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First Aid Policy

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First Aid Policy

1. POLICY STATEMENT:

Midhurst Rother College will undertake to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation about:

The provision of First Aid for pupils, staff, parents, and visitors and will make sure that procedures are in place to meet that responsibility.

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

- To identify the First Aid needs of the College in line with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992 & 1999
- To ensure that First Aid provision is available for students/staff/visitors all times on the College premises.
- To ensure that First Aid provision is available whilst staff/students are on school visits.
- To appoint the appropriate number of suitably trained staff as First Aiders to meet the needs of the College and to maintain a record of that training and review annually.
- To provide relevant training and ensure monitoring of training needs.
- To provide sufficient and appropriate resources and facilities
- To provide awareness of Health and Safety issues within the College and on College trips, to prevent, where possible, potential dangers or accidents
- To inform staff and parents of the College's First Aid arrangements
- To report, record and where appropriate investigate all accidents.
- To keep accident records and to report to the HSE as required under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation 1995 (RIDDOR).

3. FIRST AID PROVISION

First Aid kits are available at the following destinations: -

- 1) Student Reception & Main Reception
- 2) PE Office
- 3) The Gym
- 4) Science Preparation Room
- 5) Technology workshop (One kit in each room)
- 6) Staff Room
- 7) Food Technology prep room
- 8) Sixth form common room
- 9) Portable First Aid kits located in 'Sick Bay' for trips.
- 10) Site Team Office

These kits will be checked by Nicholas Feltimo half termly, or after use, whichever occurs first, to ensure they are fully stocked and the equipment in the kits has not expired.

Overseen by Jack Clements, First Aid Lead. Any defects to any first aid kits or equipment is to be reported to Jack Clements.

It is the responsibility of Mr Nicholas Feltimo to check the medical supplies every half term and maintain a suitable level of First Aid stock for the College's needs.

It is the responsibility of the Senior First Aider Jack Clements, in communication with the Business Manager Katherine Chard, to stock-take the First Aid provisions at suitable intervals.

Student Reception has designated First Aid Treatment Rooms for sickness and the administration of First Aid for the use of staff and students. If the incident is severe enough the emergency services will be called, and their recommendations will be followed until the arrival of the paramedics. The Business Manager and Jack Clements will be informed upon a call to the emergency services.

All staff will ensure that they have read the College's First Aid Policy.

4. FIRST AID TRAINING:

First Aid training will be provided inhouse by Nicholas Feltimo in line with the college CPD policy. First Aid training will be accredited by a recognised organisation in accordance with HSE guidelines. Appointed staff will be annually trained in the use and administration of EpiPens. First aiders are additionally required to use the EduCare training modules for Administration of medication, understanding Anaphylaxis, understanding Diabetes and understanding Asthma.

5. QUALIFIED STAFF: (definition)

Qualified Nurse, (SEN), First Aider, Child Care Practitioners.

A list of qualified members of staff is held by Claire Dickens and Jack Clements, and is documented in the annual safeguarding policy 2024.

Jack Clements (Senior Lead)	Toni Cheal
Aaron Hancock	Steph Skinner
Paul Thompson	Lucy Naldrett
Heidi Evans	Bridget Carver
Jayne Beesley	Cliff Denyer
Joanne Purser	Georgie Dyll
Emma Glue	Hannah Clayton
Chloe Greet	Alastair Brown
Hollie Lavelle	Nicola Robson
Nick Feltimo	Lisa Bishop
Roger Burton	

6. HEAD INJURIES:

Accidents involving head injuries can be problematic because the injury may not be evident (e.g., internal) and the effects only become noticeable after a period. If the injury is minor the student should be monitored closely, and the Patient Report Form completed in all cases. Any serious head injury should always be referred for Hospital treatment (please follow the section for Emergency Arrangements). Parents are to be informed of any head injury.

Following the DfE guidance on concussion for head injuries, it is parental responsibility to seek medical attention for any head injury. It is parental responsibility to inform school of 'Return to Play' date, should this not be provided, the guidance will be that students will return to sport on their next sport lesson.

Any head injury reported in school will be reported on 'Sport Smart' an app developed for monitoring sport related injuries. PE staff have access to this information and can determine who is returning to play. Parents have access to 'Sport Smart' and will be notified via the app should their child have a head injury. A Head Injury Card (HIC) will always be issued.

7. EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS:

Where the injury is an emergency, an ambulance will be called; parents will be contacted after the College has spoken to the emergency services. Katherine Chard and/or Jack Clements will be informed of any call to the emergency services.

Where hospital treatment is required but it is not an emergency, Student Reception will contact the parents for them to take over the responsibility of the student.

If the parents cannot be contacted, the Head of year will accompany the student to hospital and remain with them until the parents can be contacted.

In the absence of a First Aid at work First Aider a member of staff in the Hub will call an ambulance if any of the following events occur:

- In the event of a serious injury
- In the event of any significant head injury
- In the event of a period of unconsciousness
- If there is the possibility of a fracture or where this is suspected (Where other transport cannot be arranged)

8. HYGIENE/INFECTION CONTROL:

Hands must be washed before and after giving First Aid and single-use disposable gloves must be worn. Any soiled dressings, items contaminated with bodily fluids, or Personal Protective Equipment must be put in a yellow clinical waste bag and disposed of in the clinical waste bin.

Any body fluids on the floor should have absorbent granules sprinkled on to them, then swept up with the designated dustpan and brush. This should also go in a yellow bag and be disposed of in the clinical waste bin. If possible, the area should be disinfected (dilute 1:10). Body fluid spillages on hard surfaces should be cleaned and then disinfected (1:10).

Exposed cuts and abrasions should always be covered.

9. INCIDENT REPORTING:

Incidents where minor treatment is required will be reported and logged on Arbor more serious injuries and those resulting from Mental Health will be reported on Arbor. Any incident where the emergency services are contacted will be reported on Arbor and a patient report form will be completed.

For accuracy and incident summaries, the following codes will be used:

First Aid – for any minor injuries that are treated on site.

Accident/Injury – for any injuries where we have advised Parents/Carers to get checked out at a medical facility.

Acute Illness – Where we have contacted Emergency Services.

Student Reception will contact the parents if they have any concerns about the injury or need to send a child home through illness.

All significant injuries need to be filled out on a Patient Report Form. The Patient Report Form (PRF) is electronically filed out by the person administering first aid, a copy is emailed to the relevant Head of Year and Jack Clements. Once this has been received, Jack Clements initially signs it off and adds comments to prevent further incidents, this is then filed under the incident on Arbor and sent to Kath Chard for final approval. The records remain on Arbor electronically.

If the nature of the accident involves contacting Reporting of Injuries, Diseases & Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR). Arms will highlight this for attention.

10. SHARING OF INFORMATION:

At the start of the academic year Student Reception will update Arbor with any medical issues and print a report for student reception and for Head of Years. This will be updated if there are any changes throughout the year.

All students with a known medical issue will have a care plan which is held electronically. It is the parents' responsibility to keep us informed of changes to care plans. The care plan will have all the relevant details of who to contact and what actions to take upon the student having a medical episode.

11. PARENTS/CARERS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parents/Carers Parents have prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the College with up-to-date information about their child's medical conditions, treatment and/or any special care needed, this is done on via our website. **Parents and Carers are made aware at the start of every term to update us on any changes to medical needs/medical treatment.**

12. Emergency Salbutamol Inhaler

Since October 2014 schools have been able to purchase salbutamol inhalers without a prescription, for use in an emergency.

The legislation allows school staff to administer an emergency inhaler to any child who has been assessed with asthma and prescribed a salbutamol inhaler.

In line with this legislation Midhurst Rother College will hold an emergency salbutamol inhaler kit and a spare salbutamol inhaler.

These will be located at student reception.

It will be the parents' responsibility to ensure that students are equipped with their own emergency inhaler when they are in school and taking part in school activities such as school trips and sporting events.

Consent and confirmation of prescription information will be obtained via Microsoft form. This information will be kept with the Emergency Kit.

A record will be kept of all use of the emergency inhaler – Consent can be given on Arbor by requesting it through the medical team – medical@mrc-academy.org

Regular training will be provided to staff responsible for supervising the use of the inhaler.

Asthma inhalers are held in the battle bag in main reception.

13. Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs)

From October 2017 schools have been able to purchase spare adrenaline auto-injectors (also known as AAIs), without prescription, to treat anaphylaxis. AAIs can deliver a potentially life-saving dose of adrenaline to someone suffering a severe allergic reaction.

The legislation allows school staff to administer an emergency AAI to any child who has been assessed as being at risk of anaphylaxis and who has been prescribed an auto-injector.

In line with this legislation Midhurst Rother College will hold up to 4 auto injectors of 300mcg.

These will be located at student reception.

It will be the parents' responsibility to ensure that students are equipped with their own AAI's when they are in school and taking part in school activities such as school trips and sporting events.

Consent and confirmation of prescription information will be obtained via Microsoft form. This information will be kept with the Emergency Kit.

A record will be kept of all use of the auto-injectors – consent can be given on Arbor by requesting it through the medical team – Medical@mrc-academy.org

Regular training will be provided to staff in the use of auto Injectors.

Auto-Injectors can also be used without parental consent on any student who is suspected of having their first anaphylactic shock.

Auto-Injectors are held in the battle bag at main reception.

The two staff named for ensuring that records are maintained are N Feltimo supervised by J Clements.

14. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES:

Please see the separate Administration of Medicine Policy.