



Newport Infant School and Nursery

First Aid Policy

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This policy is written in line with the First Aid Guidance document from Telford and Wrekin which is attached as an appendix to this policy.

At Newport Infant School and Nursery we have two members of staff who hold First Aid in the workplace certificates. In addition, most teaching and support staff have emergency First Aid training and most staff who work within the Early Years part of the setting hold Paediatric First Aid.

Staff training is arranged by school and time is allocated for them to attend this.

It is our policy that only staff who have received relevant training can attend a child or adult who requires First Aid.

The First Aid station is situated in the corridor by the main entrance to the school playground. There is a range of basic First Aid equipment available at this station and there is a sink nearby.

The First Aid book is kept in the cupboard by the office and is completed for every visible injury. There is a separate book for non-visible injuries which have been assessed by a First Aider and deemed minor with no mark.

The First Aid book generates carbon copies of incidents which are retained in school and the slips are then sent home with children at the end of the day. Where a child has a head bump or a significant injury, parents are contacted to advise them of the accident.

If a child has a serious injury which is identified by a First Aider as requiring medical attention parents/carers are notified and advised. In cases of emergency, staff contact emergency services.

Children with medical needs which may affect their First Aid treatment are identified in the staff room on the board.

There are small First Aid books and First Aid bags which are taken on school visits and off-site activities.

First Aid books are reviewed by members of the Health and Safety Committee each year and by senior leaders in school.

Where a significant injury is sustained on the school site which means that it meets the criteria for reporting to RIDDOR, this is completed by the Headteacher and School Business Manager.

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1. THE LAW

- 1.1 The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981(as amended 1st October 2013) require the provision of First-Aiders/Appointed Persons and first-aid materials for employees.
- 1.2 Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England best-practice guidance for employers on how to implement Mental Health First Aid in the workplace
- 1.3 Whilst the regulations do not state that employers have to provide first-aid for anyone other than their own staff the approved code of practice strongly recommends that the non employees are considered in the assessment of first aid needs and provision is made for them. It is the Council policy to do this.

2. KEY ACTION POINTS

Carry out first aid needs assessment to determine the level of first-aid provision required in terms of the following:

- the number of first-aiders/appointed persons/paediatric trained
- the number of staff trained in Mental health first aid and their location across the school
- the number, content and locations of first aid equipment
- arrangements for off-site activities / remote working
- arrangements for activities taking place outside core hours

3. FIRST AIDERS

- 3.1 First aiders may either be contractually obliged to take on this role or be selected from staff volunteers.
A first aider needs to:

- Have a suitable calm, reliable disposition, an empathetic approach and good communication skills.
- Be willing and able to undertake the necessary training.
- Put their skills into practice when the need arises in sometimes stressful and physically demanding situations.

- Be employed in a post where they are readily accessible in case of emergencies.

3.2 First aiders are expected to:

- Check and replenish first aid boxes on a rota basis (to be agreed with other first aiders in the vicinity)
- Ensure the most up to date first aid list for their area is displayed next to first aid boxes and in core areas where needed
- Ensure contact and location details registered with the health and safety team are kept up to date
- Maintain confidential records of first aid treatment in accordance with section 7.

There are two types of training for first aiders:

3.3 First Aid at Work (FAW)

At least an 18 hour course (not including breaks), over a minimum period of three days.

On completion of training, whether a full FAW course or a FAW requalification course, successful candidates should have satisfactorily demonstrated competence in all of the subject areas listed under 3.3 and also be able to:

- Administer first aid to a casualty with:
- Injuries to bones, muscles and joints, including suspected spinal injuries;
- Chest injuries;
- Burns and scalds;
- Eye injuries;
- Sudden poisoning;
- Anaphylactic shock;
- Recognise the presence of major illness and provide appropriate first aid (including heart attack, stroke, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes).
- Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use an automated external defibrillator
- Assess the situation and circumstances in order to act safely, promptly and effectively in an emergency;
- Provide appropriate first aid for minor injuries

This must be renewed every three years by means of a two day re-qualification course.

3.4 Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW)

At least a 6 hour course (not including breaks), over a minimum period of 1 day.

On completion of training, successful candidates should be able to:

- Understand the role of the first aider, including reference to:
- The importance of preventing cross infection;
- The need for recording incidents and actions;
- Use of available equipment;
- Assess the situation and circumstances in order to act safely, promptly and effectively in an emergency;
- Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use an automated external defibrillator;
- Administer first aid to a casualty who is unconscious (including seizure);
- Administer first aid to a casualty who is choking;
- Administer first aid to a casualty who is wounded and bleeding;
- Administer first aid to a casualty who is suffering from shock;
- Provide appropriate first aid for minor injuries (including small cuts, grazes and bruises, minor burns and scalds, small splinters).

This must be renewed every three years by means of a one day re-qualification course.

3.5 Paediatric First Aid

The current legal requirements for paediatric first aid are set out in the safeguarding and welfare section of the 2017 EYFS. The following information is taken from the 2017 Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage published by the Department of Education, at least one person who has a current **full** paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises and available at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings. Childminders, and any assistant who might be in sole charge of the children for any period of time, must hold a current **full** paediatric first aid certificate.

PFA training must be renewed every three years and be relevant for workers caring for young children and where relevant, babies. Providers should take into account the number of children, staff and layout of premises to ensure that a paediatric first aider is able to respond to emergencies quickly. All newly qualified entrants to the early years workforce who have completed a level 2 and/or level 3 qualification on or after 30 June 2016, must also have either a full PFA or an emergency PFA certificate within three months of starting work in order to be included in the required staff:child ratios at level 2 or level 3 in an early years setting³³. Providers should display (or make available to parents) staff PFA certificates or a list of staff who have a current PFA certificate.

Emergency paediatric first aid training course - 1 day

Understand the role and responsibilities of the emergency paediatric first aider, have the ability to assess an emergency situation and prioritise your actions. You will also learn how to help a baby or child who is:

- unresponsive and breathing normally
- unresponsive and not breathing normally
- having a seizure
- choking
- suffering from shock
- bleeding

This must be renewed every three years by means of a one day re-qualification course

Paediatric first aid

This two-day paediatric first aid course focuses on emergency scenarios that face those looking after young children and infants, including day nurseries, private nursery schools, pre-schools, before and after school clubs for children in the early years age group, childminders and carers of children at home.

The paediatric first aid course must meet the Ofsted Early Years and Childcare Register requirements.

Understand the role and responsibilities of the paediatric first aider.

Be able to assess an emergency situation safely.

Be able to provide first aid for an infant and a child:

- who is unresponsive and breathing normally, including child and infant resuscitation
- who is unresponsive and not breathing normally
- who has a foreign body airway obstruction
- with external bleeding
- with injuries to bones, joints and muscles.

Understand how to administer emergency first aid to an infant and a child with a chronic medical condition or sudden illness:

- sickle cell crisis
- diabetic emergencies

- asthma attack
- allergic reaction
- meningitis
- febrile convulsions.

Understand how to administer first aid to an infant and a child:

- who is experiencing the effects of extreme heat and cold
- who has sustained an electric shock
- with burns or scalds
- who has been poisoned
- who has been bitten or stung
- with minor injuries, including cuts, grazes, bumps and bruises, small splinters and nose bleeds
- with conditions affecting the eyes, ears and nose
- with head and spinal injuries
- with anaphylaxis
- who is suffering from shock.

Understand how to complete records relating to illnesses, injuries and emergencies.

This must be renewed every three years by means of a one day re-qualification course.

3.6 Defibrillator Training

Some Schools have defibrillators on site. First Aid at Work training now includes the use of a defibrillator but additional training can be provided if necessary.

3.7 All first aiders must be allocated enough time to:

- attend training
- carry out their routine responsibilities to check and restock first aid equipment
- review their first aid training materials.

3.8 Insurance The council's insurance policy covers claims arising from first-aid treatment given by staff acting within the scope of their employment.

3.9 First aid training provider

First aiders must complete a training course administered by a competent First Aid training provider.

The requirement for first aid training providers to be HSE registered has been removed, however training organisations will still be required to meet certain standards/criteria set by the HSE.

Telford & Wrekin Council First Aid training provider offer 'regulated qualifications. These are nationally recognised and our training centre is registered as an 'awarding organisation' (AO). These AOs are recognised by national qualification regulators (Ofqual) that have dedicated policies and quality assurance processes that approve and monitor our training centres to ensure training meets standards set by the national regulators. The regulators stipulate that AOs and their training centres must work in compliance with the Assessment Principles for First Aid Qualifications – see the SQA website www.sqa.org.uk.

To book on any first aid courses please use the OLLIE site, there are a selection of dates but if there are none available or you can't attend the dates that are available please email Co-operative.Admin@telford.gov.uk to request a place.

If you are not registered with the online booking system (OLLIE) you can access and book all your first aid training via trainingenquiries@telford.gov.uk

School based staff should book direct with Steve Carter steve.carter@telford.gov.uk on 01952 380161 or with Telford Occupational Health Service Ltd, Halesfield 13, Telford, TF7 4QP. 01952 581251 or email jandt@tohs.co.uk

4.0 APPOINTED PERSONS

An appointed person is someone who:

- takes charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- ensures that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate.
- looks after first aid equipment and restocking as necessary.
- ensures that the necessary accident reporting is carried out.

Appointed persons are not first aiders and should not administer first aid treatment that they have not been trained to do.

5.0 MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

The Council committed acknowledging the importance of mental wellbeing and promoting positive mental well being in the workplace in order that every individual reaches their own potential and can cope with the normal stresses of life. It is important that we have identified employees who are able to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help and signposting when an individual finds themselves in crisis. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an internationally recognised qualification which teaches individuals how to recognise crucial signs of mental ill health and feel confident to guide someone to appropriate support when in crisis.

For further information take a look at what the HSE have to say on [managing workplace stress and mental health issues](#)

Mental Health First Aiders need to;

- Have a calm, reliable disposition, an empathetic approach and good communication skills
- Are able to listen non-judgementally
- Understand the importance of confidentiality
- Have an interest in mental health and wellbeing
- Have a desire to learn more about mental health and support others
- Put their skills into practice when the need arises in sometimes stressful and emotionally demanding situations

Mental Health First Aiders are expected to;

- Be employed in a post where they are readily accessible in case of a crisis
- Gain the support of their manager to become a Mental Health First Aider
- Be willing and able to undertake relevant training
- Carry their 5 step MHFA action plan (ALGEE checklist) with them at all times (provided at training)
- Make themselves aware of and familiar with the Wellbeing Policy
- Make themselves aware of their nearest MH First aid room (please refer to the First Aid Guidance document) should they need to assist a colleague in crisis
- Ensure they know the key code to access first aid room keys at their location
- Ensure the most up to date MHFA contact list for their building is displayed next to first aid boxes and in core areas where needed
- Ensure contact and location details registered with the ODD Team are kept up to date
- Attend all support sessions with fellow MH First Aiders

It is important that all employees and managers are aware of the signs and symptoms of someone who may be suffering from mental ill health and are able to access mental health awareness training to support them in maintaining good mental health at work, with a proactive and preventative approach to mental wellbeing.

However we recognise that some people may suddenly find themselves suffering from severe mental health issues and in crisis at work due to unforeseen circumstances, traumatic events or loss. MHFAs are expected to provide immediate support and signposting advice for these individuals at the point of crisis, calling upon appropriate professional support where this is required and relevant. MH First Aiders are not trained to be therapists or psychiatrists – there is not an expectation that they will resolve the individual's issues but instead offer initial support through non-judgemental listening and guidance. MHFAs are not expected to provide low level support or counselling to individuals on an ongoing basis.

6.0 FIRST AID NEEDS ASSESSMENT

To work out what level of first aid provision is needed in any Telford & Wrekin workplace consider the factors listed in the table below. Where one factor indicates that a higher level of first aid provision is needed than another factor then the higher level should be implemented. The table below gives the **minimum** acceptable level of first aid provision.

For further details on the number of first aiders and Mental First Aiders required for Telford and Wrekin core buildings see appendix 2

Factor to consider	Space for notes	Impact on first-aid provision
Hazards (use the findings of your general risk assessment and take account of any parts of your workplace that have different work activities/hazards which may require different levels of first-aid provision)		
Does your workplace have low-level hazards such as those that might be found in offices and shops?		<p>The minimum provision is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointed person to take charge of first-aid arrangements; • A suitably stocked first-aid box.
Does your workplace have higher-level hazards such as chemicals or dangerous machinery?		<p>You should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing first-aiders; • Providing additional training for first-aiders to deal with injuries resulting from special hazards; • Providing a suitably stocked first-aid box; • Providing additional first aid equipment; • Precise location of first aid equipment; • Providing a first-aid room; • Informing the emergency services of specific hazards etc in advance.
Do your work activities involve special hazards such as hydrofluoric acid or confined spaces?		<p>You should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing first-aiders; • Additional training for first-aiders to deal with injuries resulting from special hazards;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional first-aid equipment; • Precise location of first-aid room; • Providing a first-aid room; • Informing the emergency services of specific hazards etc in advance.
Employees		
How many people are employed on site?		<p>Where there are small numbers of employees, the minimum provision is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointed person to take charge of first-aid arrangements; • A suitably stocked first-aid box. <p>Where there are large numbers of employees, ie more than 25, even in low-hazard environments, you should consider providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aiders; • Additional first-aid equipment; • A first-aid room.
Are there inexperienced workers on site, or employees with disabilities or particular health problems?		<p>You should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional training for first-aiders; • Additional first-aid equipment; • Local siting of first-aid equipment. <p>Your first-aid provision should cover any work experience trainees.</p>
Are staff aware of Mental Health issues and able to recognise the signs of symptoms of mental health?		<p>Consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance on the mental health awareness course for employees • Manager attendance on the MH first aid course (1 day)
Have you considered the Mental Health and wellbeing of your staff in line with the APPD framework?		<p>You should consider wellbeing as part of the APPD and regular 1-2-1 discussions. Where an individual raises issues relating to mental wellbeing, refer to the Wellbeing Policy for support mechanisms available to support them.</p>
Accidents and ill-health records		
<p>What is your record of accidents and ill health?</p> <p>What injuries and illness have occurred and where did they happen?</p>		<p>Ensure your first-aid provision will cater for the type of injuries and illness that have occurred in your workplace. Monitor accidents and ill health and review your first-aid provision as appropriate.</p>
Working arrangements		

Do you have employees who travel a lot, work remotely or work alone?		<p>You should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing personal first-aid kits; • Issuing personal communicators/mobile phones to employees.
Do any of your employees work shifts or out-of-hours?		You should ensure there is adequate first-aid provision at all times people are at work.
Are the premises spread out, eg are there several buildings on the site or multi-floor buildings?		You should consider the need for provision in each building or on each floor.
Is your workplace remote from emergency medical services?		<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the emergency services of your location; • Consider special arrangements with the emergency services; • Consider emergency transport requirements.
Do any of your employees work at sites occupied by other employers?		You should make arrangements with other site occupiers to ensure adequate provision of first-aid. A written agreement between employers is strongly recommended.
Do you have sufficient provision to cover absences of first-aiders or appointed persons?		<p>You should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What cover is needed for annual leave and other planned absences; • What cover is needed for unplanned and exceptional absences.
Non-employees		
Do members of the public or non-employees visit your premises?		Under the health & Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981, you have no legal duty to provide first aid for non-employees but HSE strongly recommends that you include them in your first-aid provision.

7.0 COMMUNICATION OF FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS

It must be made clear on all Telford & Wrekin premises who the first aiders are and where the first aid materials are kept. The standard white cross on a green background should be used to indicate first aid information. Lists of first aiders should be posted in prominent positions including adjacent to first aid boxes, on first aid room doors, in or near lifts and at reception areas. They are also available on the intranet for all the core buildings.

8.0 ACCIDENT REPORTING AND RECORD KEEPING

All first aiders should keep a record of first aid treatment given, when and to whom. This information should be kept securely in accordance with data protection principles. A suitable form for recording this is given in appendix 1.

If the administration of first aid was needed due to a work related accident or violent incident then the first aider should complete the relevant accident or violent incident form on behalf of the casualty if they are unable to do this themselves. Forms available on the intranet.

9.0 FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

First aid equipment should be kept in a known location where it is readily accessible in an emergency. This has to be balanced against trying to keep the equipment secure so that it doesn't suffer from pilfering. In a multi floor building where any first aider could be called to any floor the first aid kits should be kept in the same location on each floor as far as possible so that they can be found quickly. Where possible hand washing facilities should be close by.

Additional first aid equipment should be sited close to identified hazard areas eg kitchens, workshops, science laboratories.

At all times a balance needs to be struck between having sufficient first aid materials readily to hand to deal with likely emergencies and avoiding overstocking which causes wastage due to dressings exceeding their guaranteed sterility date and needing to be replaced. First aiders are responsible for replenishing first aid boxes.

When purchasing any first aid kit you should ensure they meet the necessary standards, The British Standards Institute (BSi) updated the contents in January 2019 to the following kits to meet the new standard:

- Workplace First Aid Kits – BS 8599-1
- Vehicle First Aid Kits – BS 8599-2

And also the BSi have also introduced two new kits:

- Personal Issue First Aid Kit
- Critical Injury Pack

9.1 First aid box contents:

9.1 The HSE state a standard first aid kit should contain:

- A leaflet giving general guidance on first aid, eg HSE leaflet - *"Basic advice on first aid at work"* <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.pdf>
- 20 Individually wrapped sterile plasters (Assorted sizes)
- 2 Sterile eye pads
- 4 Individually wrapped triangular bandages (Preferably sterile)
- Safety pins
- Medium sized (approximately 12cm x 12cm) individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- 2 large (approximately 18 cm x 18 cm) sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- One pair of disposable gloves (vinyl)
- 1 Revive aid

It may also be useful to have 10 individually wrapped alcohol free wipes.

No tablets, ointments or medicines should be kept in the First Aid box

9.2 Eye wash is only required where there isn't ready access to mains water. Where it is needed it should be provided in the form of at least one litre of normal saline in a sealed disposable container. Containers should not be kept for reuse once the seal is broken and must not be used beyond their expiry date. Eye wash should be kept close to eye contamination hazards.

9.3 Portable first aid kit for personal use For staff who travel around a lot or work remotely away from school it makes sense for them to be provided with a small first aid kit to enable them to clean and dress a minor injury without the need to return to base. Their kit should contain as a minimum:

- 6 Individually wrapped sterile plasters (Assorted sizes)
- 6 individually wrapped alcohol free wipes.

10. FIRST AID ROOMS

Some schools, due to the number of people using the premises and the nature of the activities taking place there, may warrant the provision of a first aid room. This room can be used for other compatible purposes eg as a place for expression of breast milk or carrying out medical examinations but should be readily available for first aid purposes whenever needed. Guidance L74 identifies criteria and contents of first aid rooms and is provided in the link below. First aid rooms are also available for MHFAs to undertake mental health first aid when needed

First aiders are encouraged to familiarise themselves on the location and contents of any first aid rooms in their premises so they could use them quickly and easily should the need arise.

11. EDUCATIONAL VISITS & JOURNEYS

In terms of Educational Visits & Journeys the party leader should assess what level of first aid might be needed and ensure that this is provided and first aid equipment is readily accessible. This should be considered as part of the risk assessment process. Please see further advice at

<http://www.twccommercial.co.uk/educationalvisits>

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 Approved Code of Practice and Guidance
[The Health and Safety at Work \(First Aid\) Regulations guidance - L74:](#)

- Other useful guidance on a number of first aid issues from the HSE
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/first-aid-in-schools>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306370/guidance_on_first_aid_for_schools.pdf

[First Aid at Work – Your questions answered -INDG 214:](#)

[Basic advice on first aid at work – Guidance – INDG 347:](#)

[Selecting a first aid training provider – a guide for employers -GEIS 3:](#)

[Basic advice on first aid at work – INDG 347:](#)

[Basic advice on first aid at work – Poster:](#)

[Electric shock – First aid procedures – Poster:](#)

[First aid FAQs:](#)

[First Aid Needs Assessment and Workplace Mental Health](#)

[First aid at work needs assessment case studies:](#)

[First aid guidance updated to incorporate workplace mental health](#)

[HSE updated First aid guidance 2019](#)

[Managing workplace stress and mental health issues](#)

- Council Guidance on first aid issues on the Health & Safety pages of the intranet.
- There is a list of first aider for councils core buildings on the internet
- Wellbeing Policy
- Wellbeing Offer
- Mental Health First Aid Guidance

Appendix 1



First Aid Treatment Record

What we will do with your Personal Information Telford & Wrekin Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose of meeting the statutory requirement of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974. Telford & Wrekin Council will not share any of your personal data collected with external organisations unless required to do so by law when your data may be shared with other organisations for example the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) or the council's insurers. For further details on the council's privacy arrangements please view the privacy page on the council's [Website Page](#)

1. Date and time of incident:
2. Name of casualty:
3. Address of casualty:
4. Place of incident:
5. Circumstances of incident (ie what happened):
6. Name and contact details of witness(es)
7. Injuries/ ill health suffered:
8. Treatment given:
9. Did the casualty: (please circle)
 - Return to work/continue what they were doing?
 - Go home?
 - Go to their GP?
 - Go to hospital?
10. Name of First Aider:
11. Date of report:

NB If the incident was as a result of an accident or a violent incident please ensure that the relevant reporting form is completed online using MyView

