

# Blood Spills Policy



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## Rationale:

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.

## Aims:

To ensure safe practices are used to respond to blood spills and other bodily fluids in the school environment.

## Implementation:

- All staff at Parktone Primary will be trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid bi-annually.
- 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 disposable gloves and antiseptics.
- The school will provide an adequate first aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant (eg: Milton™), detergents, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, and plastic sealable garbage bags.
- 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.
- All blood or bodily fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to the following standard infection control procedures:
  - put on 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 soiled.
- 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 daily 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 three-year review process

This policy was last ratified by School Council in May 2015