



A & E will only treat a minor with the parents/carers present.

All schools have '**Locum Parentis**' for each child whilst they are at school, therefore in the event of an accident / emergency that is considered life-threatening 999 will be called and the child will be escorted to an A&E department with an adult escort, parents /guardians will be informed immediately and social services informed if unable to contact parents. Hospital admission protocols/policies will then be followed.

If a minor has a non-life threatening emergency at school which requires medical assessment at A & E and school are unable to contact parents/guardians, then school are to inform social services and they will continue to contact parents/guardians, during which time the child will remain at school and all events need to be documented.

Following the event, parents/guardians should be asked for an explanation as to why they were unavailable and reminded by school of their responsibility to ensure that they are always available to be contacted by school.

Social services should also contact parents in writing to remind parents/guardians of their responsibilities.

Thank you