

Enable Ireland/Sandymount School Epilepsy Management guidelines

These guidelines are for Sandymount School and Enable Ireland Nursing staff to work collaboratively in order to best manage epilepsy. These guidelines outline the procedure for the safe management of epilepsy while children are in school and the guidelines that should be implemented when a child is having a seizure.

General Management of Epilepsy:

- It is the responsibility of all staff caring for a child with epilepsy to ensure that their Epilepsy Training is complete and is in date.
- All staff are to ensure that the child's individual epilepsy protocol and emergency epilepsy medication pack is checked daily, is available and is in date.
- Every staff member is to be aware at all times where a child's epilepsy protocol and emergency medication pack is stored.

Management of seizure activity:

- Nursing will be notified by a staff member at the onset of a child having a seizure in school.
- Nursing will offer support to the school staff member at this time. Nursing will ensure that an epilepsy trained staff member is present with the child while nursing staff prepare to attend to the child in the school.
- Prior to nursing attending, school staff will ensure that the child's individual emergency epilepsy protocol and emergency epilepsy medication is available in the event that it may be required.
- Nursing will don appropriate PPE before entering the school in line with HSE Covid-19 guidelines to reduce the risk of cross infection.
- When nursing arrive to attend to the child having a seizure nursing staff will receive a handover from trained member of staff detailing the following: **start time of seizure, description of seizure and any possible triggers of seizure activity.**
- Nursing will document the child's seizure and contact the parent/guardian as appropriate.

Emergency Medication Administration:

- If emergency medication (buccal midazolam) is required, nursing staff will be responsible for administering same to the child and will then manage the situation thereafter in line with the child's individual nursing epilepsy care plan.
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