

Shinfield Infant and Nursery School

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'Everyone shining in their own field'

Head injury procedures

Information for parents and carers

First Aid will always be given, and the injury recorded in the school accident book. A slip will be given to the school office. The child will be required to wear a sticker for the rest of the day stating 'I bumped my head today' with the date and time written on it, so that all staff during school hours and after school clubs will be aware of this. Upon receipt of the bumped head slip, the office will send a text message to parents. **Please note that the school will telephone parents directly if the child needs urgent medical attention.**

In many cases the bump to the head is usually minor and after First Aid the child can stay in school under staff supervision. Children with bumped heads will be observed carefully in school or after school clubs for any changes in their condition, and if this happens, parents will be telephoned directly.

If a child receives a bump to the face that we are concerned about, we will also contact you to make you aware.

If you have received a text message from school today advising you that your child has had a head injury, please be aware of the following information, which is available on the school website.

The text message you receive will read: (Child's name) has bumped his/her head today. We will monitor this and telephone you if we have concerns. Please see school website for information.

Although your child has been fine at school since his/her injury the following symptoms may appear later:

Concussion

Signs and symptoms

- The child may appear drowsy and confused
- They may have a mild headache
- The child may lose consciousness briefly
- They may be nauseous or vomiting
- Young children may hold their head
- Children will be generally miserable

It is important to seek medical advice.

Compression - usually when something falls on the head

Signs and symptoms

- The child's responses deteriorate rapidly eg) Child cannot answer questions
- There may be a severe headache
- The face may appear flushed or pale
- The temperature may be high
- The pulse will be slow and strong
- Breathing be slow and noisy



For school office use only: Text sent to parent? Yes Signed......

The pupils in the eyes will be unequal in size

It is important to call an ambulance immediately as this is a very severe condition