



ADDENDUM TO FIRST AID POLICY COVID-19 SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST AID POLICY AND PROCEDURES

This addendum notes variances to the First Aid Policy in place at Florence Melly Community Primary School for the period following wider opening of schools when social distancing is recommended.

We will ensure that appropriate first aid arrangements are in place for our children, staff and any visitors to our school premises. This includes providing sufficiently trained employees for our needs and maintaining an adequate supply of first aid equipment. The general principles of our current First Aid Policy will remain unchanged.

WHAT IS COVID-19?

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical conditions.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol-based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it's important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow). At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments. WHO will continue to provide updated information as soon as clinical findings become available.

COMMON SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS):

- Recent onset of a new continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

HOW COVID-19 IS SPREAD:

COVID-19 is most likely to happen when there is close contact (within 2 metres or less) with an infected person. It is likely that the risk increases the longer someone has close contact with an infected person.

Respiratory secretions (droplets) containing the virus are likely to be the most important means of transmission; these are produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

It is possible that someone may become infected by touching a person, a surface or object that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (such as shaking hands or touching door knobs then touching own face).



SUSPECTED CASE OF COVID-19:

- For any child or adult who develops symptoms (i.e. a high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of smell or loss of taste), the head teacher needs to be immediately informed (or the AHT if the HT is not available)
- The child or adult to be isolated until they are collected or go home
- Anyone in contact with the pupil must wear PPE and ensure all windows in the room are opened
- A specific cleaning protocol is in place for this area after a pupil or adult leaves

SICKNESS/INJURY – NON COVID RELATED FIRST AID

- Any minor incidents will be treated in line with the school's First Aid Policy and managed by a First Aider in the child's 'Bubble' (where applicable).
- If there is no available First Aider in the 'Bubble', one will be sought, and gloves and aprons are available to be worn (if applicable).
- Major incidents requiring First Aid will be managed in a well-ventilated area and if close contact is necessary, gloves, apron and a face mask should be worn.
- First Aid will be provided by First Aiders in the Playground if possible during play times for minor injuries. This is to minimise the risk of infection and manage movement around the school.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Where it is not possible to maintain a two metre distance away from an individual when providing first aid, then the school will make PPE available. This will take the form of:

- Disposable latex/rubber gloves
- Disposable plastic aprons
- Face masks

If there is a risk of droplets, suitable eye protection such as a visor can be provided.

BLOOD OR BODY-FLUID SPILL

As with any incident of this nature; it should be treated with caution.

- Keep people away from the area
- Use the necessary cleaning products and/or spill kit
- If there is no kit available; use paper towels to cover and soak the spill
- Follow the instructions for using PPE (if applicable)
- Follow the cleaning protocol

RESUSCITATION ADVICE:



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If a child is unresponsive and not breathing normally, call 999 or 112 for emergency help and start CPR immediately. Do not leave casualty, before starting CPR, use a towel or piece of clothing and if available a "face shield" and lay it over the mouth and nose of the casualty. A resuscitation face shield should only be used if the decision is made to perform mouth to mouth CPR. Start chest compressions. If needed use defibrillator which is in the School Office, under the guidance of a First Aider.

Government guidance on CPR during COVID-19 can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-guidance-for-first-responders-and-others-in-close-contact-with-symptomatic-people-with-potential-2019-ncov>

AFTER THE DELIVERY OF ANY FIRST AID:

- Staff must ensure any disposable items are disposed of correctly and responsibly
- Any reusable items must be cleaned thoroughly
- Staff must wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, and when possible use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer on their hands
- Any incidents must be logged in line with the school's current First Aid policy

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