



Rutherglen Primary School

First Aid Policy

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

Rutherglen Primary School's trained first aid officers are:

- Debby Renshaw, Jan Cashen, Karryn Williams, Lisa Donaldson, Louise Buscall, Jenny Miller, Hannah Bayley, Kate Ross, Lauren Crombie, Michael Giannone.

First Aid kits

Rutherglen Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the sick bay located in the main office.
- Three portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. The portable first aid kits will be stored in the resource room located in the main office building:

Debby Renshaw and Jan Cashen 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 sick bay area in the main office 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/ Sick Bay area

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

- 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, Rutherglen Primary School will notify parents/carers by sending a note home to parents/carers and/or a phone call.
- 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 Rutherglen Primary School will:
 - record the incident on CASES21 if it was of a significant nature.
 - complete the duplicate "Illness/Injury Parent Notification" Form and send the original home with the student.
 - 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 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. . 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
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- 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](#)