

HEALTH POLICY

PINEFIELDS SCHOOL AND AFTERCARE

Pinefields School promotes a healthy lifestyle in its day to day work with children and adults. This is achieved in the following ways.

ILLNESS

No child will be accepted with a fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, runny crusty eyes or an unexplained rash. The child should not have any of these symptoms for at least 48 hours before he/she could be returned to school. Parents will be notified should a child become sick/ill at school and they will be asked to collect the child from school. Cuts and open sores whether on adults or children will be covered with plaster.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

When a communicable disease has been introduced into the school, parents will be notified. Parents are urged to notify the school when their child has been exposed to a communicable disease.

IMMUNISATIONS

To protect all children and staff, each child needs to have their immunisation up to date. An updated clinic cards needs to be kept in the child's file.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

When a medical emergency arises, every effort will be made to contact the parents, guardians, or an emergency contact. In the event that the parents or emergency contact cannot be reached the Principal will decide on the next step and place a call to the emergency services or the child will be transported to the nearest available doctor. An authorised person from the school will accompany the child and remain with him/her until the parents arrive. The school assumes no responsibility for the costs associated with emergency care.

Staff will record the injury/medical emergency on the "Accident Report" form. A copy will be placed in the child's file.

Fire and Bomb Threat Drills take place on a monthly basis throughout the year.

MEDICATIONS

Medications (medicine, ointment and creams) will be administered to a child only when the 'Admission of Medication' form has been completed. This form must accompany the medication or the school will not be able to administer the medication to your child. An educator trained to administer medication will do so and sign the 'Admission of Medication' form.

MEDICATION STORAGE

Medication prescribed for a child must be kept in the original container, marked with the child's name and surname. Medication will be kept out of the reach of children. All medication must be taken home on a daily basis.

ALLERGIES

If your child has allergies, please discuss them in detail with the class educator and the principal. For food allergies, a written description signed by the parent must be on file and updated every year. The staff at the school will take appropriate precautions. If at any time your child develops an allergy, please inform the school immediately.
