

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 Croydon Special Developmental School (SDS) 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 Croydon SDS has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Croydon SDS's trained first aid officers are:

Listed in Attachment A

First aid kits

Croydon SDS will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored the Health Centre
- 10 first aid kits distributed throughout the school for ease of access – see map
- First Aid Kit in swimming pool area.
- Camp first aid kit x 1
- First Aid kits in all school buses x 3
- Excursion First Aid Kits x 2

The school nurse/health centre staff will be responsible for maintaining all 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 Health Centre and monitored by the school nurse/health centre staff. Depending on the nature of their symptoms, the principal, assistant principal or nominee may contact parents/carers or an emergency contact person to ask them to collect the student.

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, Croydon SDS will notify parents/carers by sending an advice slip which is filled out and sent home with the student indicating date and time, the treatment given and the person administering first aid.
- It is the policy of the school that all injuries to the head, face, neck or back be reported to the school nurse/health centre staff and principal class and the parents/emergency contacts are contacted regarding the injury.
- 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 Croydon SDS will:
 - record the incident on CASES21
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to the Department’s Security Services Unit on 1800 126 126.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Administration of Medication Policy
Anaphylaxis Policy
Asthma Policy
Health Care Needs Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 8/4/2019 and is scheduled for review in August, 2022.