



# Blood Spills Policy

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## 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 ensure safe practices in response to bleeding students, blood spills and other body fluids.

## Implementation:

- The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks
- The school will provide an adequate first aid room with sink and warm water, pump action soap, disinfectant, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic garbage bags and sharps dispensers
- All blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a staff member as soon as practical
- All children who are bleeding will be treated in the first aid room, unless inappropriate / unsafe to do so
- All blood or body fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to the following standard infection control procedures:
  - Treating officer to cover their own cuts or abrasions with waterproof dressings
  - Put on single use waterproof 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.
  - Place gloves into plastic bag in the Blood Spills Bin.
  - Wash hands in warm soapy water, rinse 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
- All wounds will be:
  - flushed in water
  - dried
  - dressed
  - covered using a waterproof dressing.
  - Staff will wear gloves, wash hands afterwards and dispose of gloves and any other materials in sealed plastic bags or in the blood spills bin
- Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids
- Blood Spills Bins will be emptied by an outsourced company on a monthly basis
- Portable blood spills kits will be provided for excursions
- The school will provide children with alternative clothing where possible or arrange parents to provide clothes should their garments be infected with blood or body fluids
- All parents will be made aware if their child has been treated for a blood spill or other body fluid incident.

## Evaluation

*Ratified by School Council on: November 2018*

*To be reviewed in: 2021*