

HOPS Hazard Assessment First Aid in response to Covid 19

Updated for New Academic Year August 2020 to July 2021

This hazard assessment reviews the advice provided to the education sector from the government on First Aid. The following is the latest advice from government. Other stakeholder's advice has also been reviewed, to include unions and the LA.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Guidance for full opening – schools

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The guidance does not say anything directly related to the provision of first aid. It does have a number of references to PPE which are covered in the PPE assessment. The SSOW is written with our duty of care in mind.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

Guidance

Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

Updated 16 June 2020

We have updated this guidance to:

- clarify that there are no additional PPE requirements because of coronavirus (COVID-19) for first aid, or for non-symptomatic children who present behaviours which may increase the risk of droplet transmission or who require care that cannot be provided without close hands-on contact

Assessment of Risk and Factors Considered

By applying common sense to our setting we have produced an assessment of how we will manage 'First Aid'. This is set out below. This is being adopted to help to reduce risks from covid-19 transmission. Where the provision of first aid takes place and who provides the first aid will be important to maintain social distancing.

With all the children in school it is expected that an increase in instances requiring first aid. However, there may be a reduction at break at lunch time due to the reduced space available. Where possible first aid will be provided in the class bubbles. If at all possible this should be provided by the class teacher.

The first aid forms must also be completed. This includes either the 'bumped head letter' or the 'Incident Accident form' and the internal form 'Individual Record of First Aid'.

Reception will not normally be able to assist with providing first aid.

To maintain the bubbles first aid should be provided in the classrooms.

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Work Activity – First Aid

Area – Whole School

Ref – Covid-19 July 2020 - First Aid

The following will be the method to manage 'First Aid'

General

- The school will continue to provide First Aid
- Our *Duty of Care* is clear
- First Aid will be provided by teaching staff during breaks
- First Aid provision will be supported during the school day by support staff
- First Aid will be provided by MDS during lunch time
 - From 11.40 to 12.00 First Aid will be provided in the First Aid room or in the school hall
 - From 12.00 to 2.05 First Aid will be provided outside or in the First Aid room
- Record keeping must continue
- This assessment does not cover children who are displaying symptoms of Covid 19 – see separate assessment *Children Displaying Covid Symptoms*

CPR

<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/unresponsive-casualty/how-to-do-cpr-on-an-adult/>

<https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/>

- The advice from St Johns ambulance is do not give rescue breaths
- The current advice from the Resuscitation Council differs observing that if breaths are not given any outcome could be more serious
- Both organisations discuss placing a covering over the mouth and performing compressions only
- Both organisations restate information provided in your first aid training
- The school have purchased face shields that can be used; these will be placed at various locations around the school. Face shields have a one way valve that is paced over the mouth covering the mouth and nose
- Face shields would provide additional protection if performing rescue breaths

PPE

Staff **must wear** gloves when providing any first aid

- For First Aid no other PPE should be required
- Gloves must be disposed of after use in the provided bins/bags
- Gloves will be made available throughout the school for first aid
- We have a range of glove sizes and types –
 - you are responsible for using the appropriate gloves for example if you have a need for latex free
- Please ensure that first aid stations and bags are kept tidy, clean and well stocked
 - Appropriately dispose of used materials
 - Tell the office if stocks are running low, do not assume someone else has done this we would rather be told a number of times than not know
 - **Spray down cold compress bags with the appropriate sanitiser spray before returning** – see assessment on cleaning
 - Return cold compress bags to the appropriate fridge

Delivering First Aid

- For normal first aid the level of risk is low
- Always wear gloves
- Do not rush
- Sit the child (or adult) to your side not in front of you
- Sit on the side of the child (or adult) that lets you most easily reach the injury
- Try not to reach across the child (or adult)
- If dealing with blood make sure all tissues, wipes, gloves and any packaging are disposed of in the yellow hazard bags/bins provided

