



BLOOD SPILLS POLICY



Rationale:

- Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood spills and other body fluids minimise the risks of transmission of infectious diseases including bacterial and viral infections.

Aims:

- To ensure safe practices in response to bleeding students, blood spills and other body fluids.

Implementation:

- A Chart displaying standard infection controls will be prominently displayed in the First Aid room.
- The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves, antiseptics, and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
- The school will provide an adequate first aid room with hands free sink and warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant, detergents, rubber gloves, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic sealable garbage bags and sharps and bio-hazards dispensers.
- All blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a staff member immediately.
- All children who are bleeding must be treated in the first aid room, unless inappropriate to do so.
- The 'blood rule' in sports and recess/lunch times will be adhered to.
- All blood or body fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to the following standard infection control procedures:
 - treating officer to cover any own cuts or abrasions with waterproof dressings. Put on single use waterproof gloves
 - use paper towels to mop up the blood spill and dispose of them into a plastic bag
 - wash area with warm water and detergent, rinse and dry. Steam clean carpets if necessary.
 - place gloves into plastic bag
 - seal bag and dispose of it in a medical waste bin
 - wash hands in warm soapy water, rinse and dry thoroughly
 - if re-usable items/utensils are used rinse with cold water, wash in warm water with disinfectant, rinse in hot water and dry.
 - All wounds will be flushed in warm water, washed in soapy warm water, dried and dressed and covered using a waterproof dressing. Treating staff will wear gloves,

wash hands afterwards and dispose of gloves and any other materials in sealed plastic bags placed in biohazard dispensers.

- Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids.
- The school will provide children with alternative clothing should their garments be infected with blood or body fluids.
- All parents will be made aware if their child has been treated in the first aid room, or if their child has been involved with another bleeding child.
- The school will carry out routine inspections of the school grounds for dangerous objects such as discarded syringes, any found will be placed in the “Sharps” disposal container in the First Aid room.

Evaluation:

Policy to be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review process

This policy was last ratified by School Council

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