

First Aid Policy

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, proportionate to the student population.

Implementation

- A sufficient number of staff 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 a cupboard in the staff room.
- First aid kits will also be available in each section of the school as well as the staff room
- Supervision of the first aid will form part of the daily yard duty roster. Any children requiring first aid will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the administration staff who will manage the incident, all injuries or illness that occur during recess or lunch breaks, will be referred to the teacher on duty in the staff room.
- A confidential up-to-date register (kept under lock and key) located in the general office 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. The number of level 2 trained staff members are proportionate to the student population. Level 2 first aid trained staff members' certificates remain valid until March 2013.
- 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 will receive a completed form indicating the nature of the injury, any treatment given, and the name of the teacher providing first aid. For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/guardians must be contacted by the administration staff so that professional treatment may be organised.

- Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back must be reported immediately to parents/guardians on the designated contacts list.
- 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.
- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- Parents who collect children from school for any reason (other than emergency) must sign the child out of 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 will have a least 1 Level 2 first aid trained staff member in attendance 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 a child requires treatment. Copies of the signed medical form to be taken on camps and excursions, as well as kept at school.
- All children, especially those with a documented anaphylaxis management plan, will have access to an EpiPen® 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 cupboard.
- At the commencement of each year, requests for updated first aid information will be sent home including requests for any 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. Revisions of recommended procedures for administering asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis medication will also be given at that time. All staff will be trained in administering and EpiPen.®
- 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 review cycle

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