



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Use of First Aid & Administering Medicines – COVID-19 Policy Addendum

- School First Aid Kits will be stored in central locations around each area of school (KS1, Year 3 and Year 4).
- Minor first aid will be treated in the bubble space and not in the usual wet area shared space.
- Any person who is carrying out first aid or any other kind of intimate care should wear PPE provided by school. This will include: disposable gloves, disposable face mask, disposable apron, face visor (allocated to each member of staff).
- Once first aid has been carried out by a member of staff, all disposable PPE that was used must be carefully bagged up and disposed of by a member of SLT. For any non-disposable PPE used, this must be thoroughly cleaned with disinfectant spray.
- For more significant injuries and intimate care, the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher will assist in carrying out the first aid, alongside a qualified first aider.

MEDICINES

- The Administering Medicines policy remains the same, however Mrs Dixon will no longer be able to directly administer medicines to pupils. The class teacher will administer medicine to any pupil who requires it, under direct instruction from Mrs Dixon.

Point to Note

From Public Health England 'COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance'

Chest compressions and defibrillation (as part of resuscitation) are not considered AGPs; first responders (any setting) can commence chest compressions and defibrillation without the need for AGP PPE while awaiting the arrival of other clinicians to undertake airway manoeuvres.

Based on the NERVTAG evidence review and consensus statement, chest compressions will not be added to the list of AGPs. Archibald First School advises staff to wear aprons, eye protection and gloves when performing chest compressions **but it is strongly advised that there is no potential delay in delivering this life saving intervention.**

Therefore, in the event of chest compressions or defibrillation being needed, staff who are comfortable and competent should proceed with support from other staff members.