

## ***First Aid Policy***

### **PURPOSE**

All children have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended with due care when in need of first aid.

### **AIMS**

- To administer first aid to children when in need in a competent and timely manner.
- To communicate children's health problems to parents when considered necessary and arrange timely pick up of student if anything beyond temporary First Aid is required.
- To provide supplies and facilities to cater for the administering of first aid.
- To maintain a sufficient number of staff members trained with a level 2 first aid certificate.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover as this is not provided through the department or the school.
- A sufficient number of staff (including at least 2 Administration staff members) to be trained to a Level 2 First Aid certificate, and with up-to-date CPR qualifications.
- A first aid room will be available for use at all times. A comprehensive supply of basic first aid materials will be stored in a locked cupboard in the first aid room.
- First aid kits will be maintained by the school.
- Any children in the first aid room will be supervised / observed by a staff member at all times.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the level 2 first aid trained staff who will manage the incident.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during recess or lunch breaks, will be referred to the teacher on yard duty, who will then either deal with the injury or refer the student to First Aid for further treatment.
- A confidential up-to-date register located in the first aid room will be kept of all injuries or illnesses experienced by children that require first aid.
- All staff will be provided with infection control training, including the management of blood spills, and a supply of protective disposable gloves will be available for use by staff.
- Minor injuries only (such as scratches) will be treated by staff members on yard duty, while more serious injuries-including those requiring parents to be notified or suspected treatment by a doctor - require a level 2 first aid trained staff member to provide first aid.
- Any children with injuries involving blood or broken skin must have the wound covered at all times.
- No medication will be administered to children without the express written permission of parents or guardians using the appropriate Medications Administration form. Headache tablets will not be administered by the school.
- Parents of children who receive first aid will receive a completed form when deemed appropriate, indicating the nature of the injury, any treatment given, and the name of the teacher providing the first aid. For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/guardians must be contacted by the administration staff so that professional treatment may be organised at their discretion. Any injuries to a child's head, face or neck, must be reported to parents/guardian.
- Any student who is collected from school by parents/guardians as a result of an injury, or who is administered treatment by a doctor/hospital or ambulance officer as a result of an injury, or has an injury to the head, face or neck, or where the treating first aid teacher considers the injury to be greater than "minor" will be reported on Department of Education Accident/Injury and entered onto CASES21 reported to Worksafe and ESM.
- Serious injuries, fatalities, or any incident that exposed a person to immediate risk to their health or safety must be reported to the Department of Education Emergency and Security Management Branch immediately



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on (03) 9589 6266 and WorkSafe on (13 23 60) and on EduSafe and reference should be made by staff to the school's Incident Management policy.

- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- Children that have vomited/diarrhoea must stay home for 24 hours after last motion / movement.
- Parents who collect children from school for any reason (other than emergency or the end of the school day) must sign the child out of the school in a register maintained in the school office.
- All teachers have the authority to call an ambulance immediately in an emergency. If the situation and time permits, a teacher should confer with others before deciding on an appropriate course of action. Should an ambulance be called by the school the parent is liable for cost.
- All school camps will have at least 1 Level 2 First Aid trained staff member at all times.
- A comprehensive first aid kit will accompany all camps, along with a mobile phone.
- All children attending camps or excursions will have provided a signed medical form providing medical details and granting teachers permission to contact a doctor or ambulance should instances arise where their child requires treatment. Copies of the signed medical forms to be taken on camps and excursions, as well as kept at school.
- All children attending camps or excursions who require medication will have provided a signed Medications Administration form providing details of medications to be administered and granting the teacher permission to administer the medications.
- All children with asthma or diabetes or anaphylaxis are required to present the school with a management plan prepared by their treating practitioners, and to provide the school with the asthma medications, hypokits or epipens etc needed to implement their plan at school.
- A member of staff is to be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of first aid supplies, first aid kits, ice packs and the general upkeep of the first aid room.
- At the commencement of each year, requests for updated first aid information will be sent home including requests for any updated asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis management plans, high priority medical forms, and reminders to parents of the policies and practices used by the school to manage first aid, illnesses and medications throughout the year.
- General organisational matters relating to first aid will be communicated to staff at the beginning of each year. First aid training and revisions of recommended procedures for responding to asthma will also be undertaken each year and anaphylaxis twice yearly.

### **EVALUATION**

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2015 and will be reviewed in 2019