

Blood Spills & Bodily Fluids Policy



Rationale

At Kingswood we are safe, friendly and organised. Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood spills and other bodily fluids minimise the risks of transmission of infectious diseases including bacterial and viral infections.

Aim

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

Implementation

- Staff are trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid.
- Charts displaying standard infection controls will be prominently displayed in appropriate places around the school.
- The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as: Nitrile disposable powder free gloves and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
- The school will provide first aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant, detergents, protective gloves, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic sealable bags and sharp container.
- All blood or bodily 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 bodily fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to standard infection control procedures:
 - put on Nitrile disposable powder free 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. Steam clean carpets if necessary.
 - place gloves into plastic bag
 - seal bag and dispose of it in a rubbish bin
 - wash hands in warm soapy water 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 treated, dressed and covered.
- Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or bodily 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 as part of morning duty for dangerous objects and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.

References

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx> DET School policy & Advisory Guide

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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Review

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