

BLOOD SPILLS POLICY

1. Rationale:

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

2. Aims:

- 2.1 To provide a school environment that uses safe practices in response to blood and other body fluid spills.

3. Implementation:

- 3.1 All staff at our school will be trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid.
- 3.2 Charts displaying standard infection controls will be prominently displayed in appropriate places around the school.
- 3.3 The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves, and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
- 3.4 The school will provide an adequate first aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant, detergents, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic bags and a sharps dispenser.
- 3.5 All blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a staff member immediately.
- 3.6 The 'blood rule' in sports and recess/lunch times will be adhered to.
- 3.7 All blood or body fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to the following standard infection control procedures:
 - put on 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.
 - A yellow mop is available in the first aid room to clean up blood spills. This mop is then to be placed in the cleaners cupboard to be properly disinfected.
 - place gloves into plastic bag
 - seal bag and dispose of it in a rubbish bin
 - wash hands in warm soapy water 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.
- 3.8 All wounds will be treated, dressed and covered.
- 3.9 Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids.
- 3.10 The school will provide children with alternative clothing should their garments be infected with blood or body fluids.

- 3.11 All parents will be informed by the first aid notification if their child has been treated for first aid.
- 3.12 The school will carry out routine inspections of the school grounds for dangerous objects such as discarded syringes, and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.

4. Evaluation:

- 4.1 Policy to be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review process. Policy passed by School Council on 17th June 2013.