



**CHESTERTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**First Aid Policy
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Chesterton Community College

FIRST AID POLICY

The First Aid procedure at Chesterton Community College is in operation to ensure that every student, member of staff and visitors will be well looked after in the event of an accident, no matter how minor or major.

It is emphasised that the *team* consists of qualified First Aiders and not trained doctors or nurses.

In the event of an incident all members of the school community should be aware of the support available and the procedures available to activate this.

The purpose of the Policy is therefore:

- To provide effective, safe First Aid cover for students, staff and visitors.
- To ensure that all staff and students are aware of the system in place.
- To provide awareness of Health & Safety issues within school and on school trips, to prevent, where possible, potential dangers or accidents.

NB The term FIRST AIDER refers to those members of the school community who are in possession of a valid First Aid at work certificate or equivalent.

QUALIFIED FIRST AIDERS will:

1. Ensure that their qualification and insurance provided by the school are always up to date.
2. Ensure that first aid cover is available throughout the working hours of the school week.
3. Always attend a casualty when requested to do so and treat the casualty to the best of their ability in the safest way possible. This includes wearing gloves where any loss of blood or body fluid is evident (or any other appropriate Personal Protective Equipment), calling for help from other First Aiders or Emergency Services.
4. Help fellow First Aiders at an incident and provide support during the aftermath.
5. Act as a person who can be relied upon to help when the need arises.
6. Ensure that the first aid cupboard is adequately stocked and inform Reception if items need re-ordering.
7. Insist that any casualty who has sustained a significant head injury is seen by professionals at the hospital, either by sending them directly to hospital or by

- asking parents to pick up a child to take them to hospital; ensure that parents are aware of all head injuries promptly.
8. Ensure that a child who is sent to hospital by ambulance is either:
 - i. Accompanied in the ambulance at the request of paramedics.
 - ii. Followed to a hospital by a member of staff to act in loco parentis if a relative cannot be contacted.
 - iii. Met at hospital by a relative.
 - iv. The First Aider need not be the member of staff to accompany the casualty to hospital, however, an appropriate person should be sent.

 9. Ensure that the parents or carers of any student are contacted in the event that:
 - i. A head injury is sustained by the student
 - ii. The student is taken to hospital
 - iii. The mobility of the student is impaired by their injury

 10. Liaison must occur with the member of staff in charge of cover, to ensure that lessons are covered in the event of an absent teacher/TA.
 11. Keep a record of each student attended to, the nature of the injury and any treatment given, using the forms provided in the First Aid Room. This record is then given to the PA to the Head Teacher.
 12. In the event of an incident an IRF96 form must be completed if the casualty has been taken to hospital.
 13. Ensure that everything is cleared away safely, utilising the medical waste bin on the Medical Room if necessary. Any bloodstains on the ground must be washed away thoroughly. Please liaise with Reception who can contact the site team and cleaner if cleaning work is extensive. No contaminated or used items should be left lying around.

THE GOVERNING BODY will:

1. Provide adequate First Aid cover as outlined in the Health & Safety [First Aid] Regulations 1981.
2. Monitor and respond to all matters relating to the health and safety of all persons on school premises.
3. Ensure all new staff are made aware of First Aid procedures in school.

TEACHERS will:

1. Familiarise themselves with the first aid procedures in operation and ensure that they know who the current First Aiders are.
2. Be aware of specific medical details of individual students when publicised by Heads of Year or as detailed on SIMS.

3. Ensure that their students/tutees are aware of the procedures in operation.
4. Never move a casualty until they have been assessed by a qualified First Aider unless the casualty is in immediate danger.
5. Send for help to Reception as soon as possible either by a person or telephone, ensuring that the messenger knows the precise location of the casualty. Where possible, confirmation that the message has been received must be obtained.
6. Reassure, but never treat a casualty unless staff are in possession of a valid Emergency First Aid Certificate.
7. Send a student who has minor injuries to Reception, if they are able to walk, accompanied by another student if you feel this is necessary, where a First Aider will see them.
8. Send a student who feels generally 'unwell' to their respective Head of Year and not to a First Aider, unless their deterioration seems uncharacteristic and is causing concern.
9. Ensure that they have a current medical consent form for every student that they take out on a school trip which indicates any specific conditions or medications of which they should be aware.
10. Have regard to personal safety.

OFFICE STAFF will:

1. Call for a qualified First Aider, unless they are qualified themselves, to treat an injured student. This should be done by telephone to Reception in the case of minor injuries or by a message with a student helper in the case of serious injuries, giving the specific location of the casualty.
2. Support the First Aiders in calling for an ambulance or contacting relatives in an emergency
3. Send students who simply do not feel well to their respective Head of Year
4. **Not** administer Paracetamol or other medications
5. Administer the dispensing of plasters; student must confirm and sign that they are not allergic.
6. Order First Aid stock when required.

First Aid after out of school hours (ie after 4pm):

- Contact the **Sports Centre** where First Aiders are on duty during the site opening hours: **Tel No: 01223 576110**

THE EXECUTION OF THIS POLICY will be monitored by both the FIRST AID TEAM and GOVERNORS

Appendix 1: First Aid Procedure flow chart

