



**Woodseaves C.E. Primary Academy**  
**First Aid and Administration of Medicines Covid**  
**19 Addendum**

*Together we will create a respectful, caring and safe learning community that inspires all to achieve and flourish.*

*'Start children on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.'*

*Proverbs 22:6*

**Review due ongoing**

During the Covid 19 pandemic, additional routines and procedures will be in place to protect children and staff.

### **Be aware of the risks to yourself and others**

When approaching a casualty there is always a risk of cross contamination – especially when you may have to get close to the casualty to assess what is wrong or to check their breathing. It is always important to be aware of the risks of how this cross contamination has occurred.

### **Keep yourself safe**

In line with government advice, make sure you wash your hands or use an alcohol gel, before and after treating a casualty also ensure that you don't cough or sneeze over a casualty when you are treating them.

The Resuscitation Council (UK) provides some useful advice of how to keep yourself safe when providing CPR. You can read their full advice on their website [here](#).

### **Don't lose sight of other cross contamination that could occur that isn't related to COVID-19.**

Wear gloves or cover hands when dealing with open wounds

Cover cuts and grazes on your hands with waterproof dressing

Dispose of all waste safely – double bag and leave in a secure area for 72 hours before placing in outdoor bin.

Do not touch a wound with your bare hand

Do not touch any part of a dressing that will come in contact with a wound.

Give early treatment

The vast majority of incidents do not involve you getting close to a casualty where you would come into contact with cough droplets. Sensible precautions will ensure you are able to treat a casualty effectively.

### **Keep yourself informed and updated**

As this is a new disease this is an ever changing situation and the government and NHS are continually updating their advice. Make sure that you regularly review the NHS 111 or Gov.uk website which has a specific section on Coronavirus.

Click [here](#) to visit NHS 111

Click [here](#) to visit Gov.uk

Click [here](#) to visit Resuscitation Council

## **Remember your own needs**

These are challenging and uncertain times for all. The COVID-19 outbreak has meant a lot of upheaval and worry for people. In order to help others you will also need to look after your own needs. Make sure you take time to talk about your fears and concerns with someone you trust and to take out time to look after yourself.

## **Personal Protective Equipment**

Where it is not possible to maintain a 2 metre or more distance away from an individual, disposable gloves and a disposable plastic apron are recommended. Disposable gloves should be worn if physical contact is likely to be made with potentially contaminated areas or items.

The use of a fluid repellent surgical face mask is recommended and additional use of disposable eye protection (such as face visor or goggles) should be risk assessed when there is an anticipated risk of contamination with splashes, droplets of blood or body fluids.

When using a fluid repellent surgical face mask, you should mould the metal strap of the mask over the bridge of the nose and make sure the mask fits snugly under the chin, around or across any facial hair if present.

Clean your hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol sanitiser before putting on and after taking off PPE. In all circumstances where some form of PPE is used, the safe removal of the PPE is a critical consideration to avoid self-contamination. Guidance on putting on and taking off PPE is available [here](#). Posters are also displayed around the school. Used PPE must be double bagged and left for 72 hours before disposal.

## **Administration of Medicines**

If a child is able to administer their own medicine, this can be supervised by a member of staff from a 2m distance. It may be required that the member of staff measure the dosage for a child, if this is the case, gloves should be worn and disposed of immediately after use.

If the medicine is a topical cream and the child is unable to apply it themselves, the school will require parents to attend the school at a designated time, collect their child and apply the topical medicine at home.