

Thatto Heath Community Primary School

Job Description: Medical Assistant – Scale Point 18 – 21

Responsible to: The Headteacher

General Duties

- To support staff and students in cases of illness/distress and to liaise with outside agencies.
- To maintain and disseminate all current records for student's health and welfare.

Main Responsibilities

- 1. Provide first aid cover for students and staff who are sick or who have had an accident.
- 2. Keep a record of details of all people seen (students and staff) both on paper and digitally.
- 3. Ensure that any accidents are recorded in the Accident Books/Accident Report forms and the appropriate authorities notified.
- 4. Liaise with Pastoral Team regarding students that have attended the Medical Room.
- 5. Ensure the medical records are kept up to date.
- 6. Liaise with the School Nurse.
- 7. Assist with the booster injection programme.
- 8. Produce and dispense medical cards to enable pupils to leave lessons.
- 9. Produce medical slips for students who need to visit the Medical Room.
- 10. In the absence of parents, escort children to Accident and Emergency.
- 11. The job holder will undertake such work as may be determined by the Principal from time to time as required.

Job Responsibilities

- To act as first reference if a student is judged by the teacher to be too ill to cope in class
- To be a fully trained designated First Aider, to maintain up to date training and keep records for other First Aid trained staff to provide continuous cover.
- To provide an opportunity for those pupils who may need someone to talk to.
- To judge when a student enters the medical room:
 - There is a genuine reason for further attention
 - The student is fit to return to class
 - Any minor injuries can be dealt with
 - There is a need to call an ambulance
 - Parents should be contacted to collect the student from school.

- To keep a daily record of all students who report to the Medical Room and the reason for reporting and action taken.
- To inform staff of students being sent home.
- To liaise with outside agencies and the Health Authority to arrange medical inspections, reviews, vision and audiology tests as appropriate.
- To liaise with the Leadership Team on matters concerning the health and welfare of students.
- To ensure the smooth running of any vaccination or immunisation programmes.
- To be responsible for students' personal medication and issue items in accordance with written parental permission and LEA guidelines.
- To make up First Aid Boxes which staff take on excursions and holidays etc.
- To look after the specific needs of students with specific medical requirements, e.g. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy and to issue any personal items/medication to these pupils.
- To ensure all information regarding disclosures made by pupils concerning their personal and/or emotional problems is passed on promptly and dealt with appropriately.
- To be fully conversant with the LEA and School Child Protection Procedures.
- To be ICT literate.
- To be prepared to assist outside designated hours in an emergency.
- To be responsible for the security and hygiene in the Medical Room.
- To liaise directly with parents as agreed with the Headteacher.

The Appointed Person will be able to:

- Make sound judgements, sometimes under pressure.
- Gain the confidence of staff, pupils and parents.
- Work effectively to manage people, paper and time.
- Keep all records meticulously up to date.
- Form sound professional relationships with staff in school and those in outside agencies.

He/She will

- Have appropriate medical qualifications.
- Have appropriate counselling skills or be willing to undertake relevant training.
- Be patient, open and welcoming, but firm and consistent in all matters relating to pupils' welfare.
- Be prepared, when necessary, to work beyond the appointed hours.

- Exercise discretion at all times in confidential matters relating to staff and students but, within school guidelines, share all information openly with the Senior Leadership Team for individual students.
- Be supportive of school events.