



Health and Medicines in School

This section should be read in conjunction with the school's Medical policy which can be found on the school's website.

Medical information

A medical information form must be completed when your child first starts school. This form is an opportunity for you to provide important details about your child's medical needs. Our welfare assistant is Mrs Debbie Tull she is available to meet with parents/carers to talk through any medical needs.

Short Term Medication

Whenever possible parents/carers should administer short term prescribed medications such as antibiotics, nose drops, eye drops and ear drops at home. If it is necessary to administer short term medication during the school day such medication will be given by school staff only if:

- The parent/carer has completed a medical consent form (available from the school office) which gives authorisation for school staff to administer the medication.
- A parent/carer gives the prescribed medication to the school office in a clearly labelled container with the pharmacist's label intact, showing the child's name and instructions for administering the medicine.

We are not allowed to administer pain relief such as Ibuprofen, Paracetamol or other medicines unless prescribed by your doctor. However, parents/carer by arrangement with the school office are able to come and administer pain relief to their child during the school day.

Long Term Medication

The school operates under the Department for Education guidance on this matter.

We can administer medications for long-term conditions e.g. Asthma, Diabetes, Eczema etc. Medicines for such conditions can be administered by school staff only if;

- The parent/carer has completed a medical consent form (available from the school office) which gives authorisation for school staff to administer the medication.
- A parent/carer gives the prescribed medication to the school office in a clearly labelled container with the pharmacist's label intact, showing the child's name and instructions for administering the medicine.





Expired Medication

It is the parents responsibility to ensure that the medicine we hold in school has not exceeded its expiry date. Any medication reaching it's expiry date will be disposed of.

Infectious Diseases

If your child contracts an infectious disease such as German Measles, Measles, Mumps, Chicken Pox etc. please notify the school as soon as diagnosis is confirmed by a doctor.

This also includes infections such as Impetigo, Conjunctivitis and Threadworms.

Children who have had diarrhoea and vomiting should be clear for **48 hours** before returning to school.

COVID

We have received updated guidance from the DfE around Covid. The guidance now states that from 1st April 2022:

“Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend”.

“It is not recommended that children and young people be tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can”.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.”

Please refer to this guidance if your child has any symptoms and you are unsure whether to send him/her in or not.





If your child is displaying any of the above symptoms please call the school office and speak to a member of staff.

Asthma/Anaphylactic

All children who suffer from Asthma or extreme allergic reactions must keep an up to date Inhaler/Epi-pen in the school medical room. This will be included in the medical kit for any off site activities.

Head Lice

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Advise the school of any incidents of head lice. **Regular** combing with a fine tooth comb and copious quantities of conditioner is the best method of prevention. All children with long hair should have it tied back at hall times. Chemical treatments should be used if all other methods prove ineffective.

Food Allergies/Intolerances

If your child would like to have school meals and they have a food allergy or food intolerance you will need to complete the special diet process.

You will need to request a 'Special Diet Referral Form' from the school office, we will e-mail it to you. Please complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible along with a copy of your diagnosis letter from the Doctor/Specialist.

Caterlink (our school meal provider), will only accept special diet process requests that have a supporting letter from a Health Professional.

Please ensure that any allergies/intolerances and dietary requirements are clearly marked on the new pupil information form.

Sunscreen

During the spring/summer months we request parents apply sunscreen to their child at the start of the school day. Please do check the ingredients due to any allergies your child or other children may have.

