

FIRST AID POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact [insert school contact details].

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

First aid for anaphylaxis and asthma is/are provided for in our schools:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy* This policy does not include information on first aid requirements for COVID-19. Our school follows the Department's operational guidance for first aid management relating to COVID-19.

POLICY

From time to time, Berwick Chase Primary School staff might need to administer first aid to students at school or school activities.

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

Staffing

The Principal will ensure that Berwick Chase Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first-aid training to meet the first-aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training.

This list is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan

First aid kits

Berwick Chase Primary School will maintain:

- A prominent first aid kit will be stored in the sick bay.
- Six portable first aid kits, which must be used for yard duty, are to be stored:
 - Staffroom
- Portable first aid kits and emergency first aid kits to be used for lockdowns, evacuations, and excursions are stored:
 - In classrooms, in a grey bag under or behind the moveable whiteboard
 - Sick Bay cupboard for excursion kits.

The School Nurse will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits, ensuring they are managed in accordance with the Department's policy and guidance on first aid kits – refer to [First aid kits](#).

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 room/sick bay area

Our school follows the Department's policy and guidance in relation to our first aid room/sick bay area to ensure it is safe, hygienic and appropriately equipped: [First aid rooms and sick bays](#).

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 trained in first aid will administer first aid through their training. In an emergency, other staff may assist in helping 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. Staff may contact Triple Zero "000" for emergency medical services.
- 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, seven days a week.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, Berwick Chase Primary School will notify parents/carers by, i.e. sending a note home to parents/carers, email, or phone call].
- If first aid is administered for a severe injury or condition or in an emergency, 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 is administered to a student resulting from a student incident, injury or illness, Berwick Chase Primary School will:
 - record the provision of first aid treatment on Sentral

- If the first aid treatment is provided following a [recorded incident](#), the details are recorded through the eduSafe Plus *Incident* form. For all other presentations, the eduSafe Plus *Sick Bay* form is used.
- if care was provided in response to a medical emergency or reportable incident, follow the Department's [Reporting and Managing School Incidents Policy](#), including reporting the incident to the Department's Incident Support and Operations Centre on 1800 126 126 where required under that policy.

In accordance with the Department of Education and Training policy, analgesics, including paracetamol and aspirin, will not be stored at school or provided as standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury. For further information, refer to the Department's Policy and Advisory Library: [Medication](#)

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department policies and guidelines:

- [First Aid for Students and Staff](#)
- [Health Care Needs](#)
- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [Blood Spills and Open Wounds](#)
- [Medication](#)
- [Syringe Disposals and Injuries](#)

The following school policies are also relevant to this First Aid Policy:

- Administration of Medication Policy
- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Health Care Needs a Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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