



ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
No.2608

ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL FIRST AID POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office / Admin team.

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.

POLICY

From time to time Ascot Vale Primary School (AVPS) 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 AVPS has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in the document titled "First Aid Summary Sheet" which is located within our Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and is published in the staffroom and in the first aid room. This summary sheets states the expiry dates of the training.

This summary sheet is reviewed annually at the start of every year or as training is updated.

First aid kits

AVPS will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the first aid room
- Four portable first aid kits, which may be used for excursions, camps, or sporting events. Each staff member has their own portable first aid kit

Our OHS team is responsible for managing the maintenance of 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](#). A staff member is assigned annually to this role, as part of the annual staff roles and responsibilities.

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, possibly after consultation with admin staff during class time. Here they are monitored by staff, on First Aid duty or Admin/Office 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, Ascot Vale PS will record this information on Compass Sick Bay Chronicle. For more moderate injuries and conditions, including any head knocks, we will notify parents/carers by various means, i.e. sending a Compass alert to parents/carers, email, or phone call.

- 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 is administered to a student resulting from a student incident, injury or illness, AVPS will record the provision of care, based on the following levels:
 - Low to Moderate - on Compass Chronicle.
 - High to Extreme – EduSafe Plus incident form.
- 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:

- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Available publicly on our school’s website
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Shared links and awareness in transition sessions
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter and/or Compass news feeds
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training.

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 Management Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- Duty of Care Policy

- Health Care Needs Policy.

These can be located on our website at: <https://avps.vic.edu.au/policies--standards.html>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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