



STUDENT HEALTH SUPPORT POLICY

First Aid

Vale Park Primary School has a First Aid room which provides for basic first aid requirements and short-term care until the child is able to return to class, or if needed, when a parent or caregiver is able to collect their child. The school seeks support from families by collecting children promptly if they are unwell.

When students attend the First Aid room, parents are notified either:

- by way of an *injury/illness or Asthma Medication Notification Slip*
- by phone if an accident causes concern, or if there is a head or eye injury
- by phone if students are unwell and need to be collected

Health Care Plans

It is a Department for Education (DfE) requirement that the school has a current Health Care Plan for all students who need individual health care and support, whether multifaceted, long or short term.

A Health Care Plan, signed by the parent/guardian and a health professional must be completed if a child suffers from or needs assistance with:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy or Seizures
- Allergies: Severe (Anaphylaxis) and Mild
- Mental Health Issues
- Personal Care Support (e.g. assistance with continence care, eating and drinking or transfer and positioning)
- Special Aid or Equipment
- Any other conditions requiring health care or medication during school hours

Health Care Plans are available from the Front Office or can be downloaded from-

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/health-care-plans>

Completed forms must be submitted to the Front Office prior to children commencing at school. Health care plans should be checked regularly and updated with the school as required.

Any medication will need to be signed in with staff at the Front Office when a child commences school.

Severe Allergies

Some students may have a severe nut or food allergy which can result in anaphylaxis and can be life threatening. Nuts and some foods can be highly hazardous for some people.

For further information please see Vale Park Primary School's Nut and Allergens Policy.

Medication

Staff members can assist with medication that is prescribed by a medical practitioner on a current Health Care Plan and Medication Authority. If children are required to take antibiotics, these can be prescribed to occur before school, after school and at night.

The school will not give pain relief medication to children except when specifically negotiated with parents through their health professional and detailed on a Health Care Plan and Medication Authority. Analgesics are not kept in the school. School staff cannot administer eye or ear drops.

Where medication must be taken during school hours the following DfE procedures apply:

- All medications including those purchased over the counter must be sent with a Medication Authority and a Health Care Plan. Medication must be in the original container with a chemist label detailing the child's name and dose. Please ask the chemist to label the bottle or inhaler as well as the box. Chemists will also be able to provide empty labeled containers in which parents/caregivers can place the dose to send to school.
- The Health Care Plan and Medication Authority must be completed by the prescribing health professional, clearly indicating the medication, dosage and times the medication is to be taken, and signed by the doctor and parent. Asthma and Allergy medication is stored in the First Aid Room
- Asthma inhalers must have a chemist label. An asthma care plan and medication authority signed by child's doctor is to be provided to the school office. Please see a staff member in the Front Office for further information.
- Medication cannot be administered if past the expiry date.

Head Lice

It is recommended that hair is checked regularly for head lice. Checking and treating children's hair is a parent's responsibility.

If a case of head lice is suspected

- Child will be sent to the Front Office to be checked (Students with permission)
- If active head lice are detected parent/caregiver will be notified to arrange for child to be treated as soon as possible

If a student is found to have head lice, they will be withdrawn from close contact or activities that include hair/head to head contact.

When head lice are detected in a class, a note explaining eradication procedures is sent home to all students in that class, so checks/treatment may occur.