



## FIRST AID (SENIOR) POLICY

**SCHOOL DIVISION:** SENIOR  
**POLICY DIVISION:** MEDICAL  
**POLICY OWNER:** SCHOOL NURSE  
**DATE:** JULY 2018

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This policy informs practice in the Senior School only. First aid can save lives and prevent minor injuries becoming major ones.
- 1.2. Health and Safety legislation places duties on employers for the health and safety of their employees and anyone else on the premises. In schools this includes teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and visitors (including contractors). Employer's duties also include ensuring that there is adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities for providing first aid and that this is available at all times. Arrangements for first aid are based on a risk assessment of the school, and should cover:
  - Numbers of first aiders/appointed persons.
  - Numbers and locations of first aid containers.
  - Arrangements for off-site activities/trips.

### 2. First Aid at Claremont School

- 2.1. The School ensures that their insurance arrangements provide full cover for claims arising from actions of staff acting within the scope of their employment. In the event of a claim alleging negligence by a member of the school staff, action is likely to be taken against the employer rather than the employee.
- 2.2. Teachers' conditions of employment do not include giving first aid, although any member of staff may volunteer to undertake these tasks. Teachers and other staff in charge of pupils are expected to use their best endeavours at all times, particularly in emergencies, to secure the welfare of the pupils at the school in the same way that parents might be expected to act towards their children. In general, the consequences of taking no action are likely to be more serious than those of trying to assist in an emergency.
- 2.3. The School aims to arrange adequate and appropriate training and guidance for staff that volunteer to be first aiders/appointed persons. The aim is to ensure that there are enough trained staff to meet the statutory requirements and assessed needs.

### 3. Providing Information

- 3.1. It is the intention of Claremont School that everyone knows the school's first aid arrangements. The Designated Leaders for first aid at the Senior School are the School Nurses and Miss Polly Hardwick. They must inform all staff (including those with reading and language difficulties) of the first aid arrangements. It is the policy of

the school that staff and pupils are kept informed by displaying first aid notices in staff/common rooms, school offices and also in each building. Notices must be displayed in a prominent place and the information should be clear, easily understood and give details of locations of first aid kits and first aid trained personnel. New staff are told about the first aid arrangements during induction training.

- 3.2. Unless first aid cover is part of a member of staff's contract of employment, people who agree to become first aiders do so on a voluntary basis. When selecting first aiders, the school considers the individual's:
- Reliability and communication skills.
  - Aptitude and ability to absorb new knowledge and learn new skills.
  - Ability to cope with stressful and physically demanding emergency procedures.
  - Normal duties.
- 3.3. In the absence of the School Nurse, a first aider must be able to leave to go immediately to an emergency. In practice it is Claremont School policy that more than the minimum number of First Aiders are trained, therefore at least one should be free through the period of a day. The first aid trained Secretary is on duty throughout the school's working day and many other staff are also first aiders.
- 3.4. The School Nurse will provide a copy of her duty rota to all staff. The will indicate when she is on site at the Senior School and will also list her contact number.

#### **4. First Aid Personnel and Equipment**

- 4.1. Training courses cover a range of first aid competences. Claremont School will arrange appropriate training for their first aid personnel if deemed necessary. The School Nurse keeps a record of first aiders and certification dates.
- 4.2. We aim to provide the proper materials, equipment and facilities at all times. First aid equipment must be clearly labelled and easily accessible. Claremont Senior School has first aid kits in the
- 4.3. The assessment of a school's first aid needs should include the number of first aid kits. Additional first aid kits will be needed for split-sites/levels, distant sports fields or playgrounds, any other high risk areas and any off-site activities. The School recommended provision for each kit is displayed inside the lid together with a leaflet giving general advice on first aid.
- 4.4. The contents of first aid containers will be checked by the School Nurse frequently and restocked as soon as possible after use, at a minimum of at least every term. The Nurse will keep a list indicating when the kits have been replenished.

#### **5. Minibuses**

- 5.1. Each minibus is equipped with a first aid kit. Transport regulations require that all minibuses and public service vehicles used either as an express carriage or contract carriage have on board a first aid kit. The School recommended provision for each kit is displayed inside the lid together with a leaflet giving general advice on first aid.

- 5.2. This first aid container shall be maintained in a good condition, suitable for the purpose of keeping the items referred to above in good condition, readily available for use and prominently marked as a first aid container.

## **6. Illness at School**

- 6.1. Whilst children are always treated sympathetically when feeling ill, parents will be advised that school staff are unable to look after those children who have been brought to school when they are unwell.
- 6.2. If a child is taken ill at School the following procedures will be followed:
- The child will be examined by the School Nurse observed for specific symptoms. In her absence the designated first aiders will assume the role and work under the guidance of the School Nurse.
  - If in a lesson, the child will be sent to the Health Centre or School Office if it is thought they are too unwell to stay in the classroom (the teacher should use discretion in evaluating necessity). Otherwise the child can take themselves to the Health Centre or Office if during break times.
  - The child will be assessed by the Nurse or the first aider using agreed guidelines.
  - Details of the illness will be logged along with the time and date and action taken. The parents will be contacted if it is deemed necessary. If not, the child will return to lesson.

## **7. Injuries at School**

- 7.1. If a child is injured at school and requires first aid, the following procedures will be followed:
- The situation will always be dealt with in a calm and sympathetic manner when accidents occur.
  - All accidents will be dealt with as they occur.
  - If the accident is anything but minor, the School Nurse or a qualified first aider will be consulted.
  - All accidents will be recorded on the ISAMS database.
  - Nobody should make any attempt to lift up a child who has fallen down. If the child cannot raise themselves then the School Nurse or first aider will be called.
  - If it is judged that the injury is so serious that immediate hospital treatment is necessary an ambulance will be called to the school or the child taken to hospital and the parents advised of this fact. In these circumstances a member of school staff or person nominated by parents will always accompany and remain with the child until the parent arrives.
  - Any accident will be reported to the School Office who will log it.

## **8. Head Injuries**

- 8.1. In all cases parents will be informed the same day if a child suffers a reported head injury, however minor. See also the "Head Injury Policy".

## **9. Accident Reporting**

- 9.1. Under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) some accidents must be reported to the HSE. Records are kept of

any reportable injury, disease or dangerous occurrence. This includes the date and method of reporting; the date, time and place of the event; personal details of those involved and a brief description of the nature of the event or disease. The following accidents must be reported to HSE if they injure either the school's employees during an activity connected with work, or self-employed people while working on the premises:

- Accidents resulting in death or major injury (including as a result of physical violence).
- Accidents which prevent the injured person from doing their normal work for more than three days (including acts of physical violence).

9.2. For definitions of major injuries, dangerous occurrences and reportable diseases see HSC/E guidance on RIDDOR 1995 and information on Reporting School Accidents. HSE must be notified of fatal and major injuries and dangerous occurrences without delay (e.g. by telephone). This must be followed up within ten days with a written report on Form 2508. Other reportable accidents do not need immediate notification, but they must be reported to HSE within ten days on Form 2508.

9.3. The list of 'specified injuries' in RIDDOR 2013 replaces the previous list of 'major injuries' in RIDDOR 1995. Specified injuries are (regulation 4):

- 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) which:
  - covers more than 10% of the body
  - causes significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs
- 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
  - requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours

9.4. An accident that happens to pupils or visitors must be reported to the HSE on Form 2508, if the person involved is killed or is taken from the site of the accident to hospital; and the accident arises out of or in connection with work. Like fatal and major injuries to employees or dangerous occurrences, these accidents must be notified to HSE without delay and followed up in writing within ten days on Form 2508.

9.5. In HSE's view an accident must be reported if it relates to:

- Any school activity, both on or off the premises.
- The way a school activity has been organised and managed (e.g. the supervision of a field trip).
- Equipment, machinery or substances.
- The design or condition of the premises.

- 9.6. Claremont Senior School keeps readily accessible accident records on ISAMS. These records must be kept for a minimum of 3 years in accordance with HSE recommendations. This record is not the same as the Department of Social Security B1510 statutory accident book or the RIDDOR record although the three might be combined, providing all the information required by the legislation is included in the replacement record. This book is kept in the Health Centre.
- 9.7. The ISAMS database will record any first aid treatment given by first aiders and appointed persons. This should include:
- The date, time and place of incident.
  - The name (and class) of the injured or ill person.
  - Details of the injury/illness and what first aid was given.
  - What happened to the person immediately afterwards (for example went home, resumed normal duties, went back to class, went to hospital).
  - Name and signature of the first aider or person dealing with the incident.

## **10. Body Fluid Spillage**

- 10.1. Staff have been instructed on the adequate safe disposal of spilt body fluids such as blood, vomit, urine and faeces. A tub of chlorine granules is available to make the cleaning up of such fluids safer and more effective. Ensure that it is used in a well ventilated area. All staff are fully aware of the need to wear disposal gloves, if possible, when handling such fluids, and of the need to document such spillage appropriately. Adequate cleaning materials are available.

## **11. Medical Conditions**

- 11.1. Training can given for the management of Asthma, Anaphylaxis and First Aid. If a child develops a chronic illness, such as Diabetes, The School Nurse will give training to those involved in the care of the child.

## **12. Medication**

- 12.1. The giving of medication is covered under the schools "Administration of Medicines Policy". Asthma inhalers and Epi-Pens are kept in the Health Centre. Before undertaking any off-site activities, the designated first aiders will review a list of students attending and ensure any prescribed medication accompanies the student on the trip.

## **13. Appointed Persons**

- 13.1. In the absence of the School Nurse, the appointed first aid leaders are Miss Polly Hardwick and Miss Amelia Mitchell
- 13.2. All staff at Claremont School are required to complete the Educare Online 'First Aid Essentials' certificate.

## **14. Policy Owner**

- 14.1. The policy owner is the School Nurse.

## **15. Issue Date**

- 15.1. Issue date: July 2018

**16. Review Date**

16.1. This policy will be reviewed annually. The next review is due in July 2019.

**Ratified by WSLT:**



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