



St Kieran's College
Secondary School
Kilkenny

First Aid and Administration of Medicine Procedures
Policy

School Philosophy and Mission Statement

St Kieran's College, as Ireland's oldest all-boys Catholic Secondary School, continues its founding aim of the pursuit of real excellence in education and formation, in the light of the Gospel, so as to allow all our students to realise the fullness of their potential.

Academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally our students are encouraged to strive for all that is possible in the relentless pursuit of perfecting their individual gifts and talents.

In so doing they bring to life the joy intended by our motto, "Hiems Transiit", for themselves, those they love and the community where they will live, serve and lead.

Sustainability

Our health procedures include environmentally responsible practices, such as proper disposal of medical waste and the use of sustainable materials where possible. We are committed to ensuring that our health services do not compromise the well-being of our planet.

Rationale

It is recommended that first aid and medication should be administered in the presence of other students or another adult. However, no member of the staff should hesitate to provide first aid or medicine in an emergency even if another person is not present.

The aims of the First Aid and Administration of Medicines Procedures are as follows:

- To assess and treat minor injuries
- To identify major injuries and pursue treatment
- To provide basic First Aid treatment for minor injuries
- To provide a common approach for administering First Aid
- To provide a common approach on the administration of medicine
- To ensure that safe practices are being followed in the administration of First Aid and administration of medicine.

First Aid Procedures

Minor accident or injury is one where a child has received scrape, graze, bump or minor cut to arm, leg or body.

Serious accident or injury is one where child has received injury which may require further treatment, or any head injury.

Location of First Aid

A First Aid Box is located at first aid station in the Staff Room, PE Office, the Accounts Office and School Office, Science Labs and Construction Room.

All medication is stored in the Accounts Office and maintained by the First Aid Coordinator.

Teachers will treat any pupils requiring First Aid during class time.

Treatments

- Cuts, grazes, blood injuries –the First Aid person while wearing disposable gloves cleans wound.
- All gloves and waste are discarded after each injury.
- Sprains/suspected breaks – ice pack applied. Class teacher and Year Head are notified and parents are contacted.
- Head Injuries are always checked and reported to Principal and Year Head. The injured child is monitored and parents are notified by telephone. The First aid person is responsible for contacting home. If a parent cannot be contacted, a voicemail is left.
- The purpose of the telephone call is to alert parents to the possibility of concussion symptoms emerging later in the day when child has left school.

Treatment of Serious Injury

- In case of emergency, teacher present will call for support from partner teacher or teacher nearest, class teacher attends to injured pupil, and partner teacher takes responsibility for supervision of remainder of pupils.
- Principal will be notified if it is considered prudent, an ambulance will be called.
- Pupil should be placed in recovery position, unless back or spine injury is suspected.

Records:

- A report is filed in the First Aid book by the First Aid Coordinator in the School Office. The report includes the date of incident, brief description of injury and action taken.
- These records are retained in the school office.

- Records are submitted to the BOM.
- Serious incidents are reported to school insurance company in line with company policy.

Procedures for the administration of medicine

- No staff member can be required to administer medication to a student.
- The medication should be self-administered if possible.
- Written instructions on the administration of the medication must be provided.
- In administering medication in an emergency to students, staff members will exercise the standard of care of a reasonable and prudent parent.
- A written record of the date and time of administration will be kept / provided by the staff member who administered the medication.
- In emergency situations, staff should do no more than is obviously necessary and appropriate to relieve extreme distress or prevent further and otherwise irreparable harm.
- Qualified medical treatment should be secured in emergencies at the earliest opportunity.
- Parents should be contacted should any questions or emergencies arise.

Student Health Information

- Child’s enrolment form allows parents to inform school regarding pupil’s health/allergies.
- Parents should inform Year Head, class teacher/office with any updated information.
- This information is kept in child’s file in the office.

Staff Training

The board of management provides regular training to staff on dealing with typical school first aid and medicine instances.

The First Aid Procedures Policy were adopted by the Board of Management on _____.

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: _____

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