



## Swan Club

Hampton Hargate Primary School

# Health, Illness & Emergency Policy

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Hampton Hargate Primary School believes that all children, regardless of ability and behaviour are valued equally. Groups of pupils (eg. SEND pupils, children in care, EAL pupils etc) are not viewed as separate but are part of the whole school approach. Different children's needs are recognised and met through varied and flexible provision and the use of different styles of teaching & learning throughout the curriculum. Every Child Matters (ECM) is an important part of the school ethos and we encourage all staff, governors, visitors, helpers etc to play their part in promoting this. This policy therefore applies to all our children, regardless of their gender, faith, race, culture, family circumstances or sexuality.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all children and expects all staff to share in this commitment. All staff must follow the guidelines set out in the relevant section of **myconcern®** which is available online.

**Our Club is committed to encouraging and promoting good health and to dealing efficiently and effectively with illnesses and emergencies that may arise while children are in our care.**

## **First Aid**

Under duties set out in the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, the Club recognises its responsibilities in providing adequate and appropriate equipment, facilities and personnel to enable suitable first aid to be given at the Club.

All staff are responsible for first aid and a majority have up to date First Aid certificates. They are responsible for maintaining the correct contents of all first aid cabinets and administering basic first aid when necessary and appropriate.

The Manager will be responsible for enabling the members of staff concerned to receive adequate first aid training.

The first aid cabinet is checked, by the club's staff, weekly to ensure its contents are up to date, in good condition and fulfil the criteria set out in the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

## **In the Event of a Major Accident, Incident or Illness**

The Club requests that parents/carers complete and sign the Emergency Medical Treatment Form, enabling the Manager or any member of staff so empowered, to give permission for emergency medical treatment for their child in the event of a major accident, incident or illness occurring at the club.

In the event of such an event, the following procedures will apply:

- In the first instance, the First Aider will be notified and take responsibility for deciding upon the appropriate action.
- The First Aider will assess the situation and decide whether the child needs to go straight to hospital or whether they can safely wait for their parent/carer to arrive.
- If the child needs to go straight to hospital, an ambulance will be called. The parent/carer will also be contacted. A member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital and will consent to medical treatment being given, so long as the Emergency Medical Treatment Form has been completed and signed.
- If the child does not need to go straight to hospital but their condition means they should go home, the parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect their child. In the meantime, the child will be made as comfortable as possible and be kept under close supervision (from this point on, the provisions of the Club's Infectious and Communicable Diseases policy will govern the child's return to the Club).
- Parents/carers will be made fully aware of the details of any incidents involving their child's health and safety, and any actions taken by the Club and its staff.
- All such accidents or incidents will be recorded in detail and logged in the Incident Record Book or the First Aid Book.
- The Manager and other relevant members of staff should consider whether the accident or incident highlights any actual or potential weaknesses in the Club's policies or procedures, and act accordingly, making suitable adjustments where necessary.

- Ofsted, RIDDOR, local Child Protection agency & Peterborough City Council must be informed of the accident/incident

### **In the Event of a Minor Accident, Incident or Illness**

- In the first instance, the designated First Aider will be notified and take responsibility for deciding upon any appropriate action.
- If the child does not need hospital treatment and is judged to be able to safely remain at the Club, the First Aider will remove the child from the activities and, if appropriate, treat the injury/illness themselves.
- If and when the child is feeling sufficiently better, they will be resettled back into the activities, but will be kept under close supervision for the remainder of the session.
- At the end of the session, the First Aider will fully inform the parent/carer of the incident or accident and any treatment given.
- If the injury or illness incurred is such that treatment by the First Aider is deemed inappropriate, but does not warrant hospitalisation, the parent/carer will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. Until the parent/carer arrives, the child will be kept under close supervision and as comfortable as possible (from this point on, the provisions of the Club's Infectious and Communicable Diseases policy will govern the child's return to the Club).
- All such accidents and incidents will be recorded in detail and logged in the Incident Record Book or the First Aid Book.

### **Medication**

- Wherever possible, children who have an ongoing medical condition and require prescribed medication from a GP, should receive their doses at home. If it is necessary for medication to be taken during sessions at the Club, children should be encouraged to take personal responsibility for this, where this is appropriate. Parents/carers and staff should discuss such situations at the earliest possible opportunity and decide together on the best course of action.
- Staff have the right to decline such a request from a parent/carer if they are in any way uncomfortable with this. The Club is likely to decline a request from parents/carers to administer medication where this involves technical knowledge or training.

### **The procedure for administering of prescribed medication at the Club is as follows:**

Medication will never be given without the prior written request of the parent/carer and a written and signed instruction from the child's GP, including frequency, dosage, any potential side effects and any other pertinent information. A member of staff will be assigned to administer medication for each individual child concerned. They will also be responsible for ensuring that:

- prior consent is arranged.
- all necessary details are recorded.
- that the medication is properly labelled and safely stored during the session.
- another member of staff acts as a witness to ensure that the correct dosage is given.
- a Medication Record Book will be kept for each individual child concerned and parents/carers must sign to acknowledge that they are aware that the medication has been given.

If for any reason a child refuses to take their medication, staff will not attempt to force them to do so against their wishes. If and when such a situation occurs, the Manager and the child's parent/carer will be notified, and the incident recorded in the Medication Record Book.

**Staff will not administer 'over the counter' medication, only that prescribed by the child's GP.**

Where children carry their own medication (asthma pumps or insulin for example), the Club recommends that staff hold onto the medication until it is required. This is to minimise possible loss of medication and to ensure the safety of other children. Inhalers should always be labelled with the child's name.

If there is any change in the type of medication – whether regarding dosage or other changes to the information given – parents must notify the club in writing immediately.

### **Sun Protection**

The Manager and staff understand the dangers posed to children and themselves by over exposure to the sun.

In hot weather, parents/carers are encouraged to provide sunscreen for their children - a store of sun protection will not be kept on the premises. When deemed necessary, staff may apply sunscreen to children who cannot do so for themselves, where prior permission has been given by the parent/carer on the Admissions Form.

Children will be encouraged to wear a hat when playing outside in the sun.

In hot weather, staff will encourage children to drink water frequently. Staff should also ensure that shady areas out of the sun are always available to children when playing outside.

### **Closing the centre in an emergency**

In very exceptional circumstances, the Club may need to be closed at very short notice due to an unexpected emergency. Such incidents could include:

- Serious weather conditions (combined with heating system failure).
- Burst water pipes.
- Discovery of dangerous structural damage.
- Fire or bomb scare/explosion.
- Death of a member of staff.
- Serious assault on a staff member by the public.
- Serious accident or illness.

In such circumstances, the Manager and staff will ensure that all steps are taken to keep both the children and themselves safe, that parents/carers are informed and to take the necessary actions in relation to the cause of the closure. All children will be supervised until they are safely collected.

Ofsted would be informed of the nature of the emergency and steps taken.

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

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This policy was adopted by the Swan Club Management Committee Management Committee.