



## INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES 509

The following procedures will be strictly adhered to:

1. Gloves should be worn for all procedures; however, under no circumstances should the urgent care of a bleeding child be delayed because gloves are not immediately available.
2. Used gloves, soiled dressings, sanitary towels, tissues, etc. should be disposed of where they will not be handled, i.e. They are to be placed directly in the toilet and flushed or a tied plastic bag in the rubbish bin in the Bike Shed.
3. Surfaces and instruments contaminated with blood should be wiped clean and then sterilised with an adequate exposure to an effective disinfectant, e.g. 0.5% hypochlorite (one part household bleach and nine parts cold water). Surfaces should be soaked for 20 minutes and then wiped dry. NB Hypochlorite dilutions must be freshly prepared immediately prior to use. Clothes, bucket and bleach to be kept in first aid cupboard opposite the staff toilet.
4. Hands should be washed thoroughly at the completion of the procedure. Hand washing is usually adequate for non-blood secretions, but the above precautions (i.e. gloves, etc.) can be used if the operator wishes.
5. The staff member in charge of First Aide will ensure that first-aid kits include disposable gloves, disposable wipes or towels, plastic bags for contaminated waste and disinfectant with instructions for use.

All Staff and helpers in contact with children should be instructed in these simple precautions. Every opportunity should be taken to ensure that parents and older school pupils are also taught to handle blood and body fluids safely.

### **SPECIAL SITUATIONS:**

If a child with a notifiable infectious disease seeks enrolment at school advice from the Ministry of Education and the Health Nurse will be sought.

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