

Use of crutches General Risk Assessment

Parent Information on protocol for accepting Students into school whilst on crutches

Abbs Cross Academy requires a letter from a medical professional (GP, hospital etc.) detailing exactly what injury has been sustained before accepting responsibility for a student on crutches. This letter should include details of whether the student is required to use crutches in school and approximately how long for. Further information to be detailed, if possible, includes: when weight bearing should begin and any follow-up appointments (fracture clinics, physiotherapy etc.). Looking after children on crutches is not a responsibility taken lightly by the school and, without clear medical information, potentially puts the school and pupil at risk. It is unacceptable for students to return to school on crutches that they have obtained from means other than a professional/medical establishment i.e. friends, football coaches etc. – these students have not been officially checked out either by a GP or A&E and are a potential danger to both themselves and other students.