



## CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ILL STUDENTS 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. The Care Arrangements are to be read in conjunction with the First Aid for Students policy which 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".

### **Pascoe Vale 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 administration 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 first aid room will be available for use at all times.
- First aid kits will also be available in each classroom of the school, as well as the staff room and administration offices.
- Supervision of the first aid room will form part of the duty roster.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the first aid staff /administration staff who will manage the incident. All injuries or illnesses that occur during recess or lunch breaks will be referred to the teacher on duty in the first aid room.
- A 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 Level 1 first aid management skills, including blood spills, anaphylaxis, asthma management and defibrillator use. A supply of protective disposable gloves will be available for use by staff.
- Minor injuries 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 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 LE375, and entered onto CASES.

- 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 be provided for all camps and excursions.
- 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 will 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 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.
- Where medical forms are not up to date children will be unable to attend excursions, camps, incursions such as sleepovers, school breakfasts and dinners.
- 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 strongly recommended that all students have ambulance cover as an ambulance will be called at the discretion of staff without consulting parents.

Student medical plans are also to be read in conjunction with the school’s *First Aid for Students* policy which outlines the school’s responsibility and procedures.

#### **EVALUATION:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle. This policy was last updated in December 2019 and is scheduled for review in November 2022.

***Key Reference: School Policy & Advisory Guide***

***<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/supportplanning.aspx>***