

# 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 provide a school environment that uses safe practices in response to blood spills and other body fluids.

### **Implementation:**

- All staff at our school will be trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid.
- 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 warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disposable wet wipes, heavy duty rubber gloves, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic sealable garbage bags and sharps 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 cleaned according to standard infection control procedures, including the sealing of all disposable materials into a plastic sealable garbage bags for disposal, thorough washing of all instruments in a disinfectant solution, thorough wiping down of all contaminated surfaces with warm water and detergent, and steam cleaning of areas such as carpets.
- All wounds will be treated, dressed and covered.
- 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, and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.

### **Evaluation:**

Policy to be reviewed as part of the school's review process

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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