

Healey Foundation Primary School



First Aid Policy (incorporating illness)

Aim:

To promote the health and wellbeing of children in our care by having procedures in place to:

- Prevent the spread of infection.
- Take appropriate action when children, or adults, are ill or injured.

Rationale:

Staff who have a responsibility for looking after children need to act swiftly when children become ill or injured to ensure that they receive the appropriate health care to meet their needs.

There will always be a trained first aider in school. Details of our current first aiders, along with their photographs and certificates are displayed in the Medical Room.

A well stocked First Aid Box is available in the medical room and replenished regularly in accordance to guidance provided by the LA. Emergency inhalers and epi-pens are kept on the premises and renewed as necessary. Amanda Lomax is responsible for ordering and replenishing stocks.

Accidents and illness whilst in our care;

Every precaution is made to ensure that children are safe in our care. Staff are qualified and the care offered is of a high standard. However accidents do still happen and we cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen accidents that occur.

If a child has an injury;

- We will provide First Aid treatment and reassure the child.
- **Bumped heads** will be treated with an ice pack and a letter sent home. The class teacher will be informed and the child's progress will be monitored. Should there be any concerns parents will be contacted and a decision made about whether to have the injury medically checked.
- When an injury results from an accident involving another child we will endeavour to contact parents to inform them of the circumstances
- Where an injury requires medical/hospital treatment this will be logged and recorded following LA policy

If a child becomes ill;

- If a judgement is made that a child needs to be sent home parents will be contacted to collect or make arrangements to collect the child. If a parent cannot be contacted then the emergency contact number will be used. **It is parental responsibility to ensure that emergency numbers are up to date so they can be contacted should the need arise.**
- In a case where we feel the child requires urgent medical treatment we will ensure that they are taken to hospital whilst still attempting to make contact with the parent or emergency contact person.
- When diarrhoea and vomiting are known, or thought to be, the result of an infection parents are requested to keep children off school for 48 hours.

Sometimes, with illness or injury, parents will be contacted to make the decision about the best course of action to take.

Related Policies

Child Protection Policy

Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions Policy

Health and Safety Policy