

## First Aid Policy

### 1. RATIONALE

All children have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended with due care when in need of first aid. From time to time Templestowe Park primary School staff might need to administer first aid to students at school or during school activities.

Parents / carers should be aware that the goal of first aid is not to diagnose or treat a condition.

### 2. GOALS

2.1 To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION

#### Staffing

The Principal will ensure that Templestowe Park Primary school has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Every second year, Templestowe Park Primary school's teaching staff all undergo Level 2 First Aid training. An ES employee, Diane Ayton is the senior first aid officer.

#### First aid kits

Templestowe Park Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the first aid room
- Three portable first aid kit/s which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. The portable first aid kit/s will be stored in the first aid room.
- The Senior First Aid Officer will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits.
- One large camp first aid kit
- Four 'bum bags' for yard duty purposes

#### Care for ill students

Students who are unwell should not attend school. If a student becomes unwell during the school day they may be directed to the sick bay and monitored by staff. Depending on the nature of their symptoms, staff may contact parents / carers or an emergency contact person to ask them to collect the student.

#### First Aid Management

If there is a situation or incident which occurs at school or a school activity which requires first aid to be administered to a student:

- Staff who have been trained in first aid will administer first aid in accordance with their training. In an emergency situation, other staff may assist in the administration of first aid within their level of competence.
- In a medical emergency, staff may take emergency action and do not need to obtain parent/carer consent to do so. Staff may contact Triple Zero "000" for emergency medical services at any time.
- Staff may also contact NURSE-ON-CALL (on 1300 60 60 24) in an emergency. NURSE-ON-CALL provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, Templestowe Park Primary School will notify parents / carers by sending a note home.

- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, school staff will attempt to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as reasonably practical.
- If staff providing first aid determine that an emergency response is not required but that medical advice is needed, school staff will ask parents/carers, or an emergency contact person, to collect the student and recommend that advice is sought from a medical practitioner.
- Whenever first aid treatment has been administered to a student Templestowe Park Primary School will:
  - record the incident on CASES21
  - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to the Department's Security Services Unit on 03 9859 6266.

In accordance with guidance from the Department of Education and Training, analgesics, including paracetamol and aspirin, will not be stored at school or provided as a standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

#### **4. BUDGET**

A First Aid budget will continue to be provided and reviewed.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed by senior first aid staff and the Education Sub Committee as part of the school's policy review process.

This policy was reviewed by the senior first aid officer and the school leadership team in July 2018. It is scheduled for review in 2021.