



# SHERBORNE PREP

## First Aid and Health Provision Policy

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### **Executive Summary**

This policy outlines the provision and procedures relating to first aid and medical care at Sherborne Prep. It includes the protocol for managing medical conditions and bodily fluids. Appended is summary first aid information and guidance for dealing with specific conditions including asthma, diabetes, allergies and epilepsy. This policy also contains guidance relating to intimate care and head injuries.

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## First Aid

### Introduction

Health and safety legislation places duties on employers for the health and safety of their employees and anyone else on the premises. At Sherborne Prep, the Sherborne Schools Group governing body is responsible for Health and Safety at the School. First aid can save lives and prevent minor injuries becoming major ones. Under health and safety legislation employers must ensure that there are adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities for providing first aid in the workplace.

### Responsibilities

The Governors are held responsible for Health and Safety policy including first aid within the School. The following is delegated to:

- **The Head** is responsible for putting the governing body's policy into practice and for developing detailed procedures. The Head should also make sure that parents are aware of the School's health and safety policy, including arrangements for first aid.
- **The Bursar** is the School's Health and Safety Officer on behalf of the Head and is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the policy.
- **Teachers** and other staff in charge of pupils are expected to use their best endeavours at all times, particularly in emergencies, to secure the welfare of the pupils at the school in the same way that parents might be expected to act towards their children. In general, the consequences of taking no action are likely to be more serious than those of trying to assist in an emergency.

### First-aid provision

The minimum first aid provision is:

- A suitably stocked first-aid container.
- An appointed person to take charge of first-aid arrangements.

- Information for employees on first-aid arrangements.
- A suitably qualified person on site when children are present.

Please see the appropriate policy for specific arrangements for Pre-Prep.

## Risk assessment

This minimum first aid provision must be supplemented by a risk assessment, to include:

- What size is the school and is it on split sites and/or levels?
- Location of school, is it remote from emergency services?
- Are there any specific hazards or risks on the site?
- Are there staff or pupils with special health needs or disabilities?
- What age range does the school cater for as different first-aid procedures may apply to pupils in Pre-prep and Prep.
- Emergency procedures.

The Bursar and Matron will write the risk assessment and review annually including the laydown of qualifications. The assessment will be reviewed after any major accident/incident.

## Medical Conditions

Please refer to Sherborne Prep Medication Policy for guidelines of medical care plans required from health care professionals via parents (e.g. diabetes care plan, anaphylaxis allergy action plan).

## Number of first aid trained personnel

There are no rules on exact numbers of how many first-aid trained personnel are required. By way of example, a lower risk place of work with fifty to one hundred employees should have at least one first aider. The School's first aid risk assessment defines the requirement for this policy:

Location/Activity	Qualification <sup>1</sup>	Quantity	Remarks
Prep	Emergency first aid at work	At least one in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blake Wing</li> <li>• Wessex Wing</li> <li>• School office</li> </ul>	Adequate provision for lunchtimes and breaks
Pre-prep	Paediatric	At least two	
Boarding staff	Emergency first aid at work First aid at work	Boarding Master and Matrons to have First aid at work	Unless medically qualified
Sport	Emergency first aid at work	One teacher in each locality	Preferably every sports teacher and coach
Outdoor learning	Relevant accredited first aid qualification	Preferred one on site.	See risk assessments.
Science/DT	Emergency first aid at work	Both teachers	

<sup>1</sup> All courses to be HSE compliant/certified.

Location/Activity	Qualification <sup>1</sup>	Quantity	Remarks
Support staff	Emergency first aid at work	Kitchen – one each shift	
Prep field trip	Emergency first aid	At least one	If a child with a medical condition is on the trip, a member of staff current and competent with their medication /Epipen must attend.
Pre-prep field trip	Paediatric	At least one	If a child with a medical condition is on the trip, a member of staff current and competent with their medication /Epipen must attend.

A list of first aid trained personnel in the School is held by the Bursar and will be distributed regularly. At least one qualified member of staff must be on site at all times when pupils are present. In the event that a member of staff is worried that there may not be a qualified person on site, they must inform the Bursar or School Office.

## Training

The Bursar will coordinate first aid training, usually programmed for a staff inset. All training to be conducted by a recognised and certified trainer. As training is only valid for 3 years, a rolling programme of re-validation will be organised by the Bursar.

The School will provide regular and accredited training for the use of Epipens (this is usually provided as part of first aid training). The Bursar is to organise the training and to maintain a qualification register and copy of the certificate. Guidance on those who should be trained is:

- As many sports staff as practical.
- As many form teacher(s) as practical.
- Office staff.
- Boarding staff.
- A member of staff in Pre-prep, DT/Science and Nursery.

## Informing staff/parents on first aid arrangements

An A3 one-page sheet (see [Appendix 2](#)) is displayed to inform staff of:

- Where first aid kits are held.
- 6-figure grid and post code of the School for first aid responders.
- How to contact a first aider.

## Availability of information

This policy is available in the following locations:

- The School's website.

- All health and safety noticeboards and the teaching and domestic staff workrooms.

## First aid kits.

The School has a large number of first aid kits, all held in clearly identified containers labelled first aid, green with a white cross. The following locations hold a first aid kit:

- Sickbay
- Pre-Prep
- School Office
- Kitchen
- Netherton
- EYFS
- Science and D&T
- One for each Sports Coach
- Each minibuss
- Forest School

### **First aid kit contents**

The School uses the HSE recommended list for all first aid boxes including: sports, PSVs and travelling kits. The Matron is responsible for regular checks to ensure all equipment is present and in-date.

## First aid accommodation

The School has sick rooms in the boarding house. The room contains a washbasin and are close to a WC in accordance with HSE regulations and NMS.

## Sport matches

When sport matches are being played on Five Acre Field, a trained first aider will be present, with a mobile phone and first aid kit.

## Record keeping

The School will keep a record, using CPOMS, of any first aid treatment. The following information should be entered into the correct child's CPOMS record under the first aiders own login:

- The date, time and place of incident.
- Details of the injury/illness and what first aid was given.
- What happened to the person immediately afterwards (for example went home, resumed normal duties, went back to class, went to hospital).

In an emergency, the Head or their nominated representative will contact parents to inform them of the incident.

## Statutory accident records.

The Bursar is responsible for reporting all HSE reportable accidents under RIDDOR. All incidents where first aid is required are to be recorded on the relevant form and sent on to the Bursar.

# Medical Conditions Protocol

## Introduction

The school has and implements appropriate policies for the care of day pupils and boarders who are unwell. These include first aid, care of those with chronic conditions and disabilities, dealing with medical emergencies and the use of medications. Sherborne Prep addresses its pupils' health and wellbeing in a number of ways. Care in respect of health and wellbeing is provided primarily within sick bay, which is staffed by the matrons but may be performed by any staff member trained in both first aid and medication policy. The duties include:

- The coordination of external appointments for boarders with medical and therapeutic services, such as physiotherapy and x-rays;
- The oversight of individual care plans for pupils with chronic conditions, such as asthma, anaphylaxis, epilepsy, or diabetes (care plan must be written by a healthcare professional);
- The oversight and monitoring of pupils with temporary disabling conditions, including injury;
- The coordination of medical support for sporting activities, as appropriate;
- Coordination of pupil medicals, as required, in coordination with the school doctor.

During Sherborne School Term time, boarders have convenient access to medical and nursing care at Sherborne School Health Centre. In addition emergency dental, optometric or specialist support may be coordinated through the School's Matron.

## Referrals

Access to relevant health services is available at School as follows:

The information below aims to provide clear guidance regarding the responsibility for care provision whilst at school.

- NHS Medical Services for boarders are provided through the registered GP including referral to local NHS services as clinically indicated. Private referrals closer to home may be made, but will need to be discussed with the registered GP if appropriate. The registered GPs are based at Yetminster Health Centre, with daily morning clinics held at Sherborne School Health Centre (excluding Sunday) during Sherborne School term time. Outside of term time, the registered GP may be contacted at:
  - Yetminster Health Centre, Church Street, Yetminster, Dorset, DT6 6LQ.  
Telephone +44 1935 872530
- Dental Services
  - Parents/guardians are advised to arrange routine dental care at home out of term time
  - Emergency dental care for boarders is available locally and will be arranged via Matron
  - Optometric Services
  - Parents/guardians are advised to arrange routine eye care at home out of term time
  - Where clinically indicated in term time, local services may be arranged for boarders via Matron
- Physiotherapy is available on site at Sherborne School privately and may be arranged with parents directly on a self-pay basis, or if referral is required either for private/NHS physiotherapy this will be done following GP assessment
- Emotional support provision is available in the following formats:
  - ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) provide support to pupils

- NHS referral to local services via registered GP
- Local counselling services are available which families may choose to access privately
- External Services
  - The appropriate member of school staff (likely Deputy Head Pastoral or Matron) will liaise effectively and proactively with any appropriate external agency. This may include but is not limited to CAMHS, social care, chronic disease teams in secondary care, private and NHS psychiatrists and paediatricians
  - Where consultation between parents and staff is necessary at external health related appointments for boarders, this will be facilitated by the staff member in attendance at the appointment

Where pupils are under hospital specialists due to chronic conditions or disability, parents are asked to disclose this information on medical forms when joining school. If services continue at home, it will be the responsibility of the family to arrange attendance at follow up appointments. Parents are required to provide School with care plans/allergy action plans to help school staff provide care for pupils with chronic conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis.

## The Storage and administration of Medicine

See Sherborne Prep Medication Policy.

### Staff medication

All staff must be responsible for their own medication and will ensure that the children are not able to access it at any time.

### Gillick competence

Gillick competence is the term used to decide whether a child under the age of 16 is able to consent to his or her own medical treatment without the need for parental permission. They can consent to their own treatment if they are believed to have enough intelligence, competence and understanding to fully appreciate what is involved in their treatment. Gillick Competence can only be decided by a Health Care Professional.

## Medical Policy

### The School Doctor

Upon entry to the school the parents of all children complete a medical questionnaire and prior written consent for medication administration is also sought. Whilst day pupils continue under the medical care of their current home GP, we ask for all boarders to register with the School Doctors based at Yetminster Health Centre).

### Procedures for routine medical appointments

If a day pupil is unwell/injured parents are able to seek medical advice from their own GP. If a boarding pupil becomes unwell or injured, the appropriate member of staff must contact Sherborne School Health Centre to request an appointment. An appropriate member of staff will escort the boarder to Sherborne School Health Centre, it will be the responsibility of the duty nurse to update parents, Housemaster and Matron afterwards by either email or telephone.

## Record keeping

All first aid administered by School Staff are recorded in CPOMS. Any serious injuries or accidents requiring hospital treatment including head injuries must be recorded on an incident form and parents informed on the same day or as quickly as possible. New pupil medical forms will be provided to Sherborne School Health Centre Staff.

## Treatment of Conditions

The Matrons will ensure that a pupil's House Master is made aware of the identity of pupils in their houses with medical conditions, or social information of a sensitive nature that may be of relevance in their dealings with them in the boarding house, or when arranging trips and visits. The office staff will insert an electronic "flag" onto the school database, and annotate the pupil's file, so that the teaching staff will know that they should consult the Matron and House Master about a particular individual when arranging an activity. The Head Chef holds the names of pupils with food allergies.

## Action in the Event of Infectious Disease

Where a common infectious ailment such as chicken pox is identified or where concern persists without identification of the infection, the parents and/or guardians will be contacted by telephone. If the diagnosis confirms an infectious disease, exclusion from school may be required according to guidelines published by [UKHSA](#).

## Action in the Event of an Emergency

For all emergency situations, when the immediate accident has been dealt with, the Head, Bursar, Housemaster/mistress and Sick Bay will be informed as soon as

possible. Subsequently an incident form must be completed and given to the Bursar. In the event of a serious or life threatening, the following routine should be employed. Help should be sought immediately as follows:

- Phone 999 and request an Ambulance giving brief details of the injury and careful details of the site. See the Actions on in the first aid policy.

## Action in the Event of Sickness during School Hours (07.45am – 8.30pm)

In the event of a child becoming sick during the hours, the member of staff currently supervising the child will, depending upon the circumstances, do one of three things:

- Escort the child to sick bay. Another teacher, in close proximity (eg teaching next door), should be alerted. They are not to go to sick bay alone.
- Allow the child to go to sick bay with another pupil as escort. This might be done for minor ailments for the older children (for example, a Yr 8 child complaining of a sore throat).
- Allow the child to go to sick bay on their own. This is the least acceptable course of action and should only be undertaken if there is no alternative and no member of staff who might be alerted.
- A pupil will be isolated as much as is practically possible, with use of their own toilet and hand washing facilities until parents can collect.

## Action in the Event of Sickness during non-School Hours (8.30pm - 07.45 am)

In the event if a child becoming sick during the night a member of the boarding staff will attend to them where necessary; parents will be contacted if it is felt necessary or is possible. The boarding staff are able to contact the duty nurse for advice at Sherborne School Health Centre overnight, and/or call 999 for emergencies. . Accommodation for boarders who are unwell is available in the boarding house and adequately staffed by appropriately qualified personnel. It is adequately separated from other boarders and provides separate accommodation for male and female boarders where this is necessary. If possible, a toilet and sink will be identified for use by the infectious pupil to prevent spread of infection to others. Parents and/or guardians must be reminded that their children may not return to school within 48 hours of a vomiting or diarrhoea episode.

## Bodily Fluids Protocol

### General

This protocol covers the precautions to be taken when dealing with body fluids, including blood, urine and vomit. It is not possible to identify all risks so **ALL** body fluids should be regarded as potentially infectious.

### Treatment guidelines

Use the following treatment guidelines:

- Always use disposable gloves.
- Always use disposable cloths.
- Use a spill kit (applying granules to solidify the spill will help make it safer and easier to clean.
- Encourage children to clean their own wounds, as appropriate.
- Always cover a wound.
- Ensure that wounds are covered during contact sports.

Note that kitchen staff are not permitted to clean up bodily fluid spillages in the School, as to do so would increase the risk of contamination through transfer whilst serving food.

### Safety guidelines

Use the following safety guidelines:

- If a child finds a used condom, dispose of it and ensure that the child washes their hands thoroughly. The parents must be informed.
- If a child finds a needle from a syringe, bring the sharps bin (located in the School office) and dispose of it. Ensure that the child washes their hands thoroughly. If there is broken skin, encourage the wound to bleed. The parents must be informed and it is their responsibility to seek medical advice if they believe it to be necessary.

### Bodily fluid kits

Bodily fluid spillage kits are available in Matron's Office. A kit will be held in the Dining Room.

## Needlestick Injury

### **Direction**

The most common inoculation incident comes from a sharps injury where a needle or other sharp contaminated with blood or other high risk body fluid penetrates the skin. However, this can also include bites from an infected person, which breaks the skin

### **Actions**

- IMMEDIATELY STOP WORK.
- Encourage the wound to bleed, ideally by squeezing it under warm running water
- Wash the wound using running water and plenty of soap
- Do not scrub the wound
- Do not suck the wound
- Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof plaster
- Contact your GP, telephone 111, or visit local Accident and Emergency Department.
- Complete incident form

If blood and body fluids splash into the mouth, do not swallow. Rinse out the mouth several times with cold water. If blood and body fluids get into the eye, irrigate with cold water. Contact NHS or A & E for advice and or treatment.

## Appendix 1: Summary of Changes in Issue 1.1

- Appendix 7: Admissions Medical Form updated.

## Appendix 2: First Aid Information

### Action to be taken – Minor Injury/ Sickness

- Ensure the area is safe to prevent any further risk of injury
- Phone Matron or if safe to do so escort the child or adult to sick bay
- Submit Accident Form

### Action to be taken – Major Injury

- If first aid qualified, administer help. If not, send a runner/ call the School Office/ Matron who can get a qualified person to assist.
- Ensure the area is safe to prevent any further risk of injury. Shout for help/ send runner to the School Office for first aider.
- Phone 999 for an ambulance in the case of:
  - Loss of consciousness
  - An acute, confused state
  - Fits that are not stopping
  - Persistent, severe chest pain
  - Breathing difficulties
  - Severe bleeding that cannot be stopped
  - Severe allergic reactions
  - Severe burns or scalds
  - Traumatic injuries (breaks/ significant bleeds etc.)
  - Anaphylaxis shock
  - Asthma attacks
  - Epileptic fit
- Make the injured person comfortable. Place in the recovery position if unconscious
- Phone Matron
- Ensure next of kin informed (through Matron/ Head or representative)
- Inform Bursar
- Complete Accident Form

### First Aid Kit Locations

- Sickbay
- Pre-prep
- School Office
- Kitchen
- Netherton
- EYFS
- Science & DT
- One for each Sports Coach – collected from Matron
- Each minibus
- Tractor



### Contact details

**Matron:** 01935 812 083

**Office:** 01935 821 097

**Health Centre:** 01935 810 539

### Location information

**Post code:** DT9 3NY

**Grid References:**

- School 636166
- 5-Acres 6341

## Appendix 3: Dealing with Asthma

### General

Asthma is a common long-term condition that can cause a cough, wheezing, and breathlessness. The severity of the symptoms varies from person to person. Asthma can be controlled well in most people most of the time.

### What is asthma?

Asthma is caused by inflammation of the airways. These are the small tubes, called bronchi, which carry air in and out of the lungs. If you have asthma, the bronchi will be inflamed and more sensitive than normal. When you come into contact with something that irritates your lungs, known as a trigger (see below), your airways become narrow, and the muscles around them tighten and there is an increase in the production of sticky mucus (phlegm). This leads to symptoms including:

- Difficulty breathing
- Wheezing and coughing
- A tight chest

A severe onset of symptoms is known as an asthma attack or an 'acute asthma exacerbation'. Asthma attacks may require hospital treatment and can sometimes be life-threatening, although this is rare. For some people with chronic (long-lasting) asthma, long-term inflammation of the airways may lead to more permanent narrowing. If you are diagnosed with asthma as a child, the symptoms may disappear during your teenage years. However, asthma can return in adulthood. Moderate to severe childhood symptoms are more likely to persist or return later in life. Although asthma does not only start in young people and can develop at any age.

### What causes asthma?

The cause of asthma is not fully understood, although it is known to run in families. You are more likely to have asthma if one or both of your parents has the condition.

### Common triggers

A trigger is anything that irritates the airways and brings on the symptoms of asthma. These differ from person to person and people with asthma may have several triggers. Common triggers include: house dust mites, animal fur, pollen, tobacco smoke, exercise, cold air and chest infections. Asthma can also be made worse by certain activities, such as hard exercise during PE.

### Treating asthma

While there is no cure for asthma, there are a number of treatments that can help effectively control the condition. Treatment is based on two important goals:

- Relieving symptoms.
- Preventing future symptoms and attacks from developing.

Treatment and prevention involves a combination of medicines, lifestyle advice, and identifying and then avoiding potential asthma triggers.

### Asthma attack – what to do

1. Alert matron/first aider if there is time to do so – send a child or an adult as a runner.
2. Allow the pupil to use their reliever inhaler (usually blue) straight away and try to breathe deeply and steadily. This may be given as prescribed according to Sherborne Prep Medication Policy
3. Sit them down and loosen any tight clothing.

If the symptoms worsen or do not improve, or you're worried, call 999.

Parents will need to be notified as soon as is practically possible.

## Appendix 4: Dealing with Diabetes

### General

Diabetes is a lifelong condition that causes a person's blood sugar level to become too high. In the UK, approximately 2.9 million people are affected by diabetes. There are also thought to be around 850,000 people with undiagnosed diabetes.

### Types of diabetes

There are two main types of diabetes, referred to as type 1 and type 2:

**Type 1 diabetes** is often referred to as insulin-dependent diabetes. It is also sometimes known as juvenile diabetes or early-onset diabetes because it often develops before the age of 40, usually during the teenage years. In type 1 diabetes, the pancreas (a small gland behind the stomach) does not produce any insulin. Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood glucose levels. If the amount of glucose in the blood is too high, it can seriously damage the body's organs. If you have type 1 diabetes, you will need to take insulin injections for life. You must also make sure that your blood glucose levels stay balanced by eating a healthy diet, taking regular exercise and having regular blood tests.

In **type 2 diabetes**, the body does not produce enough insulin, or the body's cells do not react to it. This is known as insulin resistance. Type 2 diabetes is far more common than type 1 diabetes, which occurs when the body doesn't produce any insulin at all. In the UK, about 90% of all adults with diabetes have type 2 diabetes.

### Diabetes symptoms

Diabetes can cause various symptoms. Symptoms common to both types of diabetes include:

- Feeling very thirsty.
- Urinating frequently, particularly at night.
- Feeling very tired.
- Weight loss and loss of muscle bulk

### Treating type 1 diabetes

Diabetes cannot be cured, but treatment aims to keep your blood glucose levels as normal as possible, and control your symptoms to prevent health problems developing later. If you are diagnosed with diabetes, you will be referred to a diabetes care team for specialist treatment. Your care team will be able to explain your condition to you in detail and help you understand your treatment. They will also closely monitor your condition. As your body cannot produce any insulin, you will need to have regular insulin treatment to keep your glucose levels normal. You will need to learn how to match the insulin you inject to the food you eat, taking into account your blood glucose level and how much exercise you do. This skill needs to be practised and learnt gradually. Many centres now provide courses to teach these skills. Insulin comes in several different forms, each of which works slightly differently. For example, some last up to a whole day (long-acting), some last up to eight hours (short-acting) and some work quickly but do not last very long (rapid-acting). Your treatment may include a combination of these different insulin preparations.

### Treating type 2 diabetes

Diabetes cannot be cured, but treatment aims to keep your blood glucose levels as normal as possible to control your symptoms and minimise health problems developing later. If you are diagnosed with diabetes, you may be referred to a diabetes care team for specialist treatment,

or your GP surgery may provide first line diabetes care. In some cases of type 2 diabetes, it may be possible to control your symptoms by altering your lifestyle, such as eating a healthy diet (see below). However, as type 2 diabetes is a progressive condition, you may eventually need medication to keep your blood glucose at normal levels. To start with this will usually take the form of tablets, but later on it may include injected therapies, such as insulin.

Parents of diabetic children are required to supply school with a copy of their hospital care plan. This will outline individualised steps to be taken in the event of a high or low blood sugar. If a child becomes unconscious due to diabetes, call 999 immediately. Once the incident has resolved, complete an incident form.

At least two members of staff will be required to undertake additional training to support a pupil diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. A diabetic pupil leaving school site for a trip or activity must be accompanied by staff with this additional training.

## Appendix 5: Dealing with Allergies

### Food Allergies

Food allergies are becoming increasingly common in the UK, although severe allergic reactions are relatively rare and most commonly caused by only a handful of foods. It is thought that one to two per cent of UK adults and about five to eight per cent of children are affected by food allergies. Fortunately most allergic reactions to food are relatively mild, but some reactions can be very severe. The term anaphylaxis is used to describe severe allergic reactions. For many people with food allergy, it only takes a minute amount of the allergen to trigger a reaction. The following food allergens have been identified as public health concerns in the UK:

- Peanuts (also called groundnuts or monkey nuts);
- Nuts (almond, hazelnut, walnut, cashew, pecan, Brazil, pistachio, macadamia and Queensland nut);
- Fish;
- Eggs;
- Crustaceans (e.g. crab, lobster, langoustine, prawn, shrimp);
- Sesame seeds;
- Milk;
- Soybeans;
- Celery (including celeriac);
- Mustard;
- Lupin;
- Molluscs (e.g. squid, octopus, mussels, cockles);
- Added sulphur dioxide and sulphites at a level above 10 mg/kg; and
- Gluten containing cereals (including wheat, barley, rye, kamut, spelt, couscous, pearl barley, semolina).

### Gluten

Some people also need to avoid gluten-containing foods due to coeliac disease. Although not a food allergy, coeliac disease is a life-long auto-immune disease caused by intolerance to gluten. The treatment is to follow a gluten-free diet for life.

### Guidance and legislation

People with food allergies are well protected under existing food and consumer protection law. Under the Food Safety Act 1990 and Food Safety Regulations 1995 (Revised 2006) the Sherborne Prep kitchens must:

- Provide essential allergen information to their staff and children of Sherborne Prep, especially on request or where foods contain a known or common allergen. Any information given by a member of staff must be accurate and properly researched.
- Ensure that anyone involved in the preparation or serving of the food to customers understands the risks involved, how to avoid them and the importance of giving accurate information.

### Recognising allergies - what are the symptoms?

Allergic reactions vary. There can be an itching or swelling in the mouth, or an itchy rash all over the body. The person affected may feel sick or vomit. The initial symptoms may not be serious in themselves, but the child should be watched very carefully in case the situation is getting worse.

**Serious symptoms may indicate anaphylaxis which is a medical emergency – call 999.**

## What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction. Pupils in school who are diagnosed with anaphylaxis are required to supply school with an allergy action plan (See Medication Policy).

## How to minimise the risks

The school does the following:

- School briefs ALL staff termly at INSET about hazards of allergies, the emergency procedures to be followed in the event of someone suffering from an allergic reaction and about the identities of those known to suffer from severe food allergies.
- Liaises with the parents of those with a food allergy to ensure that details of foods to be avoided, and for the less common allergies, menus and recipes to be followed are known. In order for the school to provide meals exempt of the identified ingredients a copy of this information must be made available to the school Catering Manager before any items are prepared and issued to the child.
- Sources, as far as it is possible, foods from its suppliers for a child to cater for his or her particular allergy condition. The child's parent/guardian must accept that the school can only source according to the information it is provided with from suppliers. The school may need to seek advice from procurement, dietetics and the health and safety executive and provide catering staff with regular updates on allergy matters and sources/content of ingredients.
- Ensures that catering staff can identify those with severe food allergies and ensure that they supervise the meals taken by those who are at risk.
- Clearly indicates, as far as possible, key allergens on the menus for the pupils by clearly naming dishes and whether certain products/ingredients have been included or may be present as trace contaminants e.g. gluten, dairy or nuts in particular.
- Trains staff to negate, as far as practicable, human error in the preparation and delivery of special diets. Assess catering practices to identify areas of potential cross-contamination. For example, use separate serving utensils for products and wash hands after handling nut or milk products. Wipe up milk spillages promptly and thoroughly. Common hazards include using tongs to handle different products and using the same knife for spreading.
- Designated trained staff should be available in school at all times in order to assist children in an emergency. The child's parents must consent to staff administering remedies. Children with allergies going on trips will be part of the risk assessment process.
- In respect of pre-packaged foods, the school can only provide the information given from manufacturers. Food Labelling Regulations has expanded the food labelling requirements of manufacturers including the requirement to list common allergens in the foods.
- The child must be taught which allergens to avoid. Teachers and the school catering staff, once aware of a child's allergy problem, can assist.
- During childhood development, allergies and their treatment may alter. If parents are advised of changes by medical practitioners, any changes that affect diet must be notified to School.
- Other areas that need to be tightly managed when handling foods that 'may contain traces of nuts' are staff room biscuits, packed lunches (see below), field trip food, match teas, birthday cakes, bring and buy sales, and harvest festivals. With children with a severe anaphylactic reaction every avenue that food may be brought onto site will need to be addressed.

- The school has a disclaimer which states:

*“Some of our menu items contain nuts, seeds and other allergens. There is a small risk that tiny traces of these may be in any other dish or food served here. We understand the dangers to those with severe allergies. Please ask to speak to the Head Chef who may be able to help you to make an alternative choice”.*

## Emergency Actions

### Trained EPIPEN User Actions

If staff have been trained and pupil is a diagnosed anaphylactic, they are encouraged to administer adrenaline (see Sherborne Prep Medication Policy for further information including use of Allergy Action Plans and generic device consent).

**Immediately** send someone to **dial 999**. Remind them if they need to dial for an outside line. Tell them to give the following information:

1. Ask for the Ambulance service.
2. **"This is an emergency. A pupil has collapsed and we believe they are suffering from anaphylaxis - an allergic reaction"** (pronounced ana-fill-axis).
3. Give the address and postcode of Sherborne Prep, which is Acreman Street, Sherborne, DT9 3NY - clearly enough so that the ambulance crew will know exactly where to come. Try to stay calm.
4. Someone should be sent to stand at the entrance of the school to direct the ambulance crew to the pupil.

## Post Incident Actions

Once an incident has taken place, a member of the senior management team must be informed immediately and an accident report filled in. Concurrently, the parents and/or guardians should be informed.

## Appendix 6: Dealing with Epilepsy

### What is a seizure?

A seizure happens when there is a sudden burst of intense electrical activity. This is often referred to as epileptic activity. This intense electrical activity causes a temporary disruption to the way the brain normally works, meaning that the brain's messages become mixed up. The result is an epileptic seizure. The brain is responsible for all the functions of your body. What you experience during a seizure will depend on where in your brain the epileptic activity begins and how widely and rapidly it spreads. For this reason, there are many different types of seizure and each person will experience epilepsy in a way that is unique to them.

### Treatment of epilepsy

Epilepsy is usually treated with epilepsy medicines. These are also referred to as anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs). Epilepsy medicines act on the brain, trying to reduce seizures or stop seizures from happening. Many people with epilepsy find that when they have the right medicine, they have fewer or no seizures. In the UK, 70 per cent (seven out of ten) of people with epilepsy could be seizure free with the right treatment.

### What to do if you see someone having a Seizure

#### Tonic-Clonic seizures

The person goes stiff, loses consciousness and then falls to the ground. This is followed by jerking movements. A blue tinge around the mouth is likely. This is due to irregular breathing. Loss of bladder and/or bowel control may happen. After a minute or two the jerking movements should stop and consciousness may slowly return.

Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Protect the person from injury - (remove harmful objects from nearby)</li> <li>✓ Cushion their head</li> <li>✓ Look for an epilepsy identity card or identity jewellery</li> <li>✓ Aid breathing by gently placing them in the recovery position once the seizure has finished</li> <li>✓ (see pictures)</li> <li>✓ Stay with the person until recovery is complete</li> <li>✓ Be calmly reassuring</li> <li>✓ <b>Get help from a first aider</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Restrain the person's movements</li> <li>✗ Put anything in the person's mouth</li> <li>✗ Try to move them unless they are in danger Give them anything to eat or drink until they are fully recovered</li> <li>✗ Attempt to bring them round</li> </ul>

#### Call for an ambulance if:

- You know it is the person's first seizure, or
- The seizure continues for more than three minutes, or
- One tonic-clonic seizure follows another without the person regaining consciousness between seizures, or
- The person is injured during the seizure; or
- You believe the person needs urgent medical attention.

If in doubt, call an ambulance.

### Focal (partial) seizures

Sometimes the person may not be aware of their surroundings or what they are doing. They may pluck at their clothes, smack their lips, swallow repeatedly, and wander around.

Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Guide the person from danger</li> <li>✓ Stay with the person until recovery is complete</li> <li>✓ Be calmly reassuring</li> <li>✓ Explain anything that they may have missed</li> <li>✓ <b>Get help from a first aider</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Restrain the person</li> <li>✗ Act in a way that could frighten them, such as making abrupt movements or shouting at them</li> <li>✗ Assume the person is aware of what is happening, or what has happened</li> <li>✗ Give the person anything to eat or drink until they are fully recovered</li> <li>✗ Attempt to bring them round</li> </ul>

### Call for an ambulance if

- You know it is the person's first seizure.
- The seizure continues for more than five minutes.
- The person is injured during the seizure
- You believe the person needs urgent medical attention

If in doubt, call an ambulance.

### First aid for people who use a wheelchair

If you use a wheelchair, or you have other mobility problems, speak to your GP or epilepsy specialist. They should give you a care plan, which includes advice on how people should help you if you have a seizure. Here are some general first aid guidelines for people who have a seizure in a wheelchair.

Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Put the brakes on, to stop the chair from moving Allow the person to remain seated in the chair during the seizure (unless they have a care plan which says to move them). Moving the person could possibly lead to injuries for the person having the seizure and the carer If the person has a seatbelt or harness on, leave it fastened</li> <li>✓ If the person doesn't have a seatbelt or harness, support them gently, so they don't fall out of the chair. The person's care plan should give advice on what to do after the seizure has finished. For example, whether it is safe to move the person from the chair to put them in the recovery position.</li> <li>✓ Cushion the person's head and support it gently. A head rest, cushion or rolled up coat can be helpful.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Restrain the person's movements</li> <li>✗ Put anything in the person's mouth</li> <li>✗ Give them anything to eat or drink until they are fully recovered</li> <li>✗ Attempt to bring them round</li> </ul>

### Post incident action

Once the incident is resolved, complete an incident form and an appropriate person must contact parents.

## Appendix 7: Admissions Medical Form

There are five sections to this form, all of which require completion. Each page on screen is a new section.

**Child's Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Town & Country of Birth:**

**NHS Number (if known):**

**Mother's Name:**

**Emergency Contact email/ Telephone Number – Mother:**

**Father's Name:**

**Emergency Contact Number – Father:**

**Child's Main Home Address:**

**Name of one other Emergency Contact:**

**Emergency Contact's Telephone Number (include Country Code):**

**Emergency Contact's Relationship to Child:**

**Is your child a full boarder? Y / N**

### Section 1 – GP Registration (Full Boarders Only)

*All boarders **must** be registered as NHS patients with the School Doctors: GPs at Yetminster Health Centre practice.*

Do you authorise us to register your child with the School Doctors?

**Yes / No**

If yes, please complete the NHS GMS1 by downloading and completing the form [here](#) then email a copy to [healthcentrestaff@sherborne.org](mailto:healthcentrestaff@sherborne.org)

#### **Sharing Your Health Record (Full Boarders Only)**

Do you consent to your GP Practice sharing your health record with other organisations who care for you?

**Yes (recommended option) / No, never**

Do you consent to your GP Practice viewing your health record from other organisations that care for you?

**Yes (recommended option) / No, never**

Do you consent to having an Enhanced Summary Care Record with Additional Information?

**Yes (recommended option) / No, never**

### Section 2 – Medical History

Please give any relevant medical history including Cardiovascular, Respiratory, EENT (Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat), Neurological, Musculoskeletal, Endocrine, Gastroenterology, Dermatology.

Please give details of any medical investigations, x-rays, pathological tests, surgical operations etc.

Please give details of any pastoral concerns that may affect their wellbeing?

Please record any significant family history of close relatives with medical problems and confirm which relative e.g. mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent.

Do they suffer with nocturnal enuresis? **Yes/No**

Is there any school game or physical activity he may not do? If so what, and why?

Has your child lived abroad in the last five years?

### Section 3 – Allergies / Intolerances

**Drug Allergies:** If your child is allergic to any medicines, please give details below:

**Food Allergies:** If your child is allergic to any foods, please give details below:

**Dietary Requirements:** If your child has any specific dietary requirements (including Vegan, Halal, Kosher, gluten free etc), please give details below:

**Other Allergies:** If your child has any other allergies, please give details below:

### Section 4 - Medical Conditions

Does your child have **Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epilepsy?**

Please give details of any medications and email any relevant Care Plan/Allergy Action Plan to [healthcentrestaff@sherborne.org](mailto:healthcentrestaff@sherborne.org).

### Section 5 – Parental Consent for Medical Treatment

Do you give the School staff permission to administer First Aid to your child if necessary?

**Yes / No**

Do you give the School staff permission to arrange for routine medical and/or emergency dental or optical treatment when required (for Boarders only)?

**Yes / No**

**Full Name**

**Relationship to Child**

**Date**

## Appendix 8: Intimate Care Principles

### Introduction

This intimate care policy should be read in conjunction with the following:

- Safeguarding & Child Protection policy
- Health & Safety policy and procedures
- Sherborne Prep's policy for the administration of medicines
- Staff Code of Conduct or guidance on safe working practice.

### Guiding principles

Sherborne Prep is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times. It is acknowledged that these adults are in a position of great trust. Sherborne Prep recognises that there is a need to treat all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, religion or ethnicity, with respect when intimate care is given. The child's welfare and dignity is of paramount importance. No child should be attended to in a way that causes distress or pain.

### Definition

Intimate care can be defined as any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out a procedure to intimate personal areas which most people usually carry out themselves but some children are unable to do because of their young age, physical difficulties or other special needs. Examples include care associated with continence (for example nappy changing) and menstrual management as well as more ordinary tasks such as help with washing, toileting or dressing. It also includes supervision of children involved in intimate self-care.

### Best Practice

Staff who provide intimate care at Sherborne Prep should be trained to do so including in child protection and health and safety training in moving and handling (which can be provided by the appropriate LA officers/advisers) and are fully aware of best practice regarding infection control, including the need to wear disposable gloves and aprons where appropriate.

Staff will be supported to adapt their practice in relation to the needs of individual children taking into account developmental changes such as the onset of puberty and menstruation.

As an additional safeguard, staff involved in meeting intimate care needs will not usually be involved with the delivery of sex education to the same children, wherever possible.

There is careful communication with each child who needs help with intimate care in line with their preferred means of communication (verbal, symbolic, etc.) to discuss their needs and preferences. Where the child is of an appropriate age and level of understanding permission should be sought before starting an intimate procedure.

All children will be supported to achieve the highest level of autonomy that is possible given their age and abilities. Staff will encourage each child to do as much for his/herself as possible.

Children who require regular assistance with intimate care have written Individual Education Plans (IEP) or care plans agreed by staff, parents/carers and any other professionals actively involved, such as school nurses or physiotherapists. These plans include a full risk assessment to address issues such as moving and handling, personal safety of the child and the carer. Any historical concerns (such as past abuse) should be noted and taken into account.

Where a care plan or IEP is not in place, parents/carers will be informed the same day if their child has needed help with meeting intimate care needs (e.g. has had an 'accident' and soiled him/herself). It is recommended practice that information on intimate care should be treated as confidential and communicated in person, by telephone or by sealed letter, not through the home/school diary.

Every child's right to privacy will be respected. Careful consideration will be given to each child's situation to determine how many carers might need to be present when a child needs help with intimate care. Adults who assist children one-to-one should be employees of the school and be DBS checked at the appropriate level.

It is not always practical for two members of staff to assist with an intimate procedure and also this does not take account of the child's privacy. It is advisable, however, for a member of staff to inform another adult when they are going to assist a child with intimate care.

Wherever possible the same child will not be cared for by the same adult on a regular basis; there will be a rota of carers known to the child who will take turns in providing care. This will ensure, as far as possible, that over-familiar relationships are discouraged from developing, while at the same time guarding against the care being carried out by a succession of completely different carers.

Wherever possible staff should care for a child of the same gender. However, in some circumstances this principle may need to be waived; for example, female staff supporting boys in a where no male staff are available. Male members of staff should not normally provide routine intimate care (such as toileting, changing or bathing) for adolescent girls. This is safe working practice to protect children and to protect staff from allegations of abuse.

The religious views and cultural values of families should be taken into account, particularly as they might affect certain practices or determine the gender of the carer.

All staff should be aware of the school's confidentiality policy. Sensitive information will be shared only with those who need to know.

## Child Protection

The Governors and staff at Sherborne Prep recognise that children with special needs and disabilities are particularly vulnerable to all types of abuse.

The school's child protection policy and inter-agency child protection procedures will be accessible to staff and adhered to.

From a child protection perspective it is acknowledged that intimate care involves risks for children and adults as it may involve staff touching private parts of a child's body. It may be unrealistic to expect to eliminate these risks completely but in this school best practice will be promoted and all adults will be encouraged to be vigilant at all times.

Where appropriate, all children will be taught personal safety skills carefully matched to their level of development and understanding.

If a member of staff has any concerns about physical changes in a child's presentation, e.g. unexplained marks, bruises, soreness etc s/he will immediately report concerns to the Head or DSL. A clear written record of the concern will be completed and a referral made to the LADO if necessary, in accordance with inter-agency procedures.

If a child becomes distressed or very unhappy about being cared for by a particular member of staff, this should be reported to the form teacher or Head Master. The matter will be investigated at an appropriate level and outcomes recorded. Parents/carers will be contacted at the earliest opportunity as part of this process in order to reach a resolution. Staffing schedules will be

altered until the issue(s) are resolved so that the child's needs remain paramount. Further advice will be taken from outside agencies if necessary.

If a child makes an allegation against an adult working at the school, this will be investigated in accordance with the School's policies.

## Physiotherapy

Children who require physiotherapy whilst at school should have this carried out by a trained physiotherapist. If it is agreed in the IEP or care plan that a member of the school staff should undertake part of the physiotherapy regime (such as assisting children with exercises), then the required technique must be demonstrated by the physiotherapist personally, written guidance given and updated regularly. Under no circumstances should school staff devise and carry out their own exercises or physiotherapy programmes. Adults (other than the physiotherapist) carrying out physiotherapy exercises with pupils should be employees of the school. Any concerns about the regime or any failure in equipment should be reported to the physiotherapist.

## Medical Procedures

Children with disabilities might require assistance with invasive or non-invasive medical procedures such as the administration of rectal medication, managing catheters or colostomy bags. These procedures will be discussed with parents/carers, documented in the IEP or care plan and will only be carried out by staff who have been trained to do so. Any members of staff who administer first aid should be appropriately trained. If an examination of a child is required in an emergency aid situation it is advisable to have another adult present, with due regard to the child's privacy and dignity.

## Massage

Massage is now commonly used with children who have complex needs in order to develop sensory awareness, tolerance to touch and as a means of relaxation. Staff at Sherborne Prep might be involved in delivering aspects of programmes devised by therapists. It is recommended that massage undertaken by school staff should be confined to parts of the body such as the hands, feet and face in order to safeguard the interest of both adults and children.

## Record Keeping

It is good practice for a written record to be kept in an agreed format every time a child has physiotherapy or requires assistance with intimate care, including date, times and any comments such as changes in the child's behaviour. It should be clear who was present. The record to be recorded on CPOMS in the Pastoral Care section.

## Appendix 9: Head Injuries

### Introduction

This paper provides guidance for staff treating head injuries within Sherborne Prep.

For the purpose of this guideline, 'head injury' is defined as any trauma to the head, other than superficial injuries to the face.

It is advised that all students who sustain a head injury should be taken to sick bay for assessment. They should not go alone and should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Accident forms should be completed by the necessary department. If the injury occurs at an away match the student must be assessed before getting on the coach back to school.

### Head Injury as a result of sport

Staff involved in high risk areas should all be first aid trained and should carry a copy of the RFU pocket head injury advice leaflet. Remember "if in doubt, sit it out" it is much better to err on the side of caution.

Sporting head injuries are most likely to occur during rugby hence the RFU guidance is the main reference.

### Criteria for referral to Accident and Emergency

- Unconsciousness, or lack of full consciousness as a result of the injury
- Amnesia for events immediately before or after the injury
- Persistent headache since the injury
- More than one vomiting episode since the injury
- Any focal neurological deficit since the injury (including problems understanding, visual changes, weakness, reduced sensation, loss of balance)
- Any suspicion of skull fracture or penetrating head injury (including otorrhoea or rhinorrhoea, black/raccoon eyes without damage to the eyes, bleeding from the ear, deafness, bruising behind the ear, visible trauma suspicious of a depressed or open fracture)
- A high energy head injury
- Any seizure
- Irritability or altered behaviour
- Continuing concern

### Assessment method and documentation

Concussion should be suspected in the presence of any of the signs and symptoms in the recognition tool and medical advice should be sought. Parents should be notified of any bump to the head whilst at school to allow them to make an informed decision should the child deteriorate whilst at home.

The incident must be recorded on CPOMS and parents or guardians must be informed. In the case of a boarder, the Head of Boarding must be notified. An incident form must be completed and a copy given to the Bursar.

### Off Games and follow up care

Following a diagnosed concussion the day-to-day management and return to sporting activities for day children will be the responsibility of the parents. School will be able to assist with any physical limitations that are advised.

In the case of a boarder with diagnosed concussion who is registered with the School Doctors, they will be advised accordingly using the Health Centre Head Injury Clinical Guideline. Typically this implements a greatly reduced physical activity for three weeks, and they will be formally assessed by the GP prior to return to any potential contact sport.