

Scoil Shinsireach Naomh Athracht, Cluain Ghlaise, Áth Cliath 16
Illnesses & Accidents
St. Attracta's Senior National School, Meadowbrook, Dublin 16.

Introduction

St. Attracta's Senior National School is committed to providing a happy, caring and secure learning environment in which the individual student is enabled to achieve his/her full potential. The health and safety of the children in our care is of prime concern to us and it is essential that parents/guardians and teachers work together for the good of the child in this regard.

Medical Information

The Board of Management requests parents/guardians to ensure that all relevant medical information is included on the school's enrolment form. Class teachers should also be made aware in writing of any medical condition suffered by any child in their class. For further information please refer to the school's policy on Administration of Medicines, which should be read in conjunction with this document.

Illness & Accidents in School

While attendance at school is vital for a child's progress, we strongly encourage parents to keep sick children at home as we do not have the facilities here in school to look after pupils who are ill. It is also unfair on children to be in school while feeling unwell.

However, in the case of children with broken limbs, where for health and safety reasons children are prohibited from going out into the yard, children may sit outside the staffroom reading a book for the duration of breaktimes.

In the case of a child becoming ill at school, parents/guardians will be contacted. Under no circumstances, will children be allowed to walk home on their own.

If a child suffers a bang on the head, parents/guardians will be notified immediately. It is therefore essential that emergency contact details are provided to the school.

If there are any concerns about damage to a child's tooth/teeth, parents are immediately informed and advised to go to the dental clinic for advice.

Where a child is injured in the yard, in class or on the way to and from school, glucose should only be offered in the form of a lollipop and not in sweet or jelly form for fear of choking.

First Aid

A member of staff has responsibility for First Aid supplies for children and staff. These will be stored in a safe place accessible only to all staff members.

From time to time minor incidents such as cuts and abrasions etc. will occur. The staff at the school will deal with these by washing the cut with water and/or Savlon. No

plaster will be applied. Parents/guardians are expected to check cuts/abrasions when the child returns home from school.

Reporting Accidents in School

Minor cuts and abrasions will be treated as outlined above. Incidents of a more serious nature will be brought to the attention of the class teacher by the teacher on duty, who will in turn report it to the parent/guardian. The accident should be recorded on an Accident Report Form, available from the office.

Emergency Procedure

- Where a child receives a blow to the head, parents/guardians will be notified immediately.
- Where a child receives a knock to a tooth, parents/guardians will be notified immediately.
- Where a child has a fall/cut/accident which is considered serious or which requires medical attention, parents/guardians will be notified and if deemed necessary, an ambulance will be called.

Infection in School

Infections in school children are common. However, not all infectious diseases are contagious. In the case of contagious diseases being brought to our attention, all parents/guardians/guardians will be informed by letter, giving information supplied by the HSE.

For the child's sake and that of other children, s/he should be kept away from school until s/he is clear of infection.

If a child has a notifiable infectious disease, school should be informed immediately.

Head-lice infection is a regular problem in the classroom. Parents/guardians are advised to regularly check hair for headlice and to treat the hair as advised by a pharmacist.

Circulation, Monitoring & Review

This document is brought to the attention of parents/guardians when their child enrolls in the school. It is also available on the school website. These procedures will be reviewed occasionally and as deemed necessary. The views and opinions of the partners in education are welcome at all times.