**HEAD LICE**
Parents are notified when head lice are found. It is expected that they will be treated and the child can return to school the next day. It is important to continue looking for and treating the head lice as it can take ten days to eradicate them.
The principal may authorise a member of staff to examine the head of any student to ascertain whether head lice are present.

**ASTHMA**
Students with asthma should have a Care Plan from the doctor. Parents should provide Ventolin and spacer, which can be stored in the First Aid room and used when required.

**ANAPHYLAXIS**
Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction which can be life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency requiring an immediate response.
The school approach to the prevention and emergency management of anaphylaxis includes:
- identification of students at risk;
- the development of an emergency action plan, published in the staffroom and classroom;
- verifying staff have completed anaphylaxis training;
- establishing procedures for reducing the risk of exposure to known allergens;
- establishing procedures for responding to anaphylaxis emergencies;
- verifying that parents have provided an up-to-date prescribed adrenaline auto-injector for students with anaphylaxis;

**Staff Rights and Responsibilities**
- Teaching staff are expected to support the implementation of student health care plans. However, they have the right to decline to conduct medical procedures and/or to undergo training to provide health care support.
- In an emergency, all school staff owe a duty of care for the safety and welfare of students.
- The Department supports staff who have fulfilled their duties in good faith. This includes administering health care support and/or emergency first aid.

Walpole Primary School promotes healthy students and identifies and minimises health risks in the school environment.

Parents and schools work together to provide the necessary information and care to promote healthy students.
During Enrolment and the Start of Each School Year

It is important for the school to have enough information to be able to manage the health of a student whilst they are at school. On enrolment, parents are asked to complete a Student Health Care Summary form. They will also be requested to provide a record of their child’s immunization history. This information is confidential but may be shared if the parent gives permission or if it is requested by the Health Department.

Health Care Plans
If your child has an illness such as asthma, epilepsy etc. it is important that you provide the school a Health Care Plan, written by the doctor. We would seek your permission to display the Health Care Plan so that all staff are informed of your child's requirements.

Medication
If your child needs medication given for the long-term, e.g. insulin, information about doses should be provided by the doctor.
If your child needs medicine for a short while e.g. antibiotics, you may be asked to fill out a form that states what medicine is to be taken, how much and when.

During an Emergency

In a medical emergency, principals will:
- organise medical attention for the student.
- make appropriate transport arrangements if required.
- inform parents as soon as possible.
- promptly record all actions taken.
- complete an online incident notification report if required and
- arrange a review of the event and debriefing and support for staff/students if required.

If an ambulance is not available, principals will:
- seek advice from the ambulance or medical service prior to providing transport in a private vehicle.
- subject to agreement from the ambulance or medical service, transport the student to a health service or medical practitioner and
- whenever possible, arrange for at least two people to travel with the student, one to drive and the other(s) to monitor the health of the student.

Meeting the Cost of the Ambulance Service

The Student Health Care Summary which is completed by all parents at enrolment indicates that parents are expected to meet the cost of an ambulance in an emergency. If possible, it is worth having Ambulance Cover.

Absences from School

Every day at school makes a difference. However, if a child is sick, it is expected that they will stay at home to:
- Be cared for and recover
- Not spread their health issue

Parents should advise the school if their child is absent and the reason. This may be done in written form, by phone or email.

If your child is sick for more than ten days, the Principal can arrange provision of an educational program.

The Principal may request a medical certificate for prolonged absences that are due to sickness or injury.

If a parent insists that his/her child attend school and the principal believes that the child is not well enough to attend, the principal can request the parent to provide a medical certificate to confirm that the child is fit to attend school.