

Student Health Policy

If a child has an illness or condition (permanent or temporary), the teacher should be advised. The teacher should also be told about the effects of any treatment that the child is having so that allowances can be made both in and out of the classroom, but sometimes health problems are not so noticeable. Children who are ill with an infectious disease must not be allowed to attend school. The following guidelines have been drawn up on the basis that children who are unwell will not return to school until they have fully recovered. The only exception to this rule is that children with certain skin diseases may return once appropriate treatment has commenced.

Medication

All medication required by a student during school time must be delivered to the office by the parent or caregiver and must be in the original container with instructions. Medications will be administered at the appropriate time by front office staff. However, it is school policy to recommend that if your child requires medication three times a day it can be, administered at home, **before school, after school and before bedtime** for three doses. Please consult with your doctor or pharmacist.

Asthma medication must stay with the student except for the Junior Primary classes where it will be stored in the sick room and administered under the guidance of front office staff.

Medication Administration

Please note that DECD guidelines state we are not allowed to administer any medication that does not meet the **minimum** standard which is;

- * prescribed by a doctor
- * provided to the school by the parent or guardian
- * within the expiry date of the product
- * delivered in the original container with label containing the child's name and with clear instructions
- * is **not the first dose** of any given treatment
- * is delivered to staff as a daily supply

First Aid

Teachers and school staff are required to update their first aid qualifications every 2 years by undertaking the refresher first aid course that is offered for schools. At least one staff member will be trained in Senior first Aid, an update their training when required by the department.

If a child becomes unexpectedly ill or injured, staff will:

- * administer basic first aid
- * Seek medical advice from the office if necessary – provide details (handover) of illness or incident personally. (Children will not be sent into the office on their own to explain the situation.)
- * Front office staff will assess the illness/injury, apply appropriate first aid, notify parents if necessary, and call an ambulance if needed .
- * An Incident report is filled in by attending staff member/ or first aid attendee in the front office. and filed in the office, copy to go home.
- * If more serious parents will be informed by a note or a phone call.

ALL HEAD, FACE OR OTHER MORE SERIOUS INJURIES WILL BE REPORTED TO PARENTS VIA A PHONE CALL.

Health Care Plan

Some students may require assistance with their routine or emergency health and personal care needs. Parents must provide the school with an updated Health care plan completed by their GP at the beginning of each year, or when there are any changes. Teachers and SSO's will familiarise themselves with the health care plans and be pro active in taking the appropriate action when required.