



St Philip's Catholic Primary School, Arundel
MANAGING MEDICINES IN SCHOOL POLICY



Statement of Intent

Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on governing bodies of maintained schools, proprietors of academies and management committees of PRUs to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions. The governing body of St Philip's Catholic Primary School will ensure that these arrangements fulfil their statutory duties and follow guidance outline in 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions' April 2014'.

Establishment staffs do not have a statutory duty to give medicines or medical treatment. However medicines will be administered to enable the inclusion of pupils with medical needs, promote regular attendance and minimise the impact on a pupil's ability to learn. In an emergency all teachers and other staff in charge of children have a common law duty of care to act for the health and safety of a child in their care – this might mean giving medicines or medical care.

Signed *Eileen Merchant*

Chair of Governors Eileen Merchant Date 19.05.17

Organisation

The governing body will develop policies and procedures to ensure the medical needs of pupils at St Philip's are managed appropriately. They will be supported with the implementation of these arrangements by the Head teacher and school staff.

The lead for the management of medicines at St Philip's is Lucy Horne, The Head teacher or, in her absence, Carole de Silva in her duties staff will be guided by their training, this policy and related procedures.

Implementation monitoring and review

All staff, governors, parents/carers and members of the St Philip's community will be made aware of and have access to this policy. This policy will be reviewed bi-annually and its implementation reviewed and as part of the Head teacher's annual report to Governors.

Insurance

Staff who follow the procedures outlined in this policy and who undertake tasks detailed in the WSCC medical audit are covered under WSCC insurance. The medical audit is available to view on West Sussex Services for Schools under 'guide to insurance for schools'.

Claims received in respect of medical procedures not covered by the insurers will be considered under the Council's insurance fund.

Prescription Medicines

Medicine should only be brought to school when it is essential to administer it during the school day. All medicines should have date, name, dose and expiry date and how it is to be taken. In the vast majority of cases, doses of medicine can be arranged around the school day thus avoiding the need for medicine in school. Antibiotics for example are usually taken three times a day, so can be given with breakfast, on getting home from school and then at bedtime.

Occasionally a GP may prescribe a medicine has to be taken during the school day. Parents may call into the school and administer medicine to their child, or they may request that a member of school staff administers the medicine. When school staff administer medicines, the parent or guardian must supply the medicine in the original pharmacist's container clearly labelled including details of possible side effects to the school office and must complete a 'Parental agreement for setting to administer medicine' form (Appendix 1 Template B). On no account should a child come to school with medicine if he/she is unwell.

Asthma

The school recognises that pupils with asthma need access to relief medication at all times. The school will manage asthma in school as outlined in the Asthma Toolkit. Pupils with asthma will be required to have an emergency inhaler and a spacer (if prescribed) in school. The school may ask the pupils parent or guardian to provide a second inhaler. Parents are responsible for this medication being in date and the school will communicate with the parents if new medication is required.

A sufficient number of salbutamol inhaler(s) and spacer(s) will be held by the school to cover emergency use and parental consent to administer the 'school inhaler' will be gained when the pupil starts school (see Asthma Toolkit). The school will hold a register of the pupils diagnosed with asthma, and parental consent with the 'school inhaler(s)'. The school will be responsible for ensuring the 'school inhaler(s)' remain in date.

The school will follow the emergency treatment as detailed on the Asthma Information Form that can be found within the Asthma Toolkit. The school inhaler will only be used in an emergency and will always be used with a

spacer as outlined in the Asthma Toolkit. The school will develop Individual Health Care Plans for those pupils with severe asthma, and an Asthma Information Form completed for pupils with mild asthma.

Non-prescription Medicines

Only 2 non-prescription medications will be administered in school, all other non-prescription medication will not be administered at school and pupils should not bring them to school for self-administration. The majority of medication lasts 4-6 hours, therefore non-prescription medication can be administered at home prior to the start of the school day and it will last the duration of the school day. A parent or guardian may attend school to administer additional doses if necessary.

Only non-prescription travel sickness medication and antihistamine can be administered in school. Antihistamine can only be administered where a GP/Consultant has recommended or prescribed antihistamine for the treatment of a mild allergic reaction (i.e. itchy eyes or skin, rash or/and redness of the skin or eyes,) The school can administer 1 standard dose of antihistamine (appropriate to age and weight of the pupil) and it is very important that symptoms are monitored for signs of further allergic reaction. During this time pupils must never be left alone and should be observed at all times. ***If symptoms develop or there are any signs of anaphylaxis or if there is any doubt regarding symptoms then an adrenaline auto injector should be administered without delay and an ambulance called.*** Some antihistamine medication can cause drowsiness and therefore the school will consider if it is necessary for pupils to avoid any contact with hazardous equipment after administration of the medication i.e. P.E. Science, Design and Technology.

Mild Allergic Reaction

Every effort will be made by the school to identify and reduce the potential hazards/ triggers that can cause an allergic reaction to pupils diagnosed with anaphylaxis within the school population. Antihistamine will be administered for mild reactions as detailed above.

Severe Allergic Reaction

An adrenaline auto injector should be used immediately in a severe reaction (see Pupils Individual Health Care Plan for details). If in doubt about the severity of an allergy reaction, administer the adrenaline auto injector and call an ambulance immediately

Hay fever - Medication for the treatment of hay fever should be administered by the parents before the pupil starts school, it is not necessary for the school to administer non-prescribed medication for the treatment of hay fever.

These 2 non-prescription medications will be administered by staff providing they are supplied in the original packaging and accompanied by a 'Parental agreement for setting to administer medicine' form (Appendix 1 Template B). Medication must be suitable for the pupil's age, supplied by the parent (not the school) and in its original packaging, with manufacturer's instructions. Staff will check that the medicine has been administered without adverse effect to the child in the past and parents must certify this is the case – a note to this effect should be recorded on the consent form. The use of antihistamine will be detailed on the pupils Individual Health Care Plan. The medication will be stored and administration recorded as for prescription medicines. The school will inform the parent / guardian the time and dose of the non-prescription medication that has been administered, at the end of each day.

Controlled Drugs

The school does not deem a pupil prescribed a controlled drug (as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971) as competent to carry the medication themselves. Controlled drugs will be stored securely in a non-portable container and only named staff will have access. Controlled drugs for emergency use must also be easily accessible. The administration of a controlled drug will be witnessed by a second member of staff and records kept. In addition to the records required for the administration of any medication, a record will be kept of any doses used and the amount of controlled drug held in school. (Appendix 1 Templates C and D)

Pupils with Long-term or Complex Medical Needs

Parents or carers should provide the head teacher with sufficient information about their child's medical condition and treatment or special care needed at school. Arrangements can then be made, between the parents, head teacher, school nurse and other relevant health professionals to ensure that the pupil's medical needs are managed well during their time in school. For pupils with significant needs, arrangements will be documented in an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) or Educational Health and Care plan (EHC). These plans will be reviewed by the school annually or following a significant change in a pupil's medical condition.

Admissions

When the school is notified of the admission of a pupil with medical needs the Lead for Managing Medicines will complete an assessment of the support required. This might include the development of an IHP and additional staff training. The school will endeavour to put arrangements in place to support that pupil as quickly as possible. However the school may decide (based on risk assessment) to delay the admission of a pupil until sufficient arrangements can be put in place.

Pupils taking their own medication

For certain long-term medical conditions, it is important for children to learn how to self-administer their medication. Appropriate arrangements for medication should be agreed and documented in the pupil's individual health care plan and parents should complete the relevant section of 'Parental agreement for setting to administer medicine' form (Appendix 1 Template B).

Staff Training

The school will ensure that the staff who administer medicine to control specific chronic conditions are trained to administer those specific medicines, for example, Anaphylaxis (adrenaline auto injector), Diabetes (insulin) Epilepsy (midazolam). Training in the administration of these specific medicines is arranged via the school nurse. A record of training must be maintained to show the date of training for each member of staff and when repeat or refresher training is required. (Appendix 1 Template E)

The school will also ensure that other staff who may occasionally need to administer a prescribed medicine supplied by the parent with a valid consent form and, or an IHP, are trained in the procedure adopted by the school by the person who has completed the Managing Medicines course. Staff must complete a competency test and a record of this and the training must be maintained to show the date of training for each member of staff and when repeat or refresher training is required. (Appendix 1 Template E)

The school will ensure that a record is made of every dose of medicine administered in school. This record is completed by the person that administers the medicine. See Appendix 1 record of medicine administered to an individual child Template C and Template D record of medicines administered to all children – see WSCC Supporting pupils with medical conditions' Templates.

Recording Incidents

If for whatever reason there is a mistake made in the administration of medication and the pupil is:

- Given the wrong medication
- Given the wrong dose
- Given medication at the wrong time (insufficient intervals between doses)
- Given medication that is out of date
- Or the wrong pupil is given medication

These incidents must be recorded locally as part of the schools local arrangements. Local records must include details of what happened, the date, who is responsible and any effect the mistake has caused. NB: Incidents that arise from medical conditions that are being well managed by the school do not need to be reported.

Storage and Access to Medicines

All medicines apart from emergency medicines (inhalers, adrenaline auto injector, etc.) are kept in a locked store cupboard. Medicines are always stored in the original pharmacist's container. Pupils are told where their medication is stored and who holds the key and staff will be fully briefed on the procedures for obtaining the medication in an emergency.

Emergency medicines such as inhalers and adrenaline auto injector are either held by the pupil or kept in a clearly identified container in his/her classroom. The school will make an assessment as to the competency of each individual pupil to carry their own medication. Parents will be asked to supply a second adrenaline auto injector for each child and they will be kept in the school office. Staff must ensure that emergency medication is readily available at all times i.e. during outside PE lessons, educational visits and in the event of an unforeseen emergency like a fire. In accordance with the Human Medicines (Amendment No 2) Regulations 2014 the school will keep a small supply of salbutamol inhalers for emergency use. Parental consent will be gained to administer the emergency school inhaler.

Medicines that require refrigeration are kept in the staffroom fridge, clearly labelled in an airtight container.

Record Keeping – administration of medicines

For legal reasons records of all medicines administered are kept at the school until the pupil reaches the age of 24. This includes medicines administered by staff during all educational visits. A parent or guardian will be informed if their child has been unwell during the school day. For record sheets see Appendix 1 'record of medicine administered to an individual child' Template C and 'record of medicine administered to all children' Template D.

Emergency Procedures

In a medical emergency, first aid is given, an ambulance is called and parents/carers are notified. Should an emergency situation occur to a pupil who has an IHP, the emergency procedures detailed on the plan are followed, and a copy of the IHP is given to the ambulance crew. IHP's will also be given to those companies and staff providing transportation of pupils to and from school, in order that the IHP can be passed to the ambulance crew in the event of an emergency. Instructions for calling an ambulance are displayed prominently by the telephone in the school office. (Appendix 1 Template F)

Medicines on Educational Visits

Staff will administer prescription medicines to pupils when required during educational visits. Parents should ensure they complete a consent form (Appendix 1 Template B) and to supply a sufficient supply of medication in its pharmacist's container. Non-prescription medicines (apart from travel sickness medication and antihistamine for mild allergic reaction) cannot be administered by staff and pupils must not carry them for self-administration.

Pupils with medical needs shall be included in educational visits as far as this is reasonably practicable. School staff will discuss any issues with parents and/or health professionals in suitable time so that extra measures (if appropriate) can be put in place for the visit.

All staff will be briefed about any emergency procedures needed with reference to pupils where needs are known and copies of care plans will be taken by the responsible person.

Medicines on Residential Visits

The school acknowledges the common law 'duty of care' to act like any prudent parent. This extends to the administration of medicines and taking action in an emergency, according to the care plan.

Occasionally it may be necessary to administer non-prescription medicines i.e. antihistamine to pupils suffering from an allergic reaction or paracetamol for acute pain from things like migraine, period pain, toothache etc. Parents must give written consent prior to the residential visit using a, 'Parental agreement for setting to administer medicine' form (Appendix 1 Template B) before non-prescription medication can be given. Staff will check that the medicine has been administered without adverse effect to the child in the past and parents must certify this is the case – a note to this effect should be recorded on the consent form.

The school will keep its own supply of medication for administration to pupils during a residential visit and parental consent will be required in order for the school to administer the supply. The medication will be

stored and administration recorded as for prescription medicines. Pupils should not bring non-prescribed medication on the residential visit for self-administration.

Travelling Abroad

Children with medical needs will be encouraged to take part in visits. The responsible member of staff will carry out a specific and additional risk assessment and a care plan will be drawn up considering parental and medical advice. Best practice would be to translate these documents to the language of the country being visited. The international emergency number should be on the care plan (112 is the EU number). European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) should be applied for by parents and supplied to the school prior to travel for all pupils that travel abroad.

Complaints

Issues arising from the medical treatment of a pupil whilst in school should in the first instance be directed to the Head teacher. If the issue cannot easily be resolved the Head teacher will inform the governing body who will seek resolution.

Appendix 1 – WSCC Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions – templates. Available from West Sussex Services for Schools H&S A-Z under Child Health.

APPENDIX 1

St. Philip's Catholic Primary School

**Supporting pupils with medical
conditions**

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Introduction

In response to requests from stakeholders during discussions about the development of the statutory guidance for supporting pupils with medical conditions, we have prepared the following templates. They are provided as an aid to schools and their use is entirely voluntary. Schools are free to adapt them as they wish to meet local needs, to design their own templates or to use templates from another source.

Template A: Individual Healthcare Plan (IHCP)

Name of school/setting	
Child's name	
Group/class/form	
Date of birth	
Child's address	
Medical diagnosis or condition	
Date	
Review date	

Family Contact Information

Name	
Relationship to child	
Phone no. (work)	
(home)	
(mobile)	
Name	
Relationship to child	
Phone no. (work)	
(home)	
(mobile)	

Clinic/Hospital Contact

Name	
Phone no.	

G.P.

Name	
Phone no.	

Who is responsible for providing support in school

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Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms, triggers, signs, treatments, facilities, equipment or devices, environmental issues etc

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Name of medication, dose, method of administration, when to be taken, side effects, contra-indications, administered by/self-administered with/without supervision

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Daily care requirements

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Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs

Arrangements for school visits/trips etc

Other information

Describe what constitutes an emergency, and the action to take if this occurs

Who is responsible in an emergency (*state if different for off-site activities*)

Plan developed with

Staff training needed/undertaken – who, what, when

I give consent to school/setting staff administering medicine in accordance with the school/setting policy and this IHP. I will inform the school/setting immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Signed by parent or guardian

Print name

Date

Review date

Copies to:

Template B: Parental Agreement for School to administer medicine

The school/setting will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the school or setting has a policy that the staff can administer medicine.

Date for review to be initiated by	
Name of school/setting	
Name of child	
Date of birth	
Group/class/form	
Medical condition or illness	

Medicine

Name/type of medicine <i>(as described on the container)</i>	
Expiry date	
Dosage and method	
Timing	
Special precautions/other instructions	
Are there any side effects that the school/setting needs to know about?	
Self-administration – y/n	
Procedures to take in an emergency	

NB: Medicines must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy

Contact Details

Name	
Daytime telephone no.	
Relationship to child	
Address	
I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to	[agreed member of staff]

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to school/setting staff administering medicine in accordance with the school/setting policy. I will inform the school/setting immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Template C: Record of medicine administered to an individual child

Name of school/setting	
Name of child	
Date medicine provided by parent	
Group/class/form	
Quantity received	
Name and strength of medicine	
Expiry date	
Quantity returned	
Dose and frequency of medicine	

Staff signature _____

Signature of parent _____

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

C: Record of medicine administered to an individual child (Continued)

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Template E: Staff Training Record – administration of medicines

Name of school/setting	
Name	
Type of training received	
Date of training completed	
Training provided by	
Profession and title	
Refresher/update training date	

I confirm that [name of member of staff] has received the training detailed above and is competent to carry out any necessary treatment. I recommend that the training is updated [name of member of staff].

Trainer's signature _____

Date _____

I confirm that I have received the training detailed above.

Staff signature _____

Date _____

Suggested review date _____

Template F: Contacting Emergency Services

Request an ambulance - dial 999, ask for an ambulance and be ready with the information below.

Speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat information if asked.

1. telephone number

School telephone

2. your location as follows [insert school/setting address]

School address

3. state what the postcode is – please note that postcodes for satellite navigation systems may differ from the postal code

Postcode

4. inform Ambulance Control of the best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient

Best entrance is:

5. your name
6. provide the exact location of the patient within the school setting
7. provide the name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms
8. put a completed copy of this form by the phone

Template G: Model letter inviting parents to contribute to individual healthcare plan development

Dear Parent

DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLAN FOR YOUR CHILD

Thank you for informing us of your child's medical condition. I enclose a copy of the school's policy for supporting pupils at school with medical conditions for your information.

A central requirement of the policy is for an individual healthcare plan to be prepared, setting out what support the each pupil needs and how this will be provided. Individual healthcare plans are developed in partnership between the school, parents, pupils, and the relevant healthcare professional who can advise on your child's case. The aim is to ensure that we know how to support your child effectively and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom. Although individual healthcare plans are likely to be helpful in the majority of cases, it is possible that not all children will require one. We will need to make judgements about how your child's medical condition impacts on their ability to participate fully in school life, and the level of detail within plans will depend on the complexity of their condition and the degree of support needed.

A meeting to start the process of developing your child's individual health care plan has been scheduled for xx/xx/xx. I hope that this is convenient for you and would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are able to attend. The meeting will involve [the following people]. Please let us know if you would like us to invite another medical practitioner, healthcare professional or specialist and provide any other evidence you would like us to consider at the meeting as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend, it would be helpful if you could complete the attached individual healthcare plan template and return it, together with any relevant evidence, for consideration at the meeting. I [or another member of staff involved in plan development or pupil support] would be happy for you contact me [them] by email or to speak by phone if this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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