

Purpose

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. The Care Arrangements are to be read in conjunction with the school's Student Health (First Aid) Policy. This policy outlines the school's responsibility and procedures in respect of our "responsibility to provide equitable access to education and respond to diverse student needs, including health care needs."

Aims

Watsonia North Primary School will:

- administer first aid to children when in need in a competent and timely manner
- communicate children's health problems to parents when considered necessary
- provide supplies and facilities to cater for the administering of first aid
- 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 school first aid officer will be employed from the hours of 10:30 to 2:30 pm during school days. In the absence of the first aid officer, supervision of the first aid room will form part of the yard duty roster (arrangements for wet/hot weather conditions).
- Any children in the first aid room will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- 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.
- Basic first aid kits will also be available in each grade and specialist area, as well as the staff room and administration offices.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time (10:30pm to 2:30pm), recess or lunch breaks, will be referred to the first aid officer who will manage the incident.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during the times the first aid officer is not in attendance, will be referred to the administration staff.
- 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 (first aid officer) 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 ill children will be contacted to take the child home.

Implementation *(continued)*

- 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 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 Department of Education Accident/Injury form and entered onto CASES21.
- 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 a designated first aid officer in attendance at all times. The designated first aid officer will hold a current Level 2 first aid certificate.
- 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, 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.
- The first aid officer is 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, 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.

Confidential records of all students with specific health needs are maintained securely in the general office and first aid room for reference as required. A **Children With Special Needs** register is also maintained noting ailments and treatment for all presenting students. This register is made available to all staff.

Further Information and Resources

- *WNPS First Aid Policy*
- *WNPS Administration of Medication Policy*
- *WNPS Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *WNPS Asthma Policy*

Evaluation and Review

Evaluation of this policy will occur as stipulated in the *Watsonia North PS Policy Review Cycle* document.

This policy was last updated on 11 September 2018 and is scheduled for review in 2022.