

Catch22 Independent School policy

First Aid

Catch22 Include London

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Catch22 reserves the right to amend this policy, following consultation, where appropriate.

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Document Version Control & Changes

Version	Last modified	By	Changes Made
1.0	25/04/23	Liz Cole	Previous policy version reviewed (2018) and updated. This document is to be read in addition to risk assessment section of Schools H&S policy

1. What is the policy about?

This First Aid policy sets out how Catch22 complies with the requirements of relevant health and safety legislation and guidance. The key elements are the need for specific first aid needs assessments to determine the level of first aid provision required; the nomination of suitably qualified first aiders; provision of first aid equipment; and incident reporting.

2. Who does this policy apply to?

This policy covers all staff and volunteers. While The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981 do not require employers to provide first aid for members of the public, the Health and Safety Executive strongly recommends that employers include the public in their first aid needs assessment and make provision for them. This policy, therefore, extends to pupils, and any others affected by our activities and undertakings.

3. Policy requirements

Training requirements

The school will assess the need for first aid provision on site and, where required, for trips/visits and extra-curricular activities. This assessment is recorded and reviewed annually.

First aid qualifications remain valid for 3 years. The Headteacher will ensure that refresher training is organised, it is recommended that staff refresh first aid knowledge annually, to maintain competence. The Headteacher will ensure that sufficient trained First Aiders are available to cover absences and when a current First Aider leaves employment.

Posters are displayed to inform pupils, staff and visitors of the location of First Aid kits and First Aiders. First Aiders are responsible for monthly checks on First Aid kits to ensure stock is replenished as necessary through use and expiry dates.

Transport to hospital

Where a first aider considers it necessary, the injured person will be sent directly to hospital (normally by ambulance). Parents / carers will be notified immediately of all significant injuries to pupils.

No casualty will be allowed to travel to hospital unaccompanied and an accompanying adult will be designated in situations where the parents/carers cannot be contacted in time.

Medication

Medication is stored and administered in accordance with the Administration of Medications Policy if required. Compliance with the policy is reviewed during internal H&S audits.

Incident reporting

All first aid provided will be recorded using the Catch22 Incident & Near Miss Reporting procedure. These records will be reviewed to inform the first aid needs assessment. The Catch22 Health & Safety Team reviews all reports submitted and will report to HSE (RIDDOR) for any injuries that meet the reportable incidents criteria.

4. Related documents

- Catch22 Independent School Health & Safety Policy

- First Aid Guidance Sheet (Health, Safety & Wellbeing area of staff intranet)
- First Aid Needs Assessment template.

Annex 1: Equality Impact Assessment

Catch22 is committed to always: avoiding the potential for unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and, foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is a tool for identifying whether or not strategies, projects, services, guidance, practices or policies have an adverse or positive impact on a particular group of people or equality group. While currently only public bodies are legally required to complete EIA's, Catch22 has adopted the process in line with its commitment to continually improve our equality performance.

1. Summary

This EIA is for:	School First Aid Policy
EIA completed by:	Liz Cole, Head of Health & Safety
Date of assessment:	25/04/23
Assessment approved by:	<Name>, <Position> [if required]

Objectives and intended outcomes

This EIA has been completed in order to ensure that the implications and potential impact, positive and negative, of the Catch22 First Aid policy for all staff have been fully considered and addressed, whether or not the staff members share a protected characteristic.

2. Potential Impacts, positive and negative

Equality Area	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Summary
Age	☐	☒	☐	The policy applies equally to all members of staff regardless of age. It's not considered that the policy includes any guidance or rules that may impact either positively or negatively on any member of staff because of their age.
Disability	☐	☒	☐	The policy applies equally to all members of staff regardless of health/disability. It's not considered that the policy includes any guidance or rules that may impact either positively or negatively on any member of staff because of their disability.
Pregnancy & Maternity/paternity	☐	☒	☐	It's not considered that the policy positive or negatively impacts on pregnant women or on staff on maternity or paternity leave.
Race (incl. origin, colour and nationality)	☐	☒	☐	The policy applies equally to all members of staff regardless of their race, origin, colour or nationality. It's not considered that the policy includes any guidance or rules that may impact either positively or negatively in these respects.
Gender and Gender Re-assignment	☐	☒	☐	The policy applies equally to all members of staff regardless of their gender at any given time. It's not considered that the policy includes any guidance or rules that may impact either positively or negatively on any member of staff because of gender.
Sexual Orientation	☐	☒	☐	The policy applies equally to all members of staff regardless of their sexual orientation. It's not considered that the policy includes any guidance or rules that may impact either positively or negatively on any member of staff because their sexual orientation.

3. Negative impacts and mitigations

Negative Impact	Mitigation	Owner

