

St Patrick's Catholic School, Katanning



Diabetes Policy and Procedures

RATIONALE

All members of the school community need to be able to experience a caring, safe and positive school environment. Students who have diabetes feel safe, cared for and are supported to access the curriculum and school experiences offered.

PRINCIPLES

- We involve parents and families in developing plans and processes to enable maximum participation in and benefit from school experiences.
- Staff are provided training so that they can manage a child's Diabetes needs confidently and safely. (This can be provided by parents/carers, staff and Diabetes WA)
- Good communication between home and school is crucial in ensuring a safe and comfortable environment.
- We aim to prepare a child for life where they are confident and capable of managing their Diabetes.
- We encourage all students to embrace diversity and difference.

PROCEDURES

- Families are to provide the school with a Diabetes Action Plan and Diabetes Management Plan.
- These are to be displayed with other relevant information and included in Emergency Management Files.
- Families are to inform the school immediately should the plan(s) change.
- The plan(s) must include all details in relation to the management of Diabetes for that particular child including where equipment is kept and who is responsible for / capable of treatment.
- Whole staff diabetes training opportunities are provided.
- Staff immediately involved in a child's particular classroom are provided additional specific training to manage a child's Diabetes.
- Staff directly responsible for managing a child's Diabetes, are to monitor the student's blood sugar levels at times outlined in the student's Diabetes plan.

- When treats are provided at school (birthdays, fetes, fundraisers) etc, parents should provide an alternative Diabetes friendly treat (these are originally provided by the parent and kept in the child's classroom. The class teacher is to ask parents to replenish these as stocks deplete). The child is also able to receive the treat provided to the rest of the class but must take it home so that they can have it at a suitable time and with suitable planning with their home meal plans.
- Class teachers are asked to consider distributing birthday treats and food items at the end of the day for all students to take home so that groups of students who can't have these do not feel left out. This may be altered at teacher's discretion based on: timing of day (events, timetable, etc), allergy risk to students, cultural reasons, risk of food poisoning, family and socioemotional needs of particular students, etc.
- Adequate notice is to be given to parents of students with Diabetes for excursions, camps and special events so that relevant planning and meetings (as required) can take place to assist the child to participate fully in the experience.
- Snacks etc, can be eaten at various times during the day to assist the child to participate fully in the curriculum.
- Special provision is made for tests and exams to enable the child every opportunity to complete the assessment at their full potential.

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