

Trust Policy

First Aid Policy



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This policy should be read in conjunction with:

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- Medical Treatment of Pupils Procedure
- Educational Trips and Visits Policy



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For guidance in respect of providing First Aid during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak please refer to Appendix 1.

Introduction

First aid is accepted to be: The provision of immediate care to a person with an injury or illness, with the aims of preventing further injury, preserving life and promoting recovery.

Intent

Nova Education Trust recognises its responsibility to provide adequate first aid provision as required under H&S regulations and DfE guidance.

It will ensure that suitable arrangements are in place to comply with regulatory requirements relating to employees who are working for the trust and students who are under the care of trust employees or on trust property.

Future Development

It is intended that the Estates Portal will go live on the NOVA Gateway from September 2018. This policy will be updated at that time to reflect the online reporting function for first aid incidents within schools.

Responsibilities

The final responsibility for Health and Safety, which includes First Aid, rests with the Directors of the Trust.

The CEO of the trust is responsible for ensuring that the policy requirements are put in place and maintained but he/she may delegate the operational activities to ensure this takes place across the separate organisations within the trust. In the case of trust academy's/school's the CEO has delegated day to day operational responsibility to the Head of School/Headteacher.

All first aid trained staff are responsible for providing first aid assistance, within their competency, when it is required and to do this to the best of their abilities and training.

Non-first aid trained staff are required to act appropriately if they become aware of any individual requiring first aid whilst going about their normal employment. This includes acting within the bounds of "in loco parentis" and ensuring that the relevant trained personnel are informed of the situation as soon as possible.

Students within our academy's/school's also have responsibility for informing an appropriate adult as soon as possible if they become aware of an individual requiring first aid.

Arrangements

The number and competency of first aiders available and the number and placement of first aid kits should be formally recorded by each school with a copy kept by the Head of School/Headteacher. A template first aid needs assessment is attached as Appendix 2.

The control of first aid equipment including regular re-stocking of first aid kits and re-supply requirements will be delegated by the Head of School/Headteacher to a specific member of staff within their own organisation nominally known as the 'First Aid Responsible Officer'. The First Aid Responsible Officer will also be responsible for the collation, recording and retention of first aid reports.

All first aiders must complete a first aid report form for each incident in which they are involved and after detaching the form from the book will pass this to the First Aid Responsible Officer.

All first aid reports will be assessed by the First Aid Responsible Officer to decide whether further action needs to be taken, this could include communication of information to the behavioural team, the initiation of an accident investigation or other activities which may arise as a result of the information detailed on the first aid report.

All first aid reports will be retained as hard copy or scanned pdf document until the child is at least 25 years old and also entered onto the Trust's electronic recording system for the creation of statistical information and reporting purposes.

All regulated information will be retained in compliance with the Data Protection Act requirements.

The reporting of incidents as required under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations will be delegated by the CEO/Head of School/Headteacher to a designated member of staff who will be supplied training to ensure they are competent to complete this function.

Details of all RIDDOR reportable incidents will be supplied to the Directors/Governors as soon as reasonably possible after the RIDDOR report has been completed.

Listings of current qualified first aiders and placement of the available first aid kits will be made available, at least termly, in an easily accessible format, by the First Aid Responsible Officer to all staff within their organisation.

Relevant first aid information to assist staff in ensuring their knowledge is up to date will also be made available, at least termly, in an easily accessible format, by the First Aid Responsible Officer to all staff within their organisation.

The administration of prescribed medicines is not part of the first aiders remit and is dealt with in the Nova Education Trust Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions policy.

Arrangements should be made to take a first aid kit and a member of staff who is First aid trained on all off site trips. Further information can be found in the Nova Education Trust Educational Trips and Visits Procedure.

In school's\academy's that open their facilities for private hire customers must be advised that they should provide their own first aid personnel.

Appendix 1

First aid during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

First aiders should take account of the specific guidance on giving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the [Resuscitation Council UK](#).

Guidance for first aiders

Try to assist at a safe distance from the casualty as much as you can and minimise the time you share a breathing zone.

If they are capable, tell them to do things for you, but treating the casualty properly should be your first concern. Remember the 3P model – preserve life, prevent worsening, promote recovery.

Preserve life: CPR

- Call 999 immediately – tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms
- Ask for help. If a portable defibrillator is available, ask for it
- Before starting CPR, to minimise transmission risk, use a cloth or towel to cover the patient's mouth and nose, while still permitting breathing to restart following successful resuscitation
- If available, use:
 - a fluid-repellent surgical mask
 - disposable gloves
 - eye protection
 - apron or other suitable covering
- Only deliver CPR by chest compressions and use a defibrillator (if available) – **don't** do rescue breaths

Prevent worsening, promote recovery: all other injuries or illnesses

- If you suspect a serious illness or injury, call 999 immediately – tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms
- If giving first aid to someone, you should use the recommended equipment listed above if it is available
- You should minimise the time you share a breathing zone with the casualty and direct them to do things for you where possible

After delivering any first aid

- Ensure you safely discard disposable items and clean reusable ones thoroughly
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser as soon as possible

First aid cover and qualifications during the outbreak

Keep enough first aid cover

If fewer people are coming into your workplace it may still be safe to operate with reduced first aid cover. You could also stop higher-risk activities.

First aid certificate extensions

If you hold a first aid certificate that expires on or after 16 March 2020 and cannot access requalification training because of coronavirus, you may qualify for an extension. This applies to:

- First Aid at Work (FAW)
- Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW)

How you qualify for the extension

To qualify for the extension, you must be able to:

- explain why you haven't been able to requalify
- demonstrate what steps you have taken to access the training, if asked to do so

Requalification training in England

The first aid training industry in England is confident that enough courses will now be available for all required requalification training to take place. HSE has therefore agreed a final deadline for requalification for these qualifications of **30 September 2020**.

Requalification training in Scotland and Wales

It is accepted that training capacity in Scotland and Wales, and for some parts of the emergency services across Great Britain, might take longer to build.

The deadline for completing requalification training in Scotland and Wales (and in relevant GB emergency services), will therefore be reviewed by HSE over the coming months. Employers or certificate holders should still try to arrange requalification training at the earliest opportunity.

Annual refresher training

If first aiders are unable to access annual refresher training face to face during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, HSE supports the use of online refresher training to keep their skills up to date.

HSE still strongly recommends that the practical elements of actual FAW, EFAW and requalification courses are delivered face to face, so that competency of the student can be properly assessed.

Interrupted first aid training

If because of coronavirus you cannot complete training for your first aid qualification within the usual timeframe, training can restart at a later date as long as:

- a full recap of training delivered before the interruption is done before moving onto undelivered modules
- the awarding body is content that you can show:
 - a full understanding of all aspects of the course content
 - the knowledge required and competencies at the end of the training

Appendix 2

First aid needs assessment

Name of First Aid Responsible Officer: Miss S Newark

Building name and address:

Melton Vale Sixth Form College
Burton Road
Melton Mowbray
LE15 7RB

First – aid personnel	Required Yes/No	Minimum Number required
First aider with first aid at work certificate	Yes	2
First aider with emergency first aid at work certificate	Yes	1
Appointed person	Yes	1
First aid equipment and facilities	Required Yes/No	Number required
First aid container	Yes	5
Additional equipment (Specify) Evacuation Chair Defibrillator	Yes	2 1
Travelling first aid kits	Yes	1 per trip
First aid room	Yes	1

Other additional notes:

Maximum expected number of staff and visitors on site at any one time – 50.

Maximum number of pupils expected to be on site at any one time – 480.

Environment is medium hazard - particular attention to practical teaching areas and specifically Art, Textiles, Design & Technology, Science.

List of first aid kits:

Room	Subject	Box present?	Notes
Reception		Yes	Main first aid point
Reception	Trips – portable kits	Yes	5 Travel first aid kits
G1	Design	Yes	
Science Prep Room	Science	Yes	
G3	Art/Textiles	Yes	
Kitchen		Yes	

