

HEAD INJURY LETTER

Student's Name: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

Dear parent/guardian:

Your child received a bump or blow to his/her head on the *(describe area of head)* _____

by *(describe the cause or force of the hit to head)* _____

today at _____ am/pm. **If your child experienced one or more of the Signs & Symptoms below, s/he should see a health care provider.** Signs and Symptoms of head injury can show up right after an injury or may not appear until hours or days after an injury. It is important to watch for changes in how your child is acting or feeling and if signs and symptoms are getting worse. If your child reports one or more of the symptoms listed below, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek immediate medical attention for your child.

HEAD INJURY SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OBSERVATION CHECKLIST	STAFF OBSERVATION	
Call 9-1-1 immediately for the following:	YES	NO
Loss of consciousness – even briefly		
Slow to respond, confused, slurred speech		
One pupil larger than the other		
Weakness, tingling, numbness, decreased coordination		
Seizures or convulsions		
Blood, clear fluid coming from nose, ears		
Neck pain		
Severe headache		
Worsening of any other symptoms		
Refer to health care provider for one or more of the following:		
Can't recall events <i>prior</i> to or <i>after</i> the hit, bump, or fall		
Headache		
Recurring vomiting		
Dizziness		
Blurry or double vision		
Sensitivity to light or noise		
Difficulty thinking clearly		
Change in behavior (irritable, emotional, etc.)		
Increased swelling at site of injury		
Ringing in the ears		
Loss of smell or taste		
Continued sleepiness		
May need stitches		

RESOLUTION OF INJURY

Disposition:	<input type="checkbox"/> No signs or symptoms observed-returned to class <input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms observed-sent home <input type="checkbox"/> No signs or symptoms observed-sent home Contacted: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services (9-1-1)		
Parent Communication:	Parent (name): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Voicemail Message # _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to reach parent by phone or email
	Parent informed that medical care is advised <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Head Injury Letter:	Copy of letter sent to: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Student's Health File		
Comments:			

Signature & Title of person completing this form: _____