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.

Non-prescribed medication

Medicines should only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so. This includes both prescribed and non-prescribed medication.

In a small number of cases, the school may agree to administer non-prescribed medication at school for an approved period of time (no more than 3 days). Some examples of when this may be agreed are:

- The child has had a significant injury from which they are recovering from which requires some additional pain relief that would support their return to school
- The child has a current medical condition, which requires some pain relief to enable them to access learning.

The following would also need to adhere too:

- All medication must be presented to school in its original packaging
- A parent / carer must complete a medical consent form which includes the dosage and time
- All medication must be in date
- Parents are responsible for collecting the medication at the end of each day
- All non-prescribed medication will include a label which includes the child's name and D.O.B stuck on to it

There are occasional circumstances where a member of staff may call parents and ask permission to give the child calpol if it means it will keep them in school e.g. a toothache.

The Executive Leadership Team has responsibility for accepting non-prescribed medication and therefore all requests must be agreed. The Welfare officer will ensure all documentation is completed both prior to medication being accepted and once administered.

All non-prescribed medication will be agreed on a daily basis with a medical consent form being completed on each day. The school will administer non-prescribed medication to a maximum of 3 days in a row and once a term only. Once administered the welfare assistant will phone the parent to confirm when the dosage was taken.

   The school will only accept:

- Calpol
- Ibuprofen

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.

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.

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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.