



'Quality Education in a Friendly, Caring and Supportive Environment'

First Aid and Care for Ill Students Policy

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Rationale:

All children have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended to 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.
- 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:

- A sufficient number of staff (including at least one administration staff member) to be trained to a Level 2 First Aid Certificate, and with up-to-date CPR qualifications.
- A comprehensive supply of basic first aid materials will be stored in the staffroom.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the administration staff who will manage the incident. All injuries or illnesses that occur during recess or lunch-breaks, will be referred to the teacher/s not on yard duty.
- Any knocks or injuries to the head will be communicated with parents immediately.
- A confidential up-to-date register located in the first aid area will be kept of all injuries or illnesses experienced by children that require first aid.
- All staff will be provided with basic first aid management skills, including blood spills, and a supply of protective disposable gloves will be available for use by staff.
- Minor injuries only will be treated by staff members on 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 must have the wound covered at all times.
- No medication, including headache tablets, will be administered to children without the express written permission of parents or guardians (see Medications Policy and Procedure).
- Parents of all children who receive first aid, when considered necessary, will receive a completed form 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 organized. Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back must be reported to parents/guardians.
- 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, neck or back, or where a teacher considers the injury to be greater than “minor” will be reported on CASES21.

- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- All teachers have authority to call an ambulance immediately in an emergency. If the situation and time permit, a teacher may confer with others before deciding on an appropriate course of action.
- All school camps will have at least one Level 2 first aid trained staff member at all times.
- A comprehensive first aid kit will accompany all camps, along with a mobile phone. This first aid kit will include a Ventolin and an EpiPen.
- All children attending camps or excursion will have provided a signed medical form providing medical detail and giving 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.
- Students with the documented asthma management plan, will have access to Ventolin and a spacer at all times.
- 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, request for updated first aid information will be sent home including request for any asthma 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 organizational matters relating to first aid will be communicated to staff at the beginning of each year. Revisions of recommended procedures for administering asthma medication will also be given at that time.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.