




First Aid Policy

Name of School	Harrison Primary School
Date of Policy Issue	September 2025
Name of Headteacher/Responsible Manager	Sara Gmitrowicz
Signature of Headteacher/Responsible Manager	

Policy Statement

Harrison Primary School will ensure compliance with the relevant legislation with regard to the provision of first aid for all employees, and to ensure best practice by extending the arrangements, as far as is reasonably practicable, to children and others who may also be affected by our activities.

Responsibility for first aid at Harrison Primary School is held by Sara Gmitrowicz, Headteacher, who is the responsible manager.

All first aid provision is arranged and managed in accordance with the Corporate First Aid Policy. All staff have a statutory obligation to follow and co-operate with the requirements of this policy.

Aims & Objectives

Our first aid policy requirements will be achieved by:

- Carrying out a First Aid Needs Assessment to determine the first aid provision requirements for our premises
- It is our policy to ensure that the First Aid Needs Assessment will be reviewed periodically or following any significant changes that may affect first aid provision
- The Children's Services First Aid Needs Assessment Form (Appendix 4) will be used to produce the First Aid Needs Assessment for our site
- Ensuring that there are a sufficient number of trained first aid staff on duty and available for the numbers and risks on the premises in accordance with the First Aid Needs Assessment
- Ensuring that there are suitable and sufficient facilities and equipment available to administer first aid in accordance with the First Aid Needs Assessment
- Ensuring the above provisions are clear and shared with all who may require them.

First Aid training

The responsible manager will ensure that appropriate numbers of appointed persons, school first aid trained staff, emergency first aiders, qualified first aiders and paediatric first aid trained staff are nominated, as identified by completion of the First Aid Needs Assessment, and that they are adequately trained to meet their statutory duties.

Appointed Persons

At Harrison Primary School there are two appointed persons who are as follows:

Mrs Sara Gmitrowicz and Mrs Karen Willson

Where the First Aid Needs Assessment identifies that qualified first aid staff are not necessary due to the nature/level of risk, the **minimum legal requirement** is to appoint a person (the Appointed Person) to be on site at all times during the working day. Appointed persons are in place to take charge of first aid arrangements including looking after equipment and calling emergency services.

Note: Appointed Persons are not First Aiders and should not provide first aid for which they have not been trained. However, it is good practice to provide appointed persons with some level of first aid training. Such training does not require HSE approval.

First aid trained school staff

At Harrison Primary School there are 5 'Emergency Aid in School' qualified staff who are as follows:

L Clyma H Ellis T Hiscutt J Compton-Rae P-A Hiscutt

Feb 2026 update: Whole-school training for 'Emergency Aid in School'.

At Harrison Primary School there are 3 'First Aid at Work' qualified staff who are as follows:

Katherine Lee Vicky Grimwood Nicki Sheppard

They will be responsible for administering first aid, in accordance with their training, to those that become injured or fall ill whilst at work or on the premises. There may also be other duties and responsibilities which are identified and delegated to the first aider (e.g. first aid kit inspections).

At Harrison Primary School there are 20 'Advanced Paediatric First Aid' qualified staff who are as follows:

N Anderson T Davison L Dynes A Gillespie M Scott C Ashborn J Setford
T Hickman A Slydel A Dea M Hogan T Thorne C Jones S Thornley
J Field A Dunaway H Kitching S Ward E Potter

These staff are in place to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory obligations for provision of first aid to those children aged 5 years old or younger.

First Aid Provision

Our First Aid Needs Assessment has identified the following first aid kit requirements:

- A fully stocked medical room – complete with pull out bed.
- First aid kits for each classroom and each playground on the premises
- Six travel first aid kits for use on school trips – these are kept in the medical room

It is the responsibility of the qualified first aiders to check the contents of all first aid kits every term and record findings on the 'First Aid Kit Checklist'. Completed checklists are to be stored in the medical room.

The Medical Room is designated as the first aid room for treatment, sickness and the administering of first aid. The first aid room will have the following facilities:

- A pull out bed
- Sink
- Full first aid kit and basic equipment

Emergency arrangements

Upon being summoned in the event of an accident, the first aider/appointed person is to take charge of the first aid administration/emergency treatment commensurate with their training. Following their assessment of the injured person, they are to administer appropriate first aid and make a balanced judgement as to whether there is a requirement to call an ambulance.

The first aider/appointed person is to always call an ambulance on the following occasions:

- In the event of a serious injury
- In the event of any significant head injury
- In the event of a period of unconsciousness
- Whenever there is the possibility of a fracture or where this is suspected
- Whenever the first aider is unsure of the severity of the injuries
- Whenever the first aider is unsure of the correct treatment

In the event of an accident involving a child, where appropriate, it is our policy to always notify parents of their child's accident if it:

- is considered to be a serious (or more than minor) injury
- requires more than basic first aid treatment
- requires attendance at hospital

Our procedure for notifying parents will be to use all telephone numbers available to contact them and leave a message should the parents not be contactable.

In the event that parents cannot be contacted and a message has been left, our policy will be to continue to attempt to make contact with the parents every hour. In the interim, we will ensure that

the qualified first aider, appointed person or another member of staff remains with the child until the parents can be contacted and arrive (as required).

In the event that the child requires hospital treatment and the parents cannot be contacted prior to attendance, the qualified first aider/appointed person/another member of staff will accompany the child to hospital and remain with them until the parents can be contacted and arrive at the hospital.

Out of hours and school trips

The first aid arrangements for all school-managed and organised after-school activities (parents' evenings, school fetes, and sports activities) are considered in this policy. On occasions where there may be the need for additional provision, the school will carry out a needs assessment for that activity.

Where the school have arrangements to let/hire out buildings to external organisations, there needs to be arrangements in place to co-ordinate the first-aid arrangements with the hirer. This is managed by the School Business Manager who will ensure that these arrangements are recorded in the lettings/hire agreement.

The first-aid arrangements for school organised trips/visits are included in the Risk Assessment for the trip. These are reviewed for each trip/visit and the level of first-aid provision is reviewed to ensure adequate cover is provided for the trip/visit, and that sufficient cover is retained at the school to cover those who stay at school.

Records

All accidents requiring first aid treatment are to be recorded with (at least) the following information:

- Name of injured person
- Name of the qualified/emergency/school/paediatric first aider or appointed person
- Date of the accident
- Type of accident (e.g. bump on head etc.)
- Treatment provided and action taken.

Appendix 4 – First aid kit Checklist

First Aid Kit Checklist				
Location of First Aid Kit/Box				
Date of Initial First Aid Kit/Box Check				
Name of Assessing First Aider				
Contents Check				
No.	Premises First Aid Box	Minimum Required	Required Quantity	Actual Quantity
1	Guidance card	1		
2	Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)	20		
3	Sterile eye pads	2		
4	Individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile)	4		
5	Safety pins	6		
6	Medium individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings	6		
7	Large individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings	2		
8	Pair of disposable gloves	1		
No.	Travel First Aid Kit	Minimum Required	Required Quantity	Actual Quantity
1	Guidance card	1		
2	Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings	6		
3	Individually wrapped triangular bandages	2		
4	Large sterile unmedicated dressing (approx. 18cm x 18cm)	1		
5	Safety pins	2		
6	Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes (alcohol free)	2		
7	Pair of disposable gloves	1		
Additional Checks				
1	Are all items of first aid within expiry date?	YES	NO	
2	Are all items of first aid in good, undamaged condition?	YES	NO	
3	Is the first aid kit/box in good condition & undamaged?	YES	NO	

