

## Health and Safety

Our school yard is supervised by a teacher and a SNA at every break. However accidents occur despite supervision. Minor accidents are treated at school. Slight cuts and grazes are normally treated by cleaning with cold water.

If a child injures his/her head –through a fall or collision on the yard, we will ring the parent or guardian to inform them. They may come to the school to ascertain the extent of the injury and bring the child home to keep them under supervision, if they feel this is warranted.

A logbook is kept of all serious injuries.

There is a facility for parents to take out pupil accident insurance. Details of this scheme are circulated to parents annually.

In the event of an accident or of a child becoming ill, every possible effort will be made to contact the pupil's parents or the person delegated to take responsibility.

Please ensure that the school is informed of any changes in address or contact numbers particularly emergency contact numbers.

The school shall facilitate to the best of its ability a request by parents of children who are on self-administering medication. The school will participate with the H.S.E. personnel in administration of the various schemes pertinent to primary schools.

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat accordingly where necessary. If there is an outbreak parents will be informed by note.

The Department of Education and Skills has introduced Guidelines and Procedures for all schools in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding. The Board of Management of St Patrick's has adopted these guidelines as school policy. Consequently if there is a matter of concern in relation to abuse of children we are legally obliged to report this to the H.S.E. They will assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child concerned. Designated Liaison Person in this regard is Ms. Ní Mháirtín. The Deputy Designated Liaison person is Miss Browne. The schools Child Safeguarding Statement and Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment are available to view from the Parent Association. Alternatively a copy may be requested from the Designated Liaison person.