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Policy Statement

1. School for Inspiring Talents is committed to providing emergency first aid provision in order to deal with accidents and incidents affecting staff, students, and visitors. The arrangements within this policy are based on the results of a suitable and sufficient risk assessment carried out by the school in regard to all staff, students, and visitors.
2. The school will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff, students, and visitors.
3. This policy aims to:
 - Ensure that the school has adequate, safe, and effective first aid provision for every pupil, member of staff and visitor to be well looked after in the event of any illness, accident or injury, no matter how major or minor.
 - Ensure that staff and students are aware of the procedures in the event of any illness, accident, or injury.
 - Ensure that medicines are only administered at the school when express permission has been granted for this.
 - Ensure that all medicines are appropriately stored.
 - Promote effective infection control.
4. Nothing in this policy will affect the ability of any person to contact the emergency services in the event of a medical emergency. For the avoidance of doubt, staff should dial 999 in the event of a medical emergency before implementing the terms of this policy and make clear arrangements for liaison with ambulance services on the school site

Legal Framework

5. This policy has due regard to legislation and statutory guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
 - The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981

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- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013
- DfE (2015) 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'
- DfE (2000) 'Guidance on first aid for schools'
- DfE (2021) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'

First Aid Provision

6. The school will routinely re-evaluate its first aid arrangements, at least triennially, to ensure that these arrangements continue to be appropriate for hazards and risks on the school premises, the size of the school, the needs of any vulnerable individuals onsite, and the nature and distribution of students and staff throughout the school.
7. The school will have suitably stocked first aid boxes in line with the assessment of needs. Where there is no special risk identified, a minimum provision of first aid items will be as follows:
 - A leaflet giving general advice on first aid
 - 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings, of assorted sizes
 - 2 sterile eye pads
 - 4 individually wrapped triangular bandages, preferably sterile
 - 6 safety pins
 - 6 medium-sized (approximately 12cm x 12cm) individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
 - 2 large-sized (approximately 18cm x 18cm) individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
 - 1 pair of disposable gloves
8. All first aid containers will be identified by a white cross on a green background.
9. The appointed person will routinely examine the contents of first aid boxes, including any mobile first aid boxes for offsite use – these will be frequently checked and restocked as soon as possible after use. Items will be safely discarded after the expiry date has passed.
10. First Aid Boxes are in the following areas:
 - School office
 - Minibus

First Aiders

11. The main duties of first aiders will be to administer immediate first aid to students, staff, or visitors, and to ensure that an ambulance or other professional medical help is called when necessary.
12. The school will ensure that all first aiders hold a valid certificate of competence, issued by a HSE-approved organisation, and that refresher training and retesting of competence is arranged for first aiders within the school before certificates expire.
13. The school will be mindful that many standard first aid at work training courses do not include resuscitation procedures for children and will consequently ensure that appropriate training is secured for first-aid personnel where this has not already been obtained.
14. First aiders will ensure that their first aid certificates are kept up to date through liaison with the HR.
15. Each classroom's first aiders will be responsible for ensuring all first aid kits are properly stocked and maintained. The first aid appointed person will be responsible for maintaining supplies.
16. First aid notices will be clearly displayed throughout the school with information on the names and locations of first aiders to ensure that students and staff know who they must contact in the event of illness or injury.
17. Each school site has a staffing overview sheet which clearly indicates which members of staff have received suitable first aid training.
18. The school will ensure that there is always a sufficient number of first-aid personnel available on site at all times to provide adequate cover to all areas of the school.

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19. All staff members will be made aware that agreeing to become a first aider for the school is strictly on a voluntary basis and that they should never feel pressured to take on this role.
20. When selecting first aiders, the school will follow the criteria laid out in government guidance, considering the individual's:
 - Reliability and communication skills.
 - Aptitude and ability to absorb new knowledge and learn new skills.
 - Ability to cope with stressful and physically demanding emergency procedures.
 - Normal duties – a first aider must be able to leave to go immediately to an emergency.

Emergency Procedures

21. If an incident, illness, or injury occurs, the member of staff in charge will assess the situation and decide on the appropriate course of action, which may involve calling for an ambulance immediately or calling for a first aider.
22. If called, a first aider will assess the situation and take charge of first aider administration. If the first aider does not consider that they can adequately deal with the presenting condition by the administration of first aid, then they will arrange for the injured person to access appropriate medical treatment without delay.
23. Where an initial assessment by the first aider indicates a moderate to serious injury has been sustained, or the individual has become seriously unwell, a responding staff member will call 999 immediately.
24. Where necessary, a trained staff member will administer emergency help and first aid to all injured persons. The purpose of this is to keep the victim alive and, if possible, comfortable, before professional medical help arrives. In some situations, immediate action can prevent the accident from becoming increasingly serious, or from involving more victims.
25. Where the seriously injured or unwell individual is a pupil, the following process will be followed:
 - A responding staff member calls 999 immediately and follows the instructions of the operator – this may include the administering of emergency first aid.
 - Where an ambulance is required, a staff member accompanies the pupil in the ambulance and calls the pupil's parent as soon as possible to inform them of the course of action taken. The staff member remains with the pupil at the hospital until a parent arrives.
 - Where an ambulance is not required, but medical attention is needed, the pupil is taken to a hospital or doctor in a staff car, accompanied by at least **two** staff members – one of whom to drive the car, and one of whom, a first aider, to sit with the pupil in the back seat and attend to their medical needs. The pupil's parent is called as soon as possible to inform them that this course of action has been taken, and at least one of the staff members remains with the pupil at the hospital or doctor's office until a parent arrives.
 - The school will ensure that no further injury can result from any incidents that occur, either by making the scene of the incident safe, or (if they are fit to be moved) by removing injured persons from the scene.
 - Responding staff members will see to any students who may have witnessed the incident or its aftermath and who may be worried or traumatised, despite not being directly involved. These students will be escorted from the scene of the incident and comforted. Younger or more vulnerable students may need parental support to be called immediately.
26. Once the above action has been taken, details of the incident will be reported promptly to:
 - The Principal.
 - The parents of the victim(s).

Reporting Accidents and Record Keeping

27. In the event of incident or injury to a pupil, a parent will be informed as soon as practicable. In the event of a serious injury or an incident requiring emergency medical treatment, the pupil's class teacher will telephone the pupil's parents as soon as possible. Parents will be informed in writing of any injury to the Principal, whether minor or major, and be given guidance on the action to take if symptoms develop.
28. A list of emergency contacts will be kept at the school office.

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29. The appointed person will ensure that records are kept of any injuries, accidents, or illnesses, as well as any first aid treatment that is given – this will include:
- The date, time, and place of the incident.
 - The name and class of the injured or ill person.
 - Details of the injury or illness and what first aid was given.
 - What happened to the person immediately afterwards, e.g., whether they were sent home or went back to class?
 - Name and signature of the first aider or person dealing with the incident.
 - Any incident involving an injury or illness for a student will be recorded on CPOMS
 - Any incident involving an injury or illness for a member of staff will be recorded on Breathe HR.
30. The Principal will ensure that any injury or accident that must be reported to the HSE or LA under RIDDOR obligations is reported in a timely and detailed manner.

Offsite Visits and Events

31. Before undertaking any offsite visits or events, the teacher organising the trip or event will assess the level of first aid provision required by undertaking a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of the visit or event and the persons involved.
32. For more information about the school's educational visit requirements, please see the Educational Visits and School Trips Policy.

Storage of Medication

33. Medicines will be stored securely and appropriately in accordance with individual product instructions, save where individual students have been given responsibility for keeping such equipment with them. Medicines will be stored in the original container in which they were dispensed, together with the prescriber's instructions for administration, and properly labelled, showing the name of the patient, the date of prescription and the date of expiry of the medicine.
34. Medicine brought in by students will be returned to their parents for safe disposal when they are no longer required or have expired.
35. An emergency supply of medication will be available for students with medical conditions that require regular medication or potentially lifesaving equipment, e.g., an EpiPen.
36. Parents will advise the school when a child has a chronic medical condition or severe allergy so that an IHP can be implemented, and staff can be trained to deal with any emergency in an appropriate way. Examples of this include epilepsy, diabetes, and anaphylaxis. A disclaimer will be signed by the parents in this regard.

Illnesses and Allergies

37. When a pupil becomes ill during the school day, their parent will be contacted and asked to pick their child up as soon as possible.
38. A quiet area will be set aside for withdrawal and for students to rest while they wait for their parent to pick them up. Students will be monitored during this time.
39. Where a pupil has an allergy, this will be addressed via the school's Student with Medical Conditions Policy.

Consent

40. Parents will be asked to complete and sign a medical consent form when their child is admitted to the school, which includes emergency numbers, alongside details of allergies and chronic conditions – these forms will be updated at the start of each school year.

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41. Staff do not act ‘in loco parentis’ in making medical decisions as this has no basis in law. Staff will always aim to act and respond to accidents and illnesses based on what is reasonable under the circumstances and will always act in good faith while having the best interests of the pupil in mind – guidelines will be issued to staff in this regard.

Roles, Responsibilities and Commitment

All Staff	All staff should know the contents of this policy in order to ensure that any accident, illness, or medical emergency can be managed safely.
Designated Specialist Staff (First Aiders)	<p>Designated First Aid Staff are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completing and renewing training as dictated by the board of directors. ▪ Ensuring that they are comfortable and confident in administering first aid. ▪ Ensuring that they are fully aware of the content of this policy and any procedures for administering first aid, including emergency procedures. <p>Each school site has an appointed person for first aid. This person is the Receptionist. The appointed person is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overseeing the school’s first-aid arrangements. ▪ Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill. ▪ Looking after the first-aid equipment, e.g., restocking the first aid container. ▪ Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate. ▪ Partaking in emergency first aid training, and refresher training where appropriate, to ensure they have knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What to do in an emergency. ○ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. ○ First aid for the unconscious casualty. ○ First aid for the wounded or bleeding. ○ Maintaining injury and illness records as required.
Teachers	If not also a first aider, the teacher must understand their responsibility in ensuring the parent/carer of the student is informed and to aid the appointed person in recording the incident.
Students	Understand how they will be treated for first aid.
Parents and Carers	Are clear on how school for inspiring talents will care for their child in case of an accident, illness, or emergency.
Principal	<p>The Principal is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The development and implementation of this policy and its related procedures. ▪ Ensuring that all staff and parents are made aware of the school’s policy and arrangements regarding first aid.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that all staff are aware of the locations of first aid equipment and how it can be accessed, particularly in the case of an emergency. ▪ Ensuring that all students and staff are aware of the identities of the school first aiders and how to contact them if necessary. ▪ Staff are responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that they have sufficient awareness of this policy and the outlined procedures, including making sure that they know who to contact in the event of any illness, accident, or injury. ▪ Endeavouring at all times to secure the welfare of the students at school. ▪ Making students aware of the procedures to follow in the event of illness, accident, or injury. ▪ The overarching development and implementation of this policy and all corresponding procedures. ▪ Ensuring that the relevant risk assessments, and assessments of the first aid needs of the school specifically, have been conducted. ▪ Ensuring that there is a sufficient number of appointed first aiders within the school based upon these assessments. ▪ Ensuring that there are procedures and arrangements in place for first aid during off-site or out-of-hours activities, e.g., educational visits or parents' evenings. ▪ Ensuring that insurance arrangements provide full cover for any potential claims arising from actions of staff acting within the scope of their employment. ▪ Ensuring that appropriate and sufficient first aid training is provided for staff and ensuring that processes are in place to validate that staff who have undertaken training have sufficient understanding, confidence, and expertise in carrying out first aid duties. ▪ Ensuring that adequate equipment and facilities are provided for the school site. ▪ Ensuring that first aid provision for staff does not fall below the required standard and that provision for students and others complies with the relevant legislation and guidance. ▪ Ensuring that an 'appointed person' is selected from amongst staff to take the lead in first aid arrangements and procedures for the school.
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Datasets

- Absence Data
- Accident and Injury Statistics