

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.

Any child who has a medical condition has been identified from the SIMS forms and so each teacher has a class list with the children highlighted. Medical plans are in, staff room and canteen when required.

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

- A central first aid kit, defibrillator and disposable ice packs are kept in the School office at all times. Plasters, T.C.P, dettol, creams, etc., cannot be used by any school staff.

Posters are displayed in both offices near the phones detailing Procedures in a medical emergency.

Posters are displayed throughout the school displaying First Aid trained staff.

Mrs Mc Bride is presently the main first aider in the school after updated training in August 2024...She completed Refresher First Aid at Work training in Nov 24

- Mr O'Hara, Mrs Cunningham and Miss McBride completed Emergency at Work first aid training in August 2024 and so will take part in First Aid and Defibrillator Training every 3 years (most recent 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.
 - Medical gloves and antiseptic wipes are in each teacher's drawer in case they are required in the classroom.
 - 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 if consented to by the parent/carer, the parents will be 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 an emergency or severe incident, an ambulance will be called as the designated first aider attends to the casualty.
 - An accident report form is completed by the Supervisor along 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. Any child who has a medical condition has been identified from the SIMS forms and so each teacher has a class list with the children highlighted. Medical plans are in, staff room and canteen when required.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINE-refer to Policy

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