

## 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 What's going on this week?



Many charities have campaigned for the teaching of first aid in the UK and Ireland to become part of the school curriculum. Now, for pupils in England first aid classes will be compulsory from September 2020 with schools in Wales, Scotland and Ireland expected to follow. First aid classes will be taught in primary and secondary schools. Primary schools will be taught basic skills such as how to call emergency services, whereas secondary schools will be taught life-saving skills such as how to help someone who is suffering a heart attack. 1,600 schools in England will take part in the new first aid lessons this year as part of a trial, before it becomes compulsory.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think first aid should be taught in school? If so, what age do you think it should be taught?
- How much do you know about first aid? Have you already been taught some skills?
- Have you ever been in an emergency situation, if so, were you able to stay calm? Would first aid training have helped?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

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