

TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

BLOOD SPILLS

POLICY

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

Implementation:

- All staff at our school will be 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 disposable gloves, glasses, antiseptics, and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
- The school will provide an adequate first aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant (eg: Milton™), detergents, rubber gloves, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic sealable garbage bags and sharps dispensers.
- 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 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, if possible, should their garments be infected with blood or bodily fluids. Where clothes are not available the parent will be contacted to bring suitable replacement clothing.

- 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 for dangerous objects such as discarded syringes, and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.
- Children will not be involved in the cleaning up of any blood spills or bodily fluids.

Evaluation:

Policy to be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review process

This policy was last ratified by School Council in December 2014

Principal's signature: _____

School Council President's signature: _____

Date: _____