

Policy last reviewed	August 2021
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	August 2024

1. Purpose

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

2. Scope

First aid for anaphylaxis and asthma are provided for in our school's:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

3. Policy

From time to time Dingley 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 Dingley Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

All Dingley Primary School staff are trained in first aid, CPR, Defibrillator and Anaphylaxis.

First Aid Kits

Dingley Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored the First Aid Room.
- 15 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
- DPS administration team will be responsible for maintaining all 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 First Aid Room 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, Dingley Primary School will notify parents/carers by entering a Sick Bay Chronicle on Compass. The Compass system sends an email with the details to the parents.
- 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 Dingley Primary School will:
 - record the incident on Compass
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to ISOC 1800 126 126 and Worksafe.





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 - record the incident on eduSafe
 - record the incident with Worksafe
 - record the incident with ISOC (in the event the incident had an implication to student wellbeing)

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 standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

4. Communication

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

- available on our school's Compass portal
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- discussed with students at all year levels with their home group teachers
- reminders in our school newsletter
- hard copy available from school administration upon request

5. Related policies and resources

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

6. Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3-year review cycle.

