

Head Injury Flow Chart

Does the student have one or more of the following?

Unconsciousness briefly or longer / Difficulty in staying awake / Seizure / Slurred speech / Visual problems including blurred or double vision / Confusion (rule out by asking date, where they are who they are speaking to) / Balance problems / Loss of power in arms, legs or feet / Pins and needles / Amnesia / Leakage of clear fluid from nose or ears / Bruising around eyes/behind ears / Vomiting repeatedly / Neck pain.

Has the child had brain surgery in the past?

Has the child got a clotting disorder?

YES

SEVERE HEAD INJURY

If unconscious, suspect neck injury and **do not move the student**.

CALL 999 FOR AMBULANCE

Notify parent / carer asap (call all telephone numbers and leave a message) Repeat every hour.

If the ambulance service assess the student and determine that no ambulance is required, student is to be sent home.

Parents (via email), and student, to be given head injury advice sheet.

CPOMS updated.

Sports Head Injury policy on return to play to be in place on return to provision.

Has the child got bruising, a mark, swelling, abrasion, dizziness, headache, confusion, nausea or vomiting?

YES

NO

ASYMPTOMATIC

First Aider to observe for a minimum of 15mins. if no change, student can return to class.

Staff to be alerted of a head bump and to monitor for any changes in condition and record the episode on CPOMS.

DETERIORATION

MINOR HEAD INJURY

Administer paracetamol if needed for pain relief (in line with parental consent on medical form).

Contact parent / carer to notify of head injury and communicate plan of action.

Rest followed by Observation - complete observation checklist and repeat every 15mins until the child feels better or parent collects. If symptoms subside return to class.

Parent informed by email requesting that they read the attached head injury advice letter and give a copy to the student.

Staff to be alerted of a head bump and to monitor for any changes in condition and record the episode on CPOMS.

DETERIORATION