



BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Serving the communities of Brinkworth and Dauntsey

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VISION

Believe to Achieve!

To provide a secure, happy and stimulating learning environment in which EVERYONE is valued, spiritual growth is nurtured and potential maximised.

SEIZURE POLICY

Policy Statement

- Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE Primary School is an inclusive community that aims to support pupils who may have seizures, ensuring they participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- A seizure is a common neurological condition caused by a sudden burst of intense electrical activity in the brain, which can temporarily disrupt the way messages are sent between brain cells. This can cause changes in a person's awareness, behaviour, emotions, sensations and/or motor functions. Not all seizures are due to Epilepsy. 1 in 20 people will have a non-epileptic seizure at sometime.
- All staff must be aware of what to do if a pupil has a seizure.
- All staff understand that pupils that have seizures may be embarrassed if they have one in school, they may suffer bullying because of it. Procedures are in place to prevent this.

Procedure

Brinkworth Earl Danby's has a procedure protocol for each child which covers the points below.

- If a pupil is found to be having a seizure it is important **NOT** to restrain them in any way, simply ensure they are safe by clearing the surrounding area to avoid further injury.
- 'Red Card' the office to call an ambulance & parents
- Note the time the seizure starts and any triggers.
- Contact 999 for guidance/assistance.
- Once the seizure has finished place the person in the recovery position.
- Provide advice and support to any pupils/staff that witnessed the seizure.

Medication

- Any pupils taking prescribed medication for Epilepsy will have oral medication which is kept in the admin office in a locked cupboard.
- Medication only to be given to person named on prescription. The amount given and the date administered will be recorded.

Record Keeping

- When a pupil starts at Brinkworth Earl Danby's a tendency to have seizures is usually identified on the Health History Form which is completed by a parent/guardian prior to arrival. We ask

parents to ensure that detailed information is given on this form with correct names and instructions for all medication.

- If a new diagnosis is made during school holidays it is important that parents contact the school with all the relevant information available at that time.
- All pupils that have seizures will have a risk assessment.
- If a child has medication in school, a care plan is devised and sent to parents for approval. It is then uploaded onto SIMS for school staff to access as necessary.
- A hard copy is also kept in the admin office and the classroom in which the child is taught.

Exercise and Activities

- Exercise and physical activity is good for every pupil including those who have epilepsy
- Pupils are encouraged to be involved in all school activities.
- No pupil who is known to have seizures swims unsupervised.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Brinkworth Earl Danby's works in partnership with all relevant and interested parties including School Governors, all Staff, Parents, pupils, pupil's GP, specialist Doctor/Consultant and the School Nurses to ensure the policy is planned, implemented and successfully maintained.

The School:

The School has a responsibility to:

- ensure the health and safety of their employees and anyone else taking part in school activities. This responsibility extends to those staff leading activities off site eg field trips, outings, etc. Therefore the headteacher needs to ensure an appropriate seizures policy and protocol is in place and trips are adequately risk assessed
- develop, implement and monitor a seizure policy and protocol
- provide indemnity for teachers who volunteer to administer medicines to pupils who suffer with seizures who need help
- Offer training and support via the School's First Aid training and the School Nurses

School Staff

All school staff have a responsibility to:

- Understand Brinkworth Earl Danby's seizure Policy and protocols
- To attend a First Aid Training Course.
- Know which pupils they come into contact with who could have a seizure
- Know what to do in the event of a seizure
- Inform the admin office immediately if a pupil has a seizure
- Allow pupils who have been unwell time to catch up on missed work
- Be aware that pupils who suffer from seizures may have difficulty concentrating, work slower than others, and be tired more frequently.
- Look out and report any episodes of bullying.

Pupils

Pupils have a responsibility to:

- Treat other pupils with Epilepsy with respect
- Treat all medication with respect
- Know how and when to take their medication
- Ensure a member of staff is contacted if someone is having a seizure

Parents

Parents have a responsibility to:

- Inform the school if an epilepsy diagnosis has been made and what medication is taken
- Inform the school of any changes to treatment plan or any problems with epilepsy when pupil not at school
- Update the school after any Consultant/Hospital visits
- Ensure pupil has medication and it is in date when they return to school after holidays/breaks

Sources of reference

www.epilepsysociety.org.uk

www.epilepsy.org.uk/education

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