

1. The Board of Management has a duty to safeguard the health and safety of pupils when they are engaged in authorised school activities. This policy aims to fulfil this obligation.
2. The Board of Management requests parents to ensure that teachers are made aware in writing of any medical condition their children may have and what is involved.
3. Where children are suffering from life threatening conditions, parents should outline clearly in writing, what can/cannot be done in a particular emergency situation, with particular reference to what may be a risk to the child.
4. Non-prescriptive medicines will neither be stored nor administered to pupils in school.
5. Prescribed medicines required during school hours must be administered by the parents/guardians.
6. The Board of Management takes no responsibility for the administration of certain medicines, such as inhalers used by asthmatic children, which must be readily accessible at all times of the school day.
7. No teacher can be required to administer medicine or drugs to a pupil.
8. Where a teacher is happy to dispense medicine they may not do so without specific written approval from the parents / guardians.
9. In emergency situations every effort will be made to contact the parents firstly. If the parents are unable to be contacted those nominated by the parents or a named doctor will subsequently be contacted. Failing this, the first available qualified medical assistance will be secured at the earliest opportunity.
10. In extreme emergencies, the first contact will be made with the Wicklow Ambulance Service.
11. Parents should ensure that these procedures are clearly understood. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school clearly in writing of any relevant problem, and to complete all relevant documentation and update same as necessary.
12. In the case that a child has a life threatening condition, with written permission, the school will act in' loco parentis 'and administer medicines when necessary.

This policy will be reviewed as and when necessary.

**Board of Management
Gaelscoil Chill Mhantáin**

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