



**St. John's C of E VC
Infants' School
First Aid Policy
Covid-19
Addendum
September 2020**

As a school community we believe that the ethos of the school should be built on a foundation of values.
At St. John's we seek to promote our School Christian Values, of **Love, Perseverance and Respect.**
As a community of learners at St. John's C of E Infants' we value the joy of learning, recognise and cherish the uniqueness of each individual and endeavour to realise everyone's full potential.

Approved on:

Signed:

Role:

Introduction

During this unprecedented time of a global Pandemic causing significant changes to the way that schools operate, St. John's will reflect the need to apply social distancing and safer working practices as set out in the schools risk assessment and through guidance set out in Department for Education publications:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care>

Further guidance about the use of PPE can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

Actions of Emergency First Aiders, Forest School First Aiders, Paediatric First Aiders, First Aid co-ordinator and Managers with First Aid responsibility remain the same as in the 'usual policy'

First aid kits

There is a first aid kit in each classroom. One member of staff has responsibility for topping them up as necessary. First aid kits are also kept in the Willow room. During this period of global pandemic it will be the responsibility of the pod leaders to maintain the contents of their first aid kits. The first aid co-ordinator can source resources for staff without entering a different pod. Orders can continue to be placed through the school office as usual.

First aid treatment in school – see Critical Incident COVID-19 policy addendum for more information on treatment of children / staff with coronavirus symptoms.

In the event of injury or medical emergency, a first aider must be contacted immediately. If there is no first aider or Paediatric First aider within a bubble, a message will be sent to Wendy Turner or Kerry Devane to refer a suitable first aider to go to the Calm Room to treat the patient – PPE will be used to prevent contamination across bubbles when the first aider returns and donning, doffing and handwashing procedures followed.

If symptoms are determined to be of COVID-19 then the procedures set out in the school's risk assessment and COVID-19 Critical Management Policy Addendum will be followed strictly.

If the situation is life threatening an ambulance must be called immediately. If not life threatening the first aider will decide in conjunction with Senior Management whether an ambulance should be called. Children with routine medical problems – sickness/headaches etc should be referred to Wendy Turner / Kerry Devane to determine if the child needs to go home.

Medication

To limit the possibility of the transference of COVID-19 into a bubble through items coming into school from home, wherever possible children who require medication will be advised to take their medication before coming to school and after getting home. If a child needs medicating through the day, a parent will be asked to meet their child outside the school building to administer it.

First aid treatments

Minor first aid treatments are recorded on forms available in First Aid kits. The form is held by the pod teacher who informs parents verbally but does not give out forms to take home to limit school / home transference and to maintain social distancing at pick up times.

