

Polasaí Garchabhrach

First Aid Policy

Gaelscoil Uí Néill



‘Fonn a dhéanann foghlaim’

Policy Statement

The Principal and Board of Governors of Gaelscoil Uí Néill accept their responsibility under the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and acknowledge the importance of providing First Aid for employees, children and visitors within the School.

The staff of Gaelscoil Uí Néill recognise their statutory duty to comply with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and agree to abide by the SELB procedure for reporting accidents.

Signed _____
(Principal)

Date _____

Signed _____
(Chairperson of Board of Governors)

Introduction

'First Aid is the initial assistance or treatment given to someone who is injured or suddenly taken ill' (The Joint First Aid Manual 8th Edition). Staff administering First Aid should seek to assess the situation, protect themselves and the casualty from further danger, deal with any life threatening condition and where necessary obtain medical assistance or refer the casualty to hospital as quickly as possible.

Statement of First Aid Provision

The School's arrangements for providing First Aid will:-

- Place a duty on the Principal/Vice-Principal and Board of Governors to approve, implement and review the First Aid policy;
- Place individual duties on all employees where appropriate;
- Record and report significant accidents to parents;
- Report all significant occasions when First Aid is administered to employees, pupils and visitors.
- Provide equipment and materials to provide First Aid treatment;
- Make arrangements with SELB CASS to provide First Aid training to employees, maintain records of training and review annually;
- Establish a procedure for managing accidents in school which require First Aid treatment;
- Provide information to employees on the arrangements for First Aid;
- Undertake a risk assessment of the First Aid requirements of the School and review on a regular basis;
- Use the information from the risk assessment of First Aid to determine the number and level of trained staff and also any additional requirements (eg specialised training for children with particular medical needs);
- Notify parent/guardian that first aid treatment was given to the child.

Arrangements for First Aid

The School will provide materials and equipment and facilities to provide First Aid. The location of the First Aid Kits in the School are:-

in metal cupboard outside staff toilets in office block

A standard First Aid Kit will contain the following items:

Leaflet giving general advice on First Aid
20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings assorted sizes
4 triangular bandages
2 sterile eye pads
6 safety pins
6 medium wound dressings
2 large wound dressings
3 extra large wound dressings
1 pair of disposable gloves

The contents of the Kits will be checked on a regular basis by Siobhán Mhic Néill.

The School First Aiders are Jayne Uí Néill, Christina Nic Eoin, and Páraic Ó Máirtín

Before undertaking any off site activities the level of first aid provision will be assessed by the Principal/Vice-Principal and at least one First Aid Kit will be taken along.

Information on First Aid Arrangements

The Principal/Vice-Principal will inform all employees at the school of the following:-

- The arrangements for recording and reporting of accidents;
- The arrangements for First Aid;
- Those employees who are qualified First Aiders;
- The location of the First Aid Kits.

In addition the Principal/Vice-Principal will ensure that a sign is displayed in the office providing the following information:-

- The names of employees with First Aid qualifications;
- Location of the First Aid Box.

All members of staff will be made aware of the School's First Aid policy. No member of staff should attempt to give First Aid unless they have been trained.

Accidents involving bumps to a Pupil's head

The consequence of an injury from an accident involving a bump or blow to a pupil's head is not always evident immediately and the effects may only become noticeable after a period of time.

Where emergency treatment is not required, the parent/guardian will be informed of the head injury either in person, or by phone. The Principal/Vice-Principal/school secretary/ class teacher are responsible for informing parents/guardians. This will then be noted in the 'Head Injury Record' book held in the office (See Appendix 1).

Transport to hospital or home

The Principal/Vice-Principal will determine the appropriate action to be taken in each case. Where the injury requires urgent medical attention an ambulance will be called and the pupil's parent or guardian will be notified. If hospital treatment is required, then the pupil's parent/guardian will be called for them to take over responsibility. If no contact can be made with parent/guardian or other designated emergency contacts then the Principal/Vice-Principal may decide to transport the pupil to the hospital.

Where the Principal/Vice-Principal makes arrangements for transporting a child then the following points will be adhered to:-

- Only staff cars insured to cover such transportation will be used;
- No individual member of staff will be alone with the pupil in a vehicle;
- A second member of staff will be present to provide supervision of the injured pupil.

Appendix 1

Pro Forma for Injuries to the Head

Date	Pupil's Name and Class	Details	Action Taken	Phonecall to Parent / Carer (✓)	Signature / Initials