



West Byfleet Junior School

Protocol for First Aid Treatment & Healing Bay during COVID-19 pandemic

In line with the guidelines from the Government for social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will minimise close contact between children and adults wherever possible. Therefore, it is important that children only attend the Healing Bay when they present with symptoms that require further investigation.

Healing Bay

To protect staff and give children confidence seeking medical attention, staff will wear appropriate PPE whilst administering first aid, e.g. gloves, disposable apron and or a facemask if required.

Attention to the cleaning/disinfecting of the Healing Bay will be daily and at regular intervals. No more than three children may attend the Healing Bay at any one time to ensure social distancing. One child may enter the Healing Bay, whilst a maximum of two children may wait outside with a distance of two metres between them. Signs will be in place to guide the children.

Children must wash their hands on entry to the healing bay and before they leave to return.

All soiled matter must be disposed of in the yellow medical waste bin for incineration. Children may not use the yellow medical waste bin.

Children presenting with a high temperature of over 37.5°C (99.5°F), or new and/or continuous cough, loss of taste or smell will be quarantined (in the Art Room) and sent home immediately. The supervising First Aider will wear full PPE. An infrared thermometer is located in the Healing Bay.

Classrooms

A first aid kit is available in each classroom and the adult present may treat minor injuries. Each first aid kit will contain the following supplies, which will be replenished upon request.

Record book, healing bay passes, pen, gloves, plasters, scissors, gauze pads, sterile wipes, dressings, plasters and class inhalers.

A first aid kit is available for use outside during break time or PE, although children may be sent to the Healing Bay if required. At lunchtime the Lunchtime supervisor's will administer first aid on the playground, for the treatment of minor injuries. Individual first aid kits will be provided.

It is vital that all staff must maintain high standards of hygiene when administering first aid to children/other adults, this will include:

- Washing (or sanitising if outside) before and after each treatment
- Wearing protective gloves when dealing with blood
- Disposal of soiled matter in the yellow medical waste bin
- Promoting the "Catch it, bin it, kill it" campaign.
- Disposing of used tissues in the tissue bins.

During outside activities, children must seek permission from an adult on duty to attend the Healing Bay, and if it is necessary to go, the adult will advise the Healing Bay staff of the child's symptoms via the completion of a Healing Bay pass. Children attending the Healing Bay must be reminded to bring their own personal water bottle with them.

Symptoms and injuries that may warrant a visit to the Healing Bay include:

- Vomiting and/or diarrhoea
- Re-occurring tummy ache
- Heavy bleeding
- Significant bruising
- Head injury
- Suspected fracture
- Regular medicine (in line with completed medicine form/IHP)
- High temperature
- New and continuous cough
- Change of underwear needed

Staff on duty will treat minor bumps, grazes, etc. wherever possible.