**FIRST AID POLICY-ST PATRICK’S PS GORTIN**

The care and safety of all children is a top priority at St Patrick’s Primary School. To make sure that this happens a number of steps are taken.

**School Procedure In The Event Of A Child Being Injured As The Result Of An Accident:**

A central first aid kit and defibrillator and disposable ice packs are kept in the School office at all times.. Plasters, T.C.P, dettol, creams, etc., can not be used by any school staff. **Posters are displayed in both offices near the phones detailing Procedures in a medical emergency..**

Mrs Mc Bride is the main first aider in the school..

* .Mrs Mc Bride,Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Bradley take part in First Aid and Defibrillator Training every 3 years..(certificates attached)
* When required, members of staff take part in Epipen and Epilepsy training..

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A first aid kit and Epipen Kits are to be taken by the teacher in charge on educational trips for use in the event of accidents.

In the event of a serious accident occurring either in the classroom or in the playground, the

teacher or Supervisory Assistant notifies the Principal immediately, first aid is administered by the trained staff member, the parents contacted and the pupil sent to hospital.

In general it is the responsibility of parents to make arrangements for their children

when they become unwell at school. This would involve collecting them to take them

home, to the doctor or the hospital.

The school will contact Parents/Carers using the emergency contact numbers, should a

child become ill and/or be involved in an accident.

In the event of a Parent/Guardian or Child Minder not being available, the Principal, first-aider or teacher with responsibility at the time, will make a judgement as to

the seriousness of the situation and will act accordingly. Such action may include

transporting the pupil home provided a responsible adult is available to receive him/her, to

the local health centre/Hospital, contacting a doctor, ringing for an ambulance or

sanctioning a limited period of time for the pupil to remain in the school under supervision

and closely observed.

In the event of a child requiring immediate attention, the Principal generally

transports such casualties by car and is accompanied by a Classroom Assistant. Both

remain with the child until the parents or close relative come to the Hospital.

An accident report form is completed by the Supervisor, and with any other witnesses to the accident.

Details of any medical condition which might affect a child’s life in school are contained on pupils online SIMs information records. The class teacher can refer to this information if the need arises.

 **ADMINISTERING MEDICINE-refer to Policy**

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