

Hamlyn Views School

FIRST AID POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school nurse on (03) 52 155 700.

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

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

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

This policy does not include information on first aid requirements for COVID-19. Our school follows the Department of Education COVID-19 Advice for Schools for first aid management relating to COVID-19.

POLICY

From time to time Hamlyn Views 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 Hamlyn Views 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 key trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training. A current register of all staff trained in first aid is maintained on the school's google drive.

Key First Aid staff will be listed in the EMP. All trained First Aid staff are recorded in the First Aid Register.

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

First aid kits

Hamlyn Views School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the First Aid room.
- 2 portable first aid kit which may be used for excursions or camps. The Teacher in Charge is required to sign the kit in/out. The portable first aid kit will be stored in:
 - First Aid room
- 2 portable first aid kits are available for use during yard duty. These portable first aid kits will be stored in:
 - Staff work room in Dirjnap (Building K) and Porgil (Building L) buildings
- Individual student first aid kits e.g. EpiPen, will be kept in their classroom and taken by a staff member on yard duty, excursions or camps.

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 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 room

Our school follows the Department's policy and guidance in relation to our first aid room 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:

- The school nurse or 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 Code Blue or Code Blue MIS will be called key staff to provide an emergency response as per the Emergency Codes procedure.
- 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, Hamlyn Views School will notify parents/carers by sending a note home to parents/carers via a phone call or SeeSaw message.
- 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 is administered to a student resulting from a student incident, injury or illness, Hamlyn Views School will:
 - record the provision of first aid treatment on a *First Aid Room Booklet template* that is provided to parents/carers. The incident will be recorded on the school's third party software Compass and a copy of the template pinned to the child on this platform.
 - If the first aid treatment is provided following a [recorded incident](#), the details will be recorded as on a *CASES 21 form* and provided to office administration to input into CASES 21..
 - 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 to under that policy.

In accordance with Department of Education policy, 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. 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
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Referenced in the staff handbook
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required

- Included in the parent handbook
- Discussed at parent information nights or 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 Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September, 2023
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Next scheduled review date	2026

Attachment A: Gastro Process