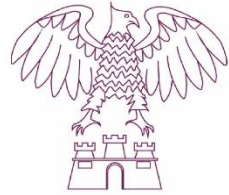


Caerleon Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun Caerllion



Policy For Using Crutches/Walking Frame In School

Students and adults using crutches or walking frames are welcome in school. We will encourage them to join in all aspects of school life and make appropriate arrangements to allow this. We hope to consider as many solutions as possible that minimise the risk to all concerned. However, it should be noted that complete access may not always be possible due to safety reasons.

If a student has an injury that requires the use of crutches/walking frame in school, a letter should be sent by the parent/carer to the school confirming that crutches were issued by a doctor/physiotherapist and stating the injury sustained. The letter should also state whether or not the student is able to weight bear for short periods, and the length of time they are expecting to use the crutches/walking frame.

Parents/carers should communicate with the school before the student comes into school, in order that a temporary care plan can be agreed.

If possible a “buddy” system will be put into place to provide assistance with any books or bags. The injured student and “buddy” will be excused a few minutes early at the end of lessons so they can move safely to the next lesson, if appropriate, before excessive human traffic makes this difficult

- The student must be responsible for the crutches/walking frame at all times, e.g. other students playing with crutches will not be accepted.
- Students should have received training from the hospital on the correct use of crutches/walking frame.
- Students should not use stairs for their own and other student’s safety. Lifts are available in all buildings.
- Transport to and from school will remain the responsibility of the parents/carer.