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Changes to First Aid Procedures in school – First Aid Guidance

As from June 2026, we will be changing procedures with regard to first aid, in line with the Collective Community Trust.

This will allow school to monitor first aid more closely and ensure that all children safety continues to be of paramount importance.

A new identification system.

If a child has suffered a head injury/head bump they will be **given a red wrist band to wear** – this allows all staff, including after school club and TC staff, to easily identify children who have had a head injury and then to monitor any signs or symptoms of concussion etc.

Parents will still receive a head bump message via Arbor from school as well.

If a child has received first aid then they will be **given a yellow wrist band to wear**. (Please see below the definition of first aid)

The **wrist bands** are adhesive paper wrist bands similar to that at festivals, holiday parks, hotels – which stay on until cut off. This is key for the red wrist band for head injury – as signs and symptoms of a head injury can occur up to 48 hrs after the incident. The date and time will be written on the wrist band

Recording of First Aid

There will no longer be a paper first aid paper slip – quite often these are left in children's bags and lockers anyway and are not an efficient system.

All **first aid incidents** will be recorded electronically on our CPOMS system in school by the qualified first aider who has administered the first aid to the pupil – whether they are significant or minor first aid incidents

Significant First Aid incidents and Informing Parents

While UK law does not require schools to inform parents about *every* minor first-aid incident, statutory guidance and good practice standards set out when parents **must** or **should** be notified:

Significant injuries or illnesses

Schools should inform parents whenever a child has received first aid for any injury or illness that is *more than minor*. This is supported by Department for Education guidance requiring schools to have clear first-aid procedures and communication responsibilities.



Examples where parents will be contacted by phone:

- Significant injuries- those needing immediate medical attention ie.nurse, doctor, hospital, ambulance
- Head injuries – Arbor message to inform, phone to collect
- Any potential injury above the shoulders (face, nose, eye)
- Injuries requiring further medical assessment such as possible sprain, swelling, bruising, possible fracture
- Any injury that may affect a child's ability to participate in school activities
- Illness requiring early collection or monitoring
- Injuries on school trips
- Any incident judged to need parent awareness or is an ongoing issue
- Incidents based on diagnosed medical conditions which were severe and more than normal presentation and where medication was administered e.g. EpiPens,
- Ongoing nose bleeds for a significant period of time

Definition of First Aid

All of the above are **significant first aid** incidents where first aid treatment is likely to be administered and parents are informed

However **Minor first aid** incidents involve very minor basic first aid:

- Cleaning a scrape
- A plaster for a small cut
- An ice pack

The child recovered immediately and **no further action** was needed. A yellow first aid wrist band will be given for this

Parents are often NOT legally required to be notified if minor first aid has been given and therefore there will no longer be a paper first aid slip

The following is not deemed to be first aid:

- Wet paper towel
- TLC/reassurance

IN SUMMARY

- No more paper first aid slip
- Minor first aid will not be reported to parents (unless deemed necessary)
- Significant first aid incidents are reported to parents via message or phone
- Red wrist bands for head injuries
- Yellow wrist bands for other first aid
- All first aid recorded in school electronically

Any questions please contact school

Kind Regards

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