

First Aid Policy

Rationale:

As a school community, we share the responsibility to provide the safest possible environment for our students, staff, parents/guardians/carers and visitors. All children with a medical condition deserve the same opportunities to achieve their full potential and enjoy the same level of participation in school life as their friends and classmates. The effective management of resources and training are essential so that all students can be involved and the likelihood of incidents can be minimised.

Aim:

1. To ensure that the school provides effective initial treatment in the event of sudden illness or injury to students, staff, parents/guardian/carers or visitors to the school.
2. To develop preventative measures to minimise the possibility of emergency situations.
3. To promote the awareness of safe practices.

Implementation:

- All students with epilepsy, asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis must have an Individual Management Plan developed by a medical practitioner in consultation with parents/guardians/carers in place.
- The school will be provided with a copy of the Individual Management Plan to be stored in the First Aid Room.
- A duplicate copy of the Individual Management Plan will be kept in the 'yellow box' of classroom requisites to enable easy access for all staff.
- Parents/guardians/carers will notify the school if there are any changes to their child's condition.
- Students with a medical condition will be encouraged to participate in sporting and physical activities as well as camps and special events.
- Students with epilepsy will be actively encouraged to swim provided that a medical certificate is supplied by the parents/guardians stating that it is safe for the student to do so.
- Students with epilepsy will have a renewed medical certificate that will be provided to the school every 12 months.
- The school will keep the parents/guardians/carers updated with any issues it feels may affect the child.
- All staff will be offered the opportunity on an annual basis to receive specialised training to fully understand epilepsy, asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis.
- There will be at least one member of staff trained to administer emergency medicines in school at all times.
- If the student is going away overnight the parent/guardian/carer should ensure that enough medication is provided.
- Adequate hygiene practices will be used.
- The Medication Management Policy will be adhered to regarding the delivery and administration of all medication.