



Challenge, Opportunity & Achievement

FIRST AID

POLICY

Rationale:

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

Aims:

- Staff will provide first aid treatment within their limits of skill, expertise, training and responsibilities
- 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 achieve and maintain fifty per cent of staff members trained with a Level 2 first aid certificate

Implementation:

- Fifty per cent of staff 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 the first aid room. Individual medication will be stored in a locked cupboard in the administration area
- Any children in the first aid room will be supervised by a staff member at all times
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the appropriate staff who will manage the incident, all injuries or illnesses that occur during recess or lunch breaks, will be referred to the staff member on duty
- 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 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
- Parents of all children who receive first aid (other than minor injuries) 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 arranged. Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back 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, neck or back, or where a teacher considers the injury to be greater than "minor" will be reported on DEECD Accident/Injury form LE375, and entered onto CASES 21

Reference: School Policy & Advisory Guide

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/firstaid.aspx>

- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home. Where parents are unable to be contacted, an emergency contact (as listed in CASES 21) will be notified
- Parents who collect children from school for any reason (other than emergency) 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 permit, a teacher may confer with others before deciding on an appropriate course of action
- All school camps or excursions beyond the town boundaries 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
- All children attending camps or excursions 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 beyond the town boundaries, as well as kept at school
- All children, especially those with a 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, requests for updated first aid information will be sent home including requests for any asthma 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 and as needed
- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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