

First Aid In Sperrinview

Definition

First Aid is immediate assistance or treatment given to someone injured or suddenly taken ill before the arrival of an ambulance, doctor, or other appropriate qualified person.

Justification

First Aid is important for three reasons

1. Preserve Life
2. Prevent condition worsening
3. Promote Recovery

And we have moral and legal obligations re the wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

Implementation

In Sperrinview our First Aid policy is aligned to the guidance in the EA Southern Region School Safety Manual which is based on the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1982.

We have a number of Qualified First Aiders ie; those who have completed a four day approved first aid course and have been awarded a First Aid at Work Certificate.

The two most recently trained teachers are responsible for the administration of first aid in school situations and as such should be called upon to respond to all emergencies.

When an emergency occurs in an out-of-school situation and in the absence of a First Aider, staff should respond sensibly and calmly by using the First Aid Kit, phoning for medical assistance, returning immediately to school as is deemed necessary. On reaching school the casualty should be referred to a First Aider and parents should be contacted. The incident should be recorded in the appropriate way. First Aiders should ensure that all incidents/accidents are recorded

in the Accident Book in Miss Jordan's top drawer and a copy forwarded to parents. Any equipment used from the First Aid Kit should be replaced as soon as possible.

All staff in School have been trained in Administration of Rectal Diazepam and Buccal Midazolam, Enteral Feeding, Medications, Choking, Ventilation, Oxygen, Suction, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, Epi-Pen and in Epilepsy management. These skills are refreshed every 2nd year. New staff receive this training as soon as possible after taking up duty.

Temporary staff will be made aware of these arrangements by the Principal in the course of their initial briefing.

First Aid Boxes, fully equipped in accordance with latest guidelines, are kept in a central area. A regular check is conducted by named classroom assistants. School procedures regarding the reporting/recording of any accidents/incidents will be followed and this is especially important in cases where staff have been involved in the administration of First Aid.

Evaluation.

This policy will be evaluated annually or as required re our successful responses to any emergencies.

Review

A sub-committee of the Board of Governors will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy as part of a timetabled, on-going process.

Signed: _____ Date: _____