



Hughesdale Primary School

First Aid Policy

Last Review

Date:

May 2022

Due for Next Review:

May 2025

Included on website:

✓Yes No

Authorised (Principal):

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's (The Department's) operational guidance for first aid management relating to COVID-19.

POLICY

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

All staff at Hughesdale Primary are trained first aid officers.

Hughesdale Primary School's key first aid officer is Helen Kraloglou.

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 annually.

First aid kits

Hughesdale Primary School will maintain:

- a major first aid kit which will be stored in the First Aid Room
- eight portable first aid kits, which will be stored in the First Aid Room and the Gym and which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty.

Helen Kraloglou 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](#).

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](#).

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 management

If there is a situation or incident that occurs at school or a school activity and that 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, Hughesdale Primary School will notify parents/carers via Compass.
- 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 practicable.
- 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 Hughesdale Primary will:
 - Record the provision of care on eduSafe Plus. If the care is provided following a [recorded incident](#), the details will be 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 to under that policy.

In accordance with guidance from the Department analgesics, including paracetamol and ibuprofen, 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
- included in staff handbook/manual
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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](#)

School policies:

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

REVIEW CYCLE

Policy last reviewed	May 2022
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	May 2025 – the recommended review cycle is 3 to 4 years.