



TotalTuition

ROSEWOOD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

*Rosewood Independent School is a trading name of Total Tuition Limited.
This policy covers all students at Total Tuition Alternative Provision and Rosewood Independent School.*

First Aid Policy

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1. Aims and Objectives

We aim to ensure that all pupils are enabled to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered and have high self-esteem. We support this aim by monitoring and providing for children's welfare and their individual needs, and by providing a happy, secure environment in which pupils' well-being is of paramount importance.

We want children to:

- develop respect for themselves and others;
- learn in a positive school ethos, which promotes caring attitudes;
- have trusted adults from whom they can seek advice;
- be aware of the need to keep healthy in body and mind;
- have high quality medical care when required.

2. Pastoral Support

At Total Tuition Alternative Provision / Rosewood Independent School all members of staff undertake a pastoral role. We believe that a friendly School atmosphere, and sensitive relationships with the children enable any difficulties that may arise to be dealt with quickly. It is important that all children feel able to discuss their concerns with a trusted adult; where appropriate a child will be given a named adult who will listen to them and provide time and a place for them to talk. The class teachers' day-to-day contact with children plays a crucial part in their pastoral care. Support staff also have opportunities to make significant contributions to a child's welfare in informal settings. Opportunities for informal support may occur during meal times, play times, or during first aid treatment.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

* See Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for responsibilities related to child protection.

3.2 Headteacher

It is vital that the Headteacher is kept well informed, as their role is crucial in the communication and monitoring of pastoral and medical care in the School. The Headteacher is responsible for:

- overseeing the implementation of this policy
- monitoring and reviewing the policy
- ensuring that staff fulfil their roles effectively
- determining if short term medication may be administered in school
- liaising with parents and support services
- monitoring absence and attendance
- reporting child protection issues to appropriate agencies *
- ensuring staff are sufficiently trained
- ensuring confidentiality of medical records
- communicating policy and procedures to parents
- overseeing the drawing up Healthcare Plans for children with medical needs
- ensuring staff are kept informed of medical issues related to children in their care in conjunction with any other First Aid Staff, arranging relevant training for staff e.g. Epipen training or training necessitated by any individual medical or health need
- ensuring children's special educational needs and disabilities are catered for according to the School's SEND policy
- following up referral of pupils to other agencies such as speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and the LA special educational needs team.
- mapping School provision for children with visiting therapists including speech and language therapist and play therapist where necessary
- providing staff with information about children needing particular support where reports from medical personnel are available

3.3 First Aid Trained Staff

Are responsible for:

- providing First Aid to children and adults within the School during her designated hours.
- ensuring medical records are up to date for every child in the School.
- ordering First Aid equipment, keeping it in good condition, and ensuring it follows LA guidelines
- safe storage of First Aid equipment and medication
- attending training on First Aid and medical issues, and ensuring that qualifications are kept up to date
- helping with the writing of individual Healthcare Plans and storage of these plans
- monitoring the Accident book and informing the Headteacher of concerns
- informing parents of a child's injuries/illnesses
- informing the LA, as required, of any serious accident or injury occurring at school or on an educational visit
- in conjunction with the Headteacher, carrying out risk assessments before any child with a serious injury returns to school
- reporting child protection issues to the senior designated person for child protection
- keeping lists of high profile children up to date and informing appropriate staff
- providing the First Aid kit and individual children's medication for school trips
- following school procedures when administering medication and keeping records
- providing support and advice to pupils relating to health and welfare

- providing support and advice to parents relating to their children's health and welfare needs at school
- reporting pastoral concerns to the Headteacher

3.4 Teachers

Class teachers are responsible for:

- providing support and guidance to pupils in their care
- keeping the class log up to date
- reporting medical or health concerns to the welfare assistant
- reporting pastoral concerns to their team leader
- being aware of child protection issues and reporting child protection concerns immediately to the Headteacher
- keeping abreast of information relating to the medical needs of children in their class and/or teaching group, including any Healthcare Plan and seeking advice when necessary
- providing a secure learning environment in which all children feel safe and valued

3.5 Parents

Parents are responsible for:

- providing necessary medical information to school and ensuring it is kept up to date
- helping to draw up individual Healthcare Plans and being involved with their review
- providing necessary medication and written information, and ensuring that it is up to date and the School is kept informed of changes to prescriptions or support needed
- informing class teacher or Headteacher any changes of circumstances/events that may affect their child in school (e.g. accident, bereavement, separation etc.) so that appropriate support can be given.

4. First Aid Procedures

4.1 First Aid trained staff

Qualified First Aid staff are on call throughout the day, see list at top of this Policy.

If a child is unable to walk or a serious injury is suspected, the child **must not be moved** without the attendance and advice of a qualified First Aider. In this instance, adults should ensure a member of staff remains with the child and summon a First Aider.

4.2 Recording and reporting First Aid treatment

- The First Aider must ensure that any child reporting to the main office for First Aid is assessed. Checking a child's temperature forms part of this assessment when a child reports feeling unwell and a second check should be carried out if the temperature is initially normal but a child continues to complain of illness later in the day.
- The First Aider must record all instances of children, staff or visitors presenting for First Aid treatment in an Accident Book. This must include:
 - ◊ name of person seeking treatment
 - ◊ date and time
 - ◊ description of illness/injury
 - ◊ note of treatment or action taken
 - ◊ initials of First Aider

- Any injuries/illnesses which give cause for concern must be reported to the parent as soon as possible. The First Aider on duty will judge if a child's parents need to be contacted. Parents should if necessary be advised to seek advice from their GP or to visit the Accident and Emergency Unit at the local Hospital.
- Details regarding minor head injuries must be reported to the Headteacher who can inform the parents. Head injury letters are given by the First Aider to be handed on to the parent or carer.

4.3 First Aid kits

First aid boxes are provided in the main office.

The First Aiders are jointly responsible for checking the contents of First Aid boxes, ensuring that they are kept stocked with LA approved items and reordering supplies as required.

4.4 Injury or illness needing emergency hospital treatment

When an illness or accident requires urgent medical attention, **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES** will be followed:

- The patient **must not be moved** unless a trained member of staff, with a First Aid certificate, is absolutely certain this will not cause further injury. If in any doubt do not move the patient.
- The First Aider and the Headteacher must be informed immediately.
- If necessary, the First Aider will ask the Headteacher to dial 999 and call an ambulance. The emergency service will need to know the age of the patient and type of injury and whether or not the patient is conscious. (The time of the call will be recorded and subsequently logged with the date, name of patient and nature of injury/illness in the Accident Book).
- The Headteacher will contact the parents immediately after contacting the emergency service. (The time of this call should also be logged). Unless they can make their way quickly to meet the ambulance at school, they should be directed to meet the patient at the hospital.
(If an ambulance is not deemed necessary by the First Aider, the Headteacher will contact parents immediately to ask them to come and take the child to hospital. If parents are unavailable, continued efforts should be made to contact them (see 4.5).
- The Headteacher will instruct a member of the School staff to wait at the entrance to the car park for the ambulance, note time of arrival and direct ambulance crew via the quickest route to the child/person.
- The patient must be kept warm and calm.
- If the patient is conscious he/she must not be given food or drink.
- The Head/Deputy will identify the member of staff who will accompany the child to hospital and await the arrival of the parent, if he/she has not arrived when the ambulance is ready to leave.

- A member of the office staff, will place the following documents in an envelope for the member of staff accompanying the child to hospital:
 - A copy of the child's emergency contact form.
 - A copy of any relevant medical information from the welfare/medical room
- When the parent arrives at the hospital, the accompanying member of staff should give only the established facts of the child's accident and not discuss details, giving the details of the Headteacher.
- The accompanying member of staff must record the length of time spent at the hospital and the names of medical staff attending the child and treatment given (if known). He/she should telephone the School and confirm arrangements for her/his return to the site.
- If the parent has not arrived within half an hour of the child being discharged from the hospital, the accompanying member of staff must telephone the School and take further direction from the Headteacher.
- All accidents must be recorded in the First Aid day book at the time of the accident. This will aid the completion of the Incident Report later on. Any person assisting with an incident should make notes to aid the accurate completion of the report.

4.5 Accident requiring hospital treatment without the need for an ambulance

It may be appropriate in less severe cases to transport a pupil to a casualty department without using an ambulance, but this should always be on a voluntary basis. When a parent cannot quickly come and take the child to hospital, the Headteacher may arrange for the child to be transported in a car owned by a member of staff who has appropriate public liability insurance or taxi from a reputable taxi service. In any such cases, a member of staff, who supervises the child and remains with her/him at the hospital until the parent arrives, must accompany the driver sitting in the back seat of the car with the patient to constantly monitor any changes, which could affect the patient's condition. The Headteacher is responsible for checking the insurance of any staff car used for the transportation of pupils. The School will reimburse additional insurance premiums where necessary.

No casualty should be allowed to travel to hospital unaccompanied. The Headteacher will designate an accompanying adult in emergencies where parents cannot be contacted or cannot reach school quickly.

4.6 Incident reporting

Any incident that is referred to an emergency doctor or hospital, will be reported by the Headteacher to the Local Authority.

4.7 Monitoring

The Headteacher monitors the Accident book for any cause for concern (e.g. children who make frequent visits to the welfare/medical room, high incidences of injury at particular times or locations, or marked increase in types of injuries or illnesses). The Headteacher investigates accidents reported via the Accident Forms to ensure that any unsafe practice is identified and remedial action is taken immediately.

5. Medical Needs

5.1 Medical information

Parents are asked to complete a form, giving basic medical information, when children start at Total Tuition Alternative Provision / Rosewood Independent School and to keep staff updated as necessary. Parents have prime responsibility for their children's health and are requested to ensure that the information they provide the School is up to date.

5.2 Medical needs

Most pupils will, at some time, have a medical condition that may affect their participation in School activities. Parents are responsible for ensuring that a child is well enough to attend the School. Parents or carers who bring a child to the School when he/she is too unwell to attend will be asked to take the child home. If any child is brought into the School with an injury that may be aggravated further by School activities, e.g. when a limb has a plaster cast or protective bandage, the parent must meet with the Headteacher to confirm that the child's condition can be managed under the School's Health and Safety Policy.

For many pupils, this will be short term, but some pupils will have medical conditions that, if not properly managed, could limit their access to education. These children have **medical needs**. At Total Tuition Alternative Provision / Rosewood Independent School we aim to ensure that pupils with medical needs receive proper care and support enabling them to participate as fully as possible in School life. Most children with medical needs can attend regularly, but staff need to take extra care in supervising some activities to make sure that these pupils and others are not put at risk.

Children identified as having medical needs which may pose a risk to their attendance on site will have an individual Risk Assessment for Medical Needs drawn up. This does not include children who are administered medication for long-term medical conditions such as ADHD as routine. The main purpose of the Risk Assessment for Medical Needs is to identify the level of support that is needed in the School, and is a written agreement between parents and the School. Plans should be reviewed at least annually. Those involved in drawing up Risk Assessment for Medical Needs will be the parents and Headteacher with the involvement of the class teacher and teaching assistant as necessary. The Risk Assessment for Medical Needs will also include details of any medication and who is to administer it.

Risk Assessments for Medical Needs may cover the occasion of specific medical conditions or administration of medication, or in dealing with potential emergencies relating to a specific medical condition. The Headteacher may provide appropriate training e.g. use of epipens, or it will be sourced via other medical professionals. Where there is concern about whether the School can meet a pupil's needs, the Headteacher will seek advice from the LA.

The Headteacher is responsible for keeping the list of children with medical needs up to date.

The Headteacher will ensure that all medical information is treated confidentially and will reach agreement with individual parents about who will have access to this information.

5.3 Medication

Parents of children with long term medical needs (e.g. diabetes, cystic fibrosis, ADHD) must provide details of medication so it can be included in a child's individual Risk Assessment for Medical Needs and, if it is required that this is taken in school hours, to complete the form to request the School to administer medication. Medication will only be given when this form has been completed. Parents are responsible for handing medication to the Headteacher and for ensuring that it is within date and labelled with the pupil's name, dose of drug, and frequency of administration.

Many children will need to take medication for a short period of time (e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics). Parents should try to ensure medication is prescribed in a frequency which enables it to be taken out of school hours. Where this is impossible, parents are asked to make arrangements for a parent/carer to administer the medication.

Members of staff giving medicine to a pupil should check the pupil's name, written instructions provided by the parents or doctor, the prescribed dose, and the expiry date of the medication. Staff must complete and sign the Medication Record Log every time they administer medication. The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that qualified First Aid staff are fully conversant with new cases, and procedures for the administration of any medication. All First Aiders are trained in administering medication using an epipen as children requiring such medication in an emergency need **immediate** attention by the supervising adult.

It is preferable for pupils who are able to, to administer their medication themselves. This is usually done in the main office under the supervision of an identified adult (as specified above). A parental consent form must be completed before children are allowed to administer their own medication. If a child refuses to take medication, school staff will not force them to do so. The pupil's parents should be contacted immediately, and if necessary the emergency services.

Staff at Total Tuition Alternative Provision / Rosewood Independent School will not administer non-prescription medicines. This includes painkillers e.g. analgesics such as aspirin. Children must not bring non-prescription medicines to school.

5.4 Storage of medication

When it has been agreed that the School will administer or supervise a pupil's medication, the parents should provide small doses (if possible daily doses). Medication must always be stored in a locked cupboard/drawer in the staff room; with the exception of inhalers and epipens (see below) Medication that requires refrigeration is kept in the fridge in the kitchen room in a secure container. Pupils are informed of where their medicine is kept.

Medicines such as asthma inhalers and epipens are not locked away but are kept in the child's classroom so that they are readily available for use, with spares kept in the main office. Epipens and inhalers are kept in a box clearly labelled with the child's name. Older children may keep their own asthma inhalers with their parents' written permission.

5.5 The legal position of staff

There is no legal duty on school staff to administer medication; it is a voluntary role. Staff who provide support for pupils with medical needs will be given appropriate training, and have access to all necessary information. Staff are expected to do all they can to assist a child in medical need. In general, the consequences of taking no action are likely to be more serious than those of trying to assist in an emergency.

6. Health Care

6.1. Referrals by staff

Staff who are concerned about a child's health (e.g. weight, hearing, sight, mental health) must refer the child to the Headteacher (depending on the severity of the concern and the impact in school). They will

discuss the matter with the Director and/or other professionals through the multi-professional planning meeting, as required. Following consultation with the child's parent and their agreement, arrangements can be made for the child to be referred to the appropriate external agency or service.

6.2 Mental Health

The School promotes positive mental health for both children and adults. With awareness of the rise in mental health problems amongst young people, members of staff work hard to build resilience in the children and report any concerns regarding individual pupils. Concerns may be raised by parents or staff, strategies are discussed together and referrals made to other professionals as appropriate. Causes of concern may include anxiety, depression, self-harm, eating disorder or attachment issues.

6.3. Communicable diseases

A list of communicable (infectious) diseases is displayed in the main office. If any member of staff suspects infectious diseases, contact the Headteacher immediately.

The Headteacher will:

- authorise exclusion from school of pupils/siblings in appropriate cases.
- inform the LA of the case/s.
- inform the staff about cases of communicable diseases.

Parents will be informed of cases of communicable disease by letter with a brief description of symptoms to watch for. If a parent informs the School of a case of head lice, a notice will sent home for all children in the School. If live head lice are seen on a child, whilst they are at School, the child will be isolated from other children while the parents are contacted. The parent will be asked to take the child home and treat the hair before returning them to the School.

The Headteacher will carry out a risk assessment as to for any further action.

6.5. Health in the curriculum

Children are taught about keeping healthy and encouraged to take responsibility for their own health through the School's PSHE and science curricula. Children are taught about emotional as well as physical health; the SEAL materials (social and emotional aspects of learning) support this aspect of the curriculum. Total Tuition Alternative Provision / Rosewood Independent School actively encourages healthy eating habits and walking to school through its food and travel policies. We are constantly striving to improve the health and well-being of our pupils and staff.

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Appendix 1

Guidelines on the prevention of blood borne infections

- ◆ Plastic gloves must be used when dealing with all body fluids. Members of staff should keep plastic gloves readily available.
- ◆ Soiled dressings, e.g. tissues must be put into plastic bags before being put into the refuse bins.
- ◆ Separate cleaning equipment must be used for body fluids and other spillages. These should be clearly marked and are kept in the welfare/medical room.
- ◆ Splashes of blood from one person to another must be wiped away immediately.
- ◆ All staff must be made aware of HIV issues.