

Glasnevin Educate Together National School,
Griffith Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin 11



First Aid Policy

There are eleven members of staff trained in Emergency First Aid and CPR with a defibrillator (2019).

General Procedures:

Minor Accident/Injury in Yard

Any injury must be reported to the teacher on duty for that yard. If deemed necessary, the child will be taken indoors to the first aid area by an SNA. Appropriate treatment will be given by the SNA and this will be recorded on the First Aid injury sheet. Where necessary the class teacher and parents/guardians will be informed.

More Serious Accident/ Injury in Yard

Severe bleeding, suspected broken bones and all head or eye injuries are considered potentially serious. The principal is to be notified of these injuries immediately and parents/guardians are called. An Accident Report Form will be filled out and stored with the principal.

Very Serious Accident/Injury

In the event of a very serious injury, the principal is to be notified immediately. Parents/ Guardians will be called.

If the considered opinion of the attending staff is that immediate professional help is required, then an ambulance is called. If the ambulance arrives before the parents/guardians arrive then a teacher (designated by the principal) will travel to the hospital with the child. Parents/guardians are kept informed of the developing situation. An Accident Report Form is completed and kept on file. In addition, the School Insurers are informed on the special Incident Report Form.

Accidents/Injuries During Class Time

The class teacher is responsible for treating minor injuries that occur during classroom activities. A First Aid box is in each room for minor injuries. The

incident should be recorded in the First Aid records located at the first aid area.

Serious injuries which happen during class time should be dealt with as above. The assistance of another staff member should be sought immediately.

Procedures for Specific Health Conditions:

Anaphylaxis

If a child with anaphylaxis suffers from a serious reaction, immediate help will be sought. First Aid protocols for Anaphylaxis will be followed. The child's epipen will be located immediately and administered into the thigh if deemed necessary by staff. An ambulance and the child's parents/guardians will be called. Epi Pens are stored in the bags of children who have anaphylaxis and should be easily and clearly identifiable. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure the Epipen/ Jext pen is in date.

Epilepsy

If a child or adult suffers from a seizure, the seizure will be timed. First Aid protocols for Epilepsy will be followed. They will be protected from harming themselves during the seizure but not be restrained. If it is a first time seizure an ambulance will be called immediately and parents/guardians informed.

Asthma

If a child with asthma suffers from an attack their reliever inhaler (usually blue) will be given to them for them to administer themselves. Younger children using a spacer will be helped by an adult.

If there is no immediate improvement, First Aid Protocols will be followed. An ambulance and parents/guardians will be called if there is no improvement after 5 minutes of taking their reliever inhaler, if the child is too breathless to talk or if lips are turning blue.

Medicines

Please refer to Administration of Medicines policy (2008, reviewed 2015).

Defibrillator

A defibrillator (AED) is located outside the Administration office as you enter the school. It is not locked and is accessible to anyone who may be in need of it in an emergency (Staff, Parents/guardians, and Visitors).