

Bunscoil an Iúir

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Polasaí Garchabhrach

First Aid Policy

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Policy Statement

The Principal and Board of Governors of Bunscoil an Iuir 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 Bunscoil an Iúir 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 EA procedure for reporting accidents.

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 and Board of Governors to approve, implement and review the First Aid policy;
- Place individual duties on all employees;
- Report and record accidents using relevant form to the Education Authority;
- Provide equipment and materials to provide First Aid treatment;
- Make arrangements 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 cupboard beside staff toilets, off the Main Hall.
 - In cupboard beside toilets, off Room 4 - Rang 5.
 - In cupboard beside toilets off Room 6 - Rang 2.
 - In Portacabin
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- There is another First Aid kit in the meals kitchen and this is under the responsibility of the kitchen staff.

A standard First Aid Kit will contain the following items:

Leaflet giving general advice on First Aid

"Recognise and Remove" Leaflet on Concussion

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 Helen Mallon.

The School First Aiders are Helen Mallon, Colleen McGinnis, Edel O'Higgins, Maria Caraher.

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

Information on First Aid Arrangements

The 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 will ensure that signs are displayed throughout the School 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.

- Parents will be informed immediately of the child's condition.
- Where emergency treatment is not required a 'Head Bump' sticker will be sent home to the parent/guardian.

Transport to hospital or home

The 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.

First Aid Kits

Kit	Location	Date Checked
Kit 1	In cupboard beside staff toilets, off the Main Hall.	
Kit 2	In cupboard beside toilets, off Room 4 - Rang 5.	
Kit 3	In cupboard beside toilets off Room 6 - Rang 2.	
Kit 4	In Portacabin	
Kit 5	Kitchen	

The School First Aiders are as follows:

First Aider	Date Trained	Date to be re-trained
Helen Mallon		
Edel O'Higgins	14/01/15	
Maria Caraher	14/01/15	

