



## First Aid Policy



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on 9757 0200 or email [upwey.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:upwey.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### **PURPOSE:**

To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

### **SCOPE:**

First aid for anaphylaxis and asthma is 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's operational guidance for first aid management relating to COVID-19.

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

All staff of Upwey South Primary School hold a current Level II First Aid qualification, and undergo annual training in February of each year.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training.

## **First Aid Kits:**

Upwey South Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the sick bay.
- 4 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions and camps. The portable first aid kits will also be stored in the sick bay.
- 17 small first aid bum-bags which may be used for yard duty and treating minor ailments in the classes.
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The First Aid Officer 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 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 room**

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](#).

## **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 within the yard or classroom by the staff member on duty, parents/carers may not receive notification of this.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition within the first aid room, Upwey South Primary School will notify parents/carers by sending a notification via Compass.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, school staff will send a note home and attempt to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as reasonably practical.
- In addition to receiving written notification, parents of children who receive injuries to their head will be contacted by phone.
- 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 (for serious injury or condition) Upwey South Primary School will:
  - record the incident on CASES21
  - if further medical aid was administered in a medical emergency at an off-site facility, report the incident via EduSafe Plus
  - 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 Department of Education and Training policy, 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:

- via a Compass post to existing families
- via the school website for public access
- as part of transition documents for new families to the school.

### **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](#)

The following school policies are also relevant to this First Aid Policy:

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

### **Policy Review and Approval:**

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Approved by	Principal
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