reportable incidents**- report to HSE via OSHENS (RIDDOR tab) <https://surreycc.oshens.com> as soon as possible and within 15 days of the incident www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/edis1.pdf
- Initiate remedial action and review accident report within 7 days. Using link directly to the report

Identify if injury/accident/violent incident/dangerous occurrence is RIDDOR reportable - Injury to employee results in death, hospital admittance for 24 hours, unconsciousness, inability to conduct normal work duties for over 7 days (including weekends and Bank Holidays), is a work related disease or a specified dangerous occurrence. **For more detail see** www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/edis1.pdf

- **Fatal/specified major incidents to employee** notify HSE immediately by telephone **0845 300 9923** and email srm.hands@surreycc.gov.uk and sccealthandsafety.gov.uk
- Initiate remedial action and review accident report within 7 days. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/what-must-i-report.htm>