

Acute Medical Policy and Appendices

Southern Montessori Education Centre Inc.

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Rationale

Care of people and concern for their welfare is integral to the ethos of Southern Montessori School. The Centre is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all employees, students and others who are legally present on our premises and in our workplace. In keeping with this commitment, priority is given to the provision of adequate first aid facilities and first aid treatment for all persons in accordance with legislative requirements.

First Aid

Under SafeWork SA's First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice (2012), the Centre is responsible for identifying risks, providing First Aid facilities, providing sufficient staff trained to an appropriate level of competency in First Aid and having appropriate First Aid Policies and Procedures in place. The Centre maintains records of staff training in first aid and CPR/emergency care, and collates injury and illness records and information.

Scope

The Centre is committed to the provision of an effective system of First Aid management to protect the health and safety of all school employees, students, volunteers and visitors. The Centre's policy applies to all who may be affected by injuries or illness resulting from school activities, whether on or off school property.

As part of the duty of care owed to students, staff are required to administer First Aid when necessary within the limits of their skill, expertise and training. It should be noted that a teacher's duty is greater than that of the ordinary citizen in that a teacher is obliged to assist an injured student, while the ordinary citizen may choose to do nothing. In the case of serious injury or illness, neither the principal nor the teacher is required to diagnose or treat the condition apart from carrying out the appropriate First Aid procedures. Diagnosis and treatment are the responsibility of the ambulance officer or medical practitioner in attendance.

In addition, schools are required to comply with the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) and Regulations as well as relevant Codes of Practice.

The range of activities undertaken by schools means that the type and level of First Aid training will vary according to the responsibilities and duties of staff. In identifying the training needed by staff, we take into account factors such as the nature of the activities and their location, potential hazards and risks, and previous accidents and injuries.

First Aid practices are reviewed frequently and policies are available to members of our community upon request.

Useful links:

SafeWork SA First Aid in the Workplace: Code of Practice

https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/136264/First-aid-in-the-workplace.pdf

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Work Health and Safety Act 2012

<https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/legislation/lz/c/a/work%20health%20and%20safety%20act%202012/current/2012.40.auth.pdf>

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/R/Work%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Regulations%202012.aspx>

Communicable Diseases

Students or staff suffering from infectious diseases are required to stay away from school until they have served the exclusion period listed on the Department of Health’s ‘You’ve Got What’ website and they are presenting recovered and well.

Our Centre will comply with the detailed instructions and exclusion periods contained in the current edition of “You’ve Got What? - Prevention and control of notifiable and other infectious diseases in children and adults” - published by the Department of Health.

Exclusion periods based on recommendations given by the National Health and Medical Research Council are published in the Parent Handbook.

Chronic Conditions Management

(Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, Continence, Neurological etc)

The Centre requires:

- A current Management Plan, updated every 12 months, including descriptions of symptoms, medication and medication administration details, developed in consultation with the student's parents/carer and doctor
- Parent/carer to return MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FORM A . Please note that this form is only valid for one week. Anything longer than a week requires an action plan from a doctor
- Medication must be handed to the School Office in pharmacy prepared package. Emergency medications such as EpiPens will be distributed to teachers and kept in the classroom. All other medications will be kept in the office.

Procedures and Practices

Staff will follow Management Plans and use these guidelines:

- Medication will be kept in the classroom for daily management of the condition
- Parents are responsible for the regular cleaning of devices, the replacement of out-of-date medication, and for informing the school of any change to the frequency or dose of medication
- In the event of an acute asthma attack, the staff will follow the emergency plan, call an ambulance and notify parent/carer as soon as is practical.

Defibrillator

The Centre owns a defibrillator and staff are trained in how to use it. Emergency situations requiring its use will usually mean following the directions of a paramedic over the phone. Where this is not possible it will be used in strict accordance with staff training and advice given audibly by the device.

Awareness

We are committed to raising staff, student and school community awareness about chronic conditions. This includes information relating to:

- Regular training and updates for school staff in recognising and responding appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction, including competently administering an EpiPen®
- Management and prevention strategies
- Communication with staff, students and parents/carers

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School Camps

There are special considerations in caring for a student with chronic conditions while on school camp and so educators and parents need to work closely to ensure the Management Plan, including medication administration details has been updated within the previous 12 month period.

This completed form will be provided to the staff member in charge prior to departure for camp. This form will ensure that staff have the most up to date medical information about the student and their chronic condition.

Immunisation

Refer to the Centre's Immunisation Position Statement.

The safety of children is our highest priority. We adhere to exclusion periods as set out by SA Health Guidelines ("You've Got What?") until risks have subsided.

First Aid Officers

The Centre complies with legislative requirements regarding the number and qualification level of First Aid Officers.

Related Policies and Documents

Appendix A ,B and C

Health and Wellbeing Policy

Immunisation Position Statement

"You've Got What? - Prevention and control of notifiable and other infectious diseases in children and adults" - published by the Department of Health.

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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FORM

I _____ authorise staff of Southern Montessori School to administer medication to my child.

Date: ____/____/____

Medication can only be given to a child if it is in its original packaging.
 Medication will only be administered to the child for whom it has been prescribed, from a container bearing the child's name, in accordance with the instructions.
 In the case of asthma / anaphylaxis, the parent / caregiver must provide an Asthma / Anaphylaxis Management Plan from their doctor and an emergency or first aid care plan.

STUDENT'S NAME		
Parent's / Caregiver's name(s)		Contact number(s)
Name of Medication		
Dosage of each administration		
Frequency & duration of administration		
Symptoms your child usually displays		
Emergency / special instructions		
Parent / Caregiver signature		Date:
Staff member signature		Date:
Signature of doctor or pharmacist. Only needed where long-term medication is administered.		Date:

Refer to record of medication administration.

