

FIRST AID POLICY

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*

POLICY

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

Parkhill Primary School's **trained first aid officers** are:

- Elaine Brady August 2017
- Michelle Smith August 2017
- Anny Murray June 2019
- Andrea Crane August 2017

First aid kits

Parkhill Primary School will maintain:

- Three major first aid kits which will be stored in the first aid room.
- Four 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.

Anny Murray will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits by checking them at least each term.

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 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/carers consent to do so. Staff may contact Triple Zero “000” for emergency medical services at any time.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, Parkhill Primary School will notify parents/carers by sending a first aid notice home.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, school staff will attempt to contact parents/carers and/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 Parkhill Primary School will:
 - record the incident in the first aid record book
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to the Department’s Security Services Unit on 03 9859 6266.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[Health Care Needs policy](#)

[Medication policy](#)

[Anaphylaxis policy](#)

[Asthma policy](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in February 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2023.