

Medical Policy



Children with medical needs have the same rights of admission to the school as other children. Most children will at some time have short-term medical needs, perhaps entailing finishing a course of medicine such as antibiotics.

Parents have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide schools with information about the child's medical condition. Medicines should only be taken to school when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day.

Parents Responsibility

Where clinically appropriate, parents should ask for medicines to be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours.

A 'Parental agreement for school to administer medicine' must be completed and given to the school. If this form is not received by the school then the school cannot administer any medicines.

Medication that can be administered

The school will only administer medicines that are either taken orally in the form of tablet or liquid or inhaled in the form of a spray.

The school will not accept any medicine that have been taken out of the container as originally dispensed nor make any changes to dosages on parental instructions.

A child under 16 should never be given aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen unless prescribed by a doctor.

Administering Medication

Older children, whenever possible, should assume complete responsibility under the supervision of their parent from home. The 'Parental Consent Form' should be completed so that the school are aware of what medicines are being taken (this would only apply to inhalers).

Whenever any medicine is administered this will be recorded on the lower half of the Parental Consent Form of an individual child.

Refusing Medication

If a child refuses to take medicine, staff will not force them to do so, but this will be noted and the parents informed at the end of the day. If a refusal to take medicine results in an emergency, the schools emergency procedure will be followed.

Managing Prescriptions on Trips and outings

The school will consider what reasonable adjustments they can make to enable children with medical needs to participate fully and safely on visits. Staff supervising excursions should always be aware of any medical needs, and relevant emergency procedures.

Storage and Return of Unused Medication

All medication will be stored in the Medical Room.

Any unused medicines / empty containers will be returned to the parents at the end of the day.

Long-Term or Complex Needs

A personal health plan will be devised for any child who has a long-term or complex medical need.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency the school will seek assistance either from the emergency services or GP.