

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 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 1 administration staff member) 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.
- Supervision of the first aid room will form part of the daily yard duty roster. 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 administration 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 in the first aid room.
- 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.
- Teachers are required to carry a first aid bag with them on yard duty so they can attend to minor injuries.
- Teachers carry a walkie talkie on duty so they can contact the office directly in an emergency.
- Green cards in first aid bags must be sent in with injured children if they require first aid in the first aid room.
- Red cards in first aid bags must be sent into the first aid room/office if extreme action needs to be taken, eg anaphylactic reactions, breaks, asthma attacks etc. Office/first aid staff will alert all teachers not in the act of supervision to render assistance.
- Photos of children at medical risk are located in first aid bags, if extreme action needs to be taken for these children their photo is to accompany the red card being sent into the first aid room/office.
- 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 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 organised. Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back will be reported to parents/guardian.
- 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 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 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 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 are to be taken on camps and excursions, 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. These include requests for any asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis management plans and high priority medical forms. Parents will also be reminded 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.
- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the St Paul's review cycle.

This policy was ratified by St Paul's School staff in...

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