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Primary pupils to be taught first aid

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FIRST aid will now be taught in primary schools across Scotland after a long-fought campaign.

Teachers will be able to access free online plans to help equip kids from P1 to P7 with potentially life-saving skills.

St Andrew's First Aid pushed for the courses after research in 2018 showed children as young as five were able to play a role in a health crisis..

Jim Dorman, from St Andrew's First Aid, said: "We are thrilled to be in a position to finally make our ambition a reality."

Education Secretary Jenny Gilruth said: "No one expects to deal with an emergency, but first aid can be crucial in supporting the response to one."

The course was piloted in partnership with Stirling Council in 2021.

Since then, the charity has trained 56 teachers from 31 of the city's 40 primary schools.