

COVID-19 Addendum – First Aid /Medical Support in the School Setting Guidance/Medical Needs Policy

Contents

1. Scope.....	1
2. Arrivals and Departures	Error! Bookmark not defined.
3. Moving Around the School	Error! Bookmark not defined.
4. Expectations around Hygiene	2
5. New Rules and Routines	2
6. Racism	Error! Bookmark not defined.
7. Sanctions and Rewards	Error! Bookmark not defined.
8. Monitoring arrangements.....	3
9. Links with other policies.....	3

Important contacts ROLE	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
Headteacher		
Deputy Headteacher		
Chair of Governors		

1. SCOPE

This addendum applies during the period in which schools have had to make considerable adjustments to how they operate due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and reflects updated advice from the Department for Education.

It sets out changes to our normal first aid policy in light of the Public Health England’s guidance, COVID-19: Guidance for First Responders (updated 18.05.2020) and should be read in conjunction with that guidance.

Unless covered here, our normal first aid policy continues to apply.

2. HYGIENE MEASURES

The best way to protect self and others is through rigorous cleaning, personal hygiene and regular hand hygiene. An increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection of all surfaces and equipment, using standard household cleaning and disinfection products, is recommended.

After contact with anyone else, clean hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitiser at the earliest opportunity. This advice is applicable to all situations, regardless of whether there was close contact or the minimum 2 metre social distancing was maintained.

Avoid touching mouth, eyes and nose.

There are no additional precautions to be taken in relation to cleaning clothing or uniform other than what is usual practice.

3. WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COME INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE AS PART OF FIRST AIDER DUTIES

3.1. Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Where it is not possible to maintain a 2 metre or more distance away from an individual, disposable gloves and a disposable plastic apron are recommended. Disposable gloves should be worn if physical contact is likely to be made with potentially contaminated areas or items.

The use of a fluid repellent surgical face mask is recommended and additional use of disposable eye protection (such as face visor or goggles) should be risk assessed when there is an anticipated risk of contamination with splashes, droplets of blood or body fluids.

When using a fluid repellent surgical face mask, you should mould the metal strap of the mask over the bridge of the nose and make sure the mask fits snugly under the chin, around or across any facial hair if present.

Clean your hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol sanitiser before putting on and after taking off PPE. In all circumstances where some form of PPE is used, the safe removal of the PPE is a critical consideration to avoid self-contamination. [Guidance on putting on and taking off PPE is available.](#)

Use and dispose of all PPE according to the instructions and training provided by the school.

3.2. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

If you are required to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), you should conduct a risk assessment and adopt appropriate precautions for infection control.

In adults, it is recommended that you do not perform rescue breaths or mouth-to-mouth ventilation; perform chest compressions only. Compression-only CPR may be as effective as combined ventilation and compression in the first few minutes after non-asphyxial arrest (cardiac arrest not due to lack of oxygen).

Cardiac arrest in children is more likely to be caused by a respiratory problem (asphyxial arrest), therefore chest compressions alone are unlikely to be effective.

If a decision is made to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation in asphyxial arrest, use a resuscitation face shield where available.

Should you have given mouth-to-mouth ventilation there are no additional actions to be taken other than to monitor yourself for symptoms of possible COVID-19 over the following 14 days. Should you develop such symptoms you should follow the advice on what to do on the [NHS website](#).

3.3. Providing assistance to unwell individuals

If you need to provide assistance to an individual who is [symptomatic](#) and may have COVID-19, wherever possible, place the person in a place away from others. If there is no physically separate room, ask others who are not involved in providing assistance to stay at least 2 metres away from the individual. If barriers or screens are available, these may be used.

3.4. Cleaning the area where assistance was provided

Cleaning will depend on where assistance was provided. It should follow the advice for cleaning in [non-healthcare settings](#). Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time in (such as corridors) but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be cleaned in the usual way. However, all surfaces that a symptomatic individual has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected.

3.5. If there has been a blood or body-fluid spill

Keep people away from the area. Use a spill-kit if available, using the PPE in the kit or PPE provided by your employer/organisation and following the instructions provided with the spill-kit. If no spill-kit is available, place paper towels/roll onto the spill, and seek further advice from emergency services when they arrive.

3.6. Contacts of the person you have assisted

Advise anyone who had close contact with the individual that if they go on to develop symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, fever or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell), they should follow the advice on what to do on the [NHS website](#).

4. WHAT TO DO IF YOU BECOME UNWELL

First aiders must follow the school's COVID-19 procedure if they become unwell. If they develop symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they will need to stay at home for at least 7 days. Refer to the advice on the [NHS website](#) and the [Stay at home guidance](#).

5. EXPECTATIONS AROUND HYGIENE

Specify here the measures you have put in place at your school, for example:

- Children will be required to wash hands regularly e.g. before the day starts and at the end of the day, before and after using toilets as well as after each lesson.
- Posters with visuals on will be displayed in the classroom with reminders to when and how their hands.
- There will be hand sanitizer in various locations around the school.
- Children will be reminded to use tissues and to cover their mouths when sneezing and coughing and then wash their hands. 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' will be on posters around school
- Children will be reminded not to touch their mouth, nose and eyes with their hands.

6. NEW RULES AND ROUTINES

Specify here the measures you have put in place at your school that relate to first aid, for example:

- Children will tell an adult if they are feeling unwell or have hurt themselves.
- Children experiencing symptoms of coronavirus will be sent home.
- Any incident of a child intentionally coughing or spitting at others will be taken very seriously. Staff must immediately report the incident to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and report onto CPOMs, marked under 'unsafe' behaviour. An individual risk assessment will be completed with regards to the risk the child poses. Fixed-term exclusion or Permanent exclusion may be given as a sanction by the Headteacher, depending on the circumstances of the incident.
- Parents are required to ensure children keep to social distancing expectations outside school as well; if not, the school may have to insist the child be kept at home for 14 days.

7. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed as guidance from Public Health England, the Local Authority or DfE is updated, and as a minimum every 3-4 weeks by our Headteacher. **If any changes are made, it will be approved by the full governing body.**

8. LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Child protection policy
- Health and safety policy
- Online safety policy
- Whistle-blowing
- SEND Policy

END