



# ST MARY'S SCHOOL MANSFIELD BLOOD SPILLS POLICY

**Rationale:**

Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood spills and other body fluids minimize 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 body fluids.

**Implementation:**

- All staff at our school will undertake training in standard infection control procedures and first aid.
- The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves, antiseptics.
- The school will provide an adequate first aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant, detergents, disposable wet wipes, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic sealable garbage bags and sharps dispensers.
- A staff members will attend to all blood or body fluid spills 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 body fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to standard infection control procedures, including the sealing of all disposable materials into a plastic sealable garbage bags for disposal, thorough washing of all instruments in a disinfectant solution (Milton™), thorough wiping down of all contaminated surfaces with warm water and detergent, and steam cleaning of areas such as carpets.
- All wounds will be treated, dressed and covered and children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to school activities with exposed blood or body 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 and adjacent park lands for dangerous objects such as discarded syringes, and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.

**Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed in June 2019 in accordance with the School Policy Timeline.

