Pathway Trust

First Aid Policy

Policy effective from	1 September 2026
Policy owner	Director of Operations
Policy applies to	Berrow Church Primary School Burnham-on-Sea Infant School Castle Batch Primary School Charfield Primary School Cherry Garden Primary School Downend School East Huntspill Primary School Lyde Green Primary School Mangotsfield School Marlwood School Pawlett Primary School Priory Community School Severn Beach Primary School St Andrew's Church Junior School St Anne's Church Primary School The Castle School The King Alfred School Tortworth Primary School West Huntspill Primary School Worle Community School Pathway Partnership Teams
Policy changes since last version	New policy

1. Statement of intent

1.1 Pathway Trust as overall responsibility for the provision of first aid to staff (including contracted staff), pupils, and visitors. The trust understands that decisions about first aid are of paramount importance and will endeavour to ensure that any first aid incidents are dealt with appropriately and in accordance with this policy.

1.2 Together, we are committed to achieving the following objectives:

- To provide an accessible first aid policy.
- To ensure all first aid policies and procedures are based on an up-to-date risk assessment.
- To ensure all first aid equipment and facilities are suitable for purpose.

2. Responsibilities for health and safety

Overall and final responsibility for health and safety

2.1 The Board of Trustees, Chair of Trustees, Chief Executive and Headteachers carry the key responsibilities for assessing, recording, and implementing the correct first aid procedures. They will do this by:

- Leading by example on all matters relating to first aid.
- Promoting and following this first aid policy.
- Dedicating budget to the schools' first aid provision (including appropriate training.
- Communicating effectively with parents, staff and pupils.
- Monitoring and reviewing first aid procedures and practice.

Responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice

2.2 The Board of Trustees, Chair of Trustees and Chief Executive have assigned health and safety responsibilities as follows:

Director of Operations (supported by the Head of Facilities)

- Reporting on first aid issues to trustees through the Finance and Operations Committee
- Lead in carrying out the required first aid risk assessment and periodic review of the first aid policy. They will seek support and professional advice from external advisers, as necessary.

Headteachers (supported by school leadership teams) have the following responsibilities:

- Leading by example
- Ensuring that all new employees are given the appropriate first aid induction training, relating to both whole-school and any specific provision relating to their role in the school.

- Ensuring that any school activity, either on- or off-site, is risk assessed and consideration has been given to first aid in terms of the wider school policy.
- Keeping up to date with any changes to arrangements surrounding activities and the implications of these on first aid.
- Ensuring that all the relevant checks are done on relevant equipment.
- Ensuring the competency of contractors that come into the school.
- Ensuring that all staff and pupils are aware of their first aid responsibilities, including what to do in case of a fire, emergency, or medical emergency, and that all those taking part in any given activity are given proper training.
- Managing their particular budgets to cover first aid maintenance, checks and provision for activities under their department.

All other members of staff have the following responsibilities:

- Ensuring that they are familiar and up to date with the first aid policy and standard procedures.
- Keeping their managers informed of any developments or changes that may impact on the first aid of those undertaking any activity, or any incidents that have already occurred.
- Ensuring that all the correct provisions are assessed and in place before the start of any activity.
- Making sure that the pupils taking part in the activity are sure of their own first aid responsibilities.
- Cooperating fully with the school leadership team to enable them to fulfil their legal obligations. Examples of this would be ensuring that items provided for first aid purposes are never abused and that equipment is only used in line with manufacturers' guidance.
- Cooperating in the implementation of the requirements of all relevant legislation, related codes of practice, and safety procedures/instructions.

Pupils

While school staff carry the main responsibility for the first aid provision and the correct implementation of school policy and procedure, it is vital that pupils understand their role and responsibilities when it comes to the whole-school and themselves, in order for staff to be able to carry out their roles effectively. As members of the school community, and allowing for their age and aptitude, pupils are expected to:

- Take personal responsibility for themselves and others.
- Observe all the first aid rules of the school and, in particular, the instructions of staff given in an emergency.

- Use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with things provided for their first aid.
- Behave sensibly around the school site and when using any equipment.
- Report first aid concerns or incidents to a member of staff immediately.
- Act in line with the school code of conduct/school behaviour policy.

Contractors

All contractors working on trust premises or elsewhere on their behalf are required to comply with relevant rules and regulations governing their work activities. Contractors are legally responsible for ensuring their own safety on trust premises or elsewhere on the trust's behalf, the safety of their workforce, and for ensuring that their work does not endanger the safety or health of others. Contractors will be required to demonstrate their competence and adequate resources to carry out specific hazardous work, prior to their engagement.

3. Arrangements for health and safety

3.1 Risk assessment

An appropriate and effective risk assessment (First Aid Needs Analysis) needs to be undertaken to assess what procedures need to be in place. The trust will take steps to ensure that a risk assessment is carried out by a competent person or persons, and that the risks are recorded and communicated.

Risk assessments are stored in the on the school's G-drive and the trust compliance system and will be reviewed:

- Annually
- After serious accidents, incidents and/or near misses.
- After any significant changes to the workplace, working practices or staffing.
- Following any identified trends or accident statistics.

Risk assessments will be based on the size and location of the school, any specific hazards or risks on site, specific needs, and accident statistics.

Specific needs include hazardous substances, dangerous machinery, and staff or pupils with special health needs or disabilities.

Temporary hazards, such as building or maintenance work, should also be considered, and suitable short-term measures put in place.

3.2 First aiders

The risk assessment (First Aid Needs Analysis) will determine the minimum number of trained first aiders required, and the Headteacher will monitor this to ensure that these standards are being met.

In Nursery, Pre-school and Primary Schools, the number of first aiders will include at least one person who has a Paediatric First Aid certificate (PFA). The school must take into account the number of children, staff and layout of the premises to ensure that the PFA is able to respond to emergencies quickly.

Some roles will require the post-holder to hold an in-date First Aid certificate as this is an integral function of the role. Additional First aiders will be recruited on a voluntary basis. The school will seek to advertise the position of first aiders to members of staff based on the needs analysis.

The trust will ensure that all voluntary first aiders have undertaken the appropriate training with an organisation approved by the HSE and have the necessary qualifications (i.e. First Aid at Work certificate or PFA). If required, training will also include resuscitation procedures for children. First aiders will also be required to have an understanding of the reporting requirements set out in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR) and in the guidance for notifiable diseases in the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 and the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010.

The school will monitor the expiration date of each first aider's training and seek to arrange refresher training prior to this date. If this is not possible, the first aider will be able to administer first aid for a reasonable period until the refresher training is complete and a new certificate administered.

Paediatric first aid training will be renewed every three years and will be relevant for workers caring for young children and, where applicable, babies. Staff who obtain a Level 2 or 3 qualification on or after 30 June 2016 must also have a full PFA or an emergency PFA certificate within three months of starting work, in order to be included in the required staff-to-children ratios.

All volunteer first aiders must report to the Operations Manager or Headteacher with any questions or concerns in relation to their post.

A list of current volunteer first aiders for each school is held by the Operations Manager.

This list will be displayed in the main reception of the school and other appropriate areas and updated when necessary.

The roles and responsibilities for first aiders are as follows:

- Acting as first responder to incidents that require first aid.
- Administering immediate and appropriate treatment.
- Contacting the emergency services when the situation requires.
- Ensuring that the first aid boxes are adequately supplied.

- Ensuring their first aid qualifications are up to date.
- Keeping their contact details up to date.
- Filing an accident report as soon as possible after the incident.
- Reporting the incident to the HSE if required (see paragraph 3.7 below).
- Consenting to having their names displayed around the school on the first aid list.
- The PFA should be on the premises and available at all times when children are present.

3.3 **Health & Wellbeing**

For the trust policy on health and wellbeing please refer to the Health and Safety Policy.

3.4 **Equipment**

Each school site will have at least one fully-stocked first aid container or at least one on each floor of the premises where there is more than one floor, which will be marked with a white cross on a green background. The location of first aid equipment will be displayed around the school.

The contents of the first aid kit will be checked at regular intervals to ensure it is fully stocked and any expired or damaged supplies are discarded and replaced.

Each first aid container will contain, as a minimum, the following:

- Leaflet giving general advice on first aid (see HSE website).
- Twenty individually-wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes).
- Two sterile eye pads.
- Four individually-wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile).
- Six safety pins.
- Six medium-sized (approximately 12 cm x 12 cm) individually-wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings.
- Two large (approximately 18 cm x 18 cm) sterile individually-wrapped unmedicated wound dressings.
- One pair of disposable gloves.

A travel first aid container must be taken on any off-site visits or trips. This includes sporting events, school trips and site visits. A travel first aid container must include the following as a minimum:

- Leaflet giving general advice on first aid (see HSE website).
- Six individually-wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes).

- Two individually-wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile).
- Two safety pins.
- One large (approximately 18 cm x 18 cm) sterile individually-wrapped unmedicated wound dressing.
- Individually-wrapped moist cleansing wipes.
- One pair of disposable gloves.

All public service vehicles used by schools, e.g., minibuses, must have on board a first aid container with the following items contained:

- Ten antiseptic wipes, foil packaged.
- One conforming disposable bandage (not less than 7.5 cm wide).
- Two triangular bandages.
- One packet of two assorted adhesive dressings.
- Three large sterile unmedicated ambulance dressings (not less than 15 cm x 20 cm).
- Two sterile eye pads with attachments.
- Twelve assorted safety pins.
- One pair of rustless, blunt-ended scissors.

3.5 **Facilities**

Each school will ensure that there is a suitable room or area that may be used for medical or dental treatment, when required, and for the care of pupils during school hours. The area must contain, or have easy access to a washbasin and be reasonably near to a WC; it need not be used solely for medical purposes, but it should be appropriate for that purpose and readily available for use when needed.

Infection control and hygiene are of paramount importance, and all staff and pupils will be reminded to follow basic hygiene procedures at all times.

Disposable gloves and handwashing facilities will be made available.

3.6 **Supporting pupils with allergies**

The trust has an Allergy Safety Policy which should be referred to when managing students with allergies. In such cases the school is required to keep an Emergency Anaphylaxis Kit, clearly marked as such, and containing spare adrenaline devices with instructions for their use. Parents/carers are still required to provide the school with their child's personally prescribed adrenaline auto-injector.

Spare adrenaline devices held by the school are for emergency use only and will not be a substitute for a pupil's own prescribed device.

Spare adrenaline devices will not be locked away or kept in a place where access is restricted and will be accessible at all times in a safe or central location. They must be separate to the first aid kit.

3.7 **Reporting an incident**

The incident will be logged using the schools accident and incident reporting procedures by a first aider or other relevant member of staff without delay following an incident. Not all incidents or accidents will be reportable, and first aiders will be trained to identify when a statutory (RIDDOR) report is required. In most cases, a statutory report will be made by the trust Health and Safety Manager with the support of the Headteacher.

When an incident is reported the following information must be included:

- The date.
- Method of reporting, e.g. via HSE website for RIDDOR.
- Time and place of the event.
- Personal details of those involved.
- A brief description of the nature of the event or disease and the actions taken (factual account only).

This record can be combined with other accident records.

The records will be kept for a minimum of three years.

Parents/carers will be notified of any accident/injury the same day or as soon as reasonably practical afterwards, along with notification of any first aid treatment given.

Where pupils are registered with a child protection agency/agencies, the agency will be notified of any serious accident, injury or death of any child, and action will be taken to follow any advice from the agency/agencies.

3.8 **HSE notification**

The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR) apply to schools. Most incidents that happen in schools or on school trips do not need to be reported. Only in limited circumstances will an incident need notifying to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) under RIDDOR.

Incidents involving contractors working on school premises are normally reportable by their employers. Contractors could be, e.g., builders, maintenance staff, cleaners or catering staff. If a self-employed contractor is working in school premises and they

suffer a specified injury or an over-seven-day injury, the person in control of the premises or the Headteacher will be the responsible person.

The following work-related accidents must be reported to the HSE:

- Accidents which result in death or a specified injury must be reported without delay.
- Accidents which prevent the injured person from continuing their normal work for more than seven days (not counting the day of the accident but including weekends and other rest days) must be reported within 15 days of the accident.

Reportable specified injuries include:

- 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:
    - Cover more than 10% of the body.
    - Cause 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 injury resulting from working in an enclosed space, where this leads to hypothermia or a heat-induced illness, requires resuscitation or means the person is admitted to hospital for more than 24 hours.

Some acts of non-consensual physical violence to a person at work, which result in death, a specified injury or a person being incapacitated for over seven days are reportable. In the case of an over-seven-day injury, the incapacity must arise from a physical injury, not a psychological reaction to the act of violence. Examples of reportable injuries from violence include an incident where a teacher sustains a specified injury because a pupil, colleague or member of the public assaults them while on school premises. This is reportable because it arises out of or in connection with work.

Work-related stress and stress-related illnesses (including posttraumatic stress disorder) are not reportable under RIDDOR. To be reportable, an injury must have resulted from an “accident” arising out of or in connection with work. In relation to RIDDOR, an accident is a discrete, identifiable, unintended incident which causes physical injury. Stress-related conditions usually result from a prolonged period of pressure, often from many factors, not just one distinct event.

4. Procedures

4.1 On-site procedures

In the event of an accident or incident the following procedure should be followed:

- The closest member of staff will seek the assistance of a qualified first aider.
- The first aider will assess the injury and undertake the appropriate first aid treatment.
- If appropriate, the first aider will contact the emergency services and remain with the injured person until assistance arrives.
- If deemed appropriate, the first aider or another member of staff will contact the injured person's emergency contact or next of kin.
- The first aider or relevant member of staff will complete the first aid and accident record book and include the required details.
- If it is judged that a pupil is too unwell to remain at school but does not require the assistance of the emergency services, the first aider will contact the pupil's parents or next of kin and recommend next steps to them.

4.2 Off-site procedures

A first aider, paediatric first aider or emergency first aider must always accompany children on off site visits. Prior to any off-site visit taking place consideration must be given to the group that are going off site and any students with medical conditions attending.

When staff take pupils off the school premises, they should ensure they have the following:

- A first aid container consistent with paragraph 3.2.
- A mobile phone, on which they can contact the school, and the school can contact the staff member.
- A list of the specific medical needs of the pupils and any required equipment.
- Emergency contact details for the pupils.