

FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

First Aid Policy



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.

Aims:

- To administer First Aid to students and staff in a competent and timely manner.
- To communicate student's health problems to parents and carers 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 also be available for use at all times. A comprehensive supply of basic first aid materials will be stored in a cupboard in the First Aid Room.
- Children are only allowed in the First Aid Room when directed by a staff member.
- Major injuries or illnesses that occur during class time, recess or lunch breaks, will be referred to the administration staff who will manage the incident.
- 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 biohazard waste. 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 of 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 current written permission of parents or carers.
- Only medication prescribed by a Doctor will be administered at school according to the prescribed dosages only.
- 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 staff so that professional treatment may be organised. Any injuries to a child's head, face neck or back must be reported to parents/carers.
- Any student who is collected from school by parents/carers 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 Edusafe.
- 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 the 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.
- A comprehensive First Aid Kit will accompany all camps and excursions, 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.
- Children with documented asthma management plans must have access to reliever medication 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 beginning of each school year, and if a new enrolment, requests for updated First Aid information will be made, 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.
- CPR training will be provided to all staff annually.
- Anaphylaxis training updates will be provided to all staff each year.
- Staff will be kept informed of the medical conditions of students and appropriate management.

This policy must be read in conjunction with the Care Arrangements for Ill Students and Students with Medical Condition Proformas.

Policy ratified by School Council in August 2017