



Policy	Administration of Medicines Policy
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Purpose of this document

The purpose of this policy is to put into place effective management systems and arrangements to support children and young people with medical needs in school and to provide clear guidance for staff and parents/carers on the administration of medicines. This document, where appropriate, must be considered in conjunction with all other relevant policies;

- Special educational needs and disability
- First aid in schools
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

Long-Term Medical Requirement

The school follows DfE 2015 guidelines (Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions). Pupils with long term and serious medical conditions are also covered in the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy.

Only prescribed medicines for chronic conditions will be administered at school e.g. inhalers/epipens. We require a completed parental permission form for administration of all medicines. The medicine must be brought into school in the original container/package in which it was dispensed by the doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. The exact name of the child and the required dosage should be easy to read and will be recorded on the Administration of Medicines Consent Form (appendices A) Appendix B is used to record any instances of the medicines being administered. For all medication, staff will measure out or monitor the dosage. Administration of medication will be checked by two members of staff and children will either self-administer or be administered by staff. In the case of an emergency e.g. epipens, children will only be given their medication by a member of trained staff.

Inhalers

Children who have been prescribed inhalers should have them available where necessary. As with all other medicines, they must be brought into school in the original container/package in which they were dispensed by the pharmacist. The exact name of the child and the required dosage should be easy to read and will be recorded on the Administration of Medicines Consent Form (appendices A) Appendix B is used to record any instances of the medicines being administered.

Inhalers will be kept in a safe but accessible place in the child's classroom. This would be in a named box or bag, in a known place, in their classroom. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to regularly check the condition of their child's inhaler(s), and to ensure that they are working, are still in date, and have not been completely discharged.

If the child attends Kids Club, they must have another inhaler to leave at Kids Club to be stored securely in the Kids Club building. Inhalers cannot be carried/shared between class and Kids Club.

Prescribed (infrequent) Medicines

Parents should be aware that employees in school have no contractual obligation to administer medicines. Advice from unions and professional associations is that members should not administer medicines.

However, the school aims to be as co-operative as possible in this matter, whilst still protecting its staff and pupils. Local GPs seek to ensure that children who are prescribed medicines can, as far as possible, be given the appropriate doses outside of normal school hours e.g. antibiotics. We strongly urge parents to request this with GPs whenever possible. If a GP deems circumstances to be exceptional and the prescribed medication has to be administered more frequently, it is possible for a parent/carer or named person to come in to school to administer the medicine. In very exceptional circumstances, and if no parent or carer is able to come to school, it may be agreed for children to have their medicines administered by staff during school hours. Administration of Medicines Consent Form (appendix A) must be completed prior to any medicines being administered, and with prior agreement from the Headteacher.

Non-Prescribed Medicines

Eye drops, ear drops, throat lozenges, painkillers and non-prescription medicines are not able to be self-administered in school. Any parent wishing to administer non-prescription medicines during normal school hours must do so themselves or arrange a suitable nominated person, during pre-agreed times that limit the amount of

time the pupil spends out of class. Parents must come to reception and speak with a member of staff who will arrange for their child to be released from class at the agreed time. In the event of a nominated person administering the medication, we ask the parent to come in and fill out the Administration of Medicines Consent Form (appendix A)

In exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary for staff to administer non prescribed medicine. We would only do this when it would be detrimental to the pupil's health or school attendance not to do so. In this instance, we would seek approval from the Headteacher and if agreed we would ask the parent to fill in the Administration of Medicines Consent Form (appendix A)

Refusing medication

If a child refuses to take their medication, staff will not force them to do so. Parents/carers will be informed as soon as possible. Refusal to take medication will be recorded and dated on the record sheet (appendix B). Reasons for refusal to take medications must also be recorded as well as the action then taken by the administering first aider.

School Trips/Residential

To ensure that as far as possible, all children have access to all activities and areas of school life, a risk assessment will be undertaken to ensure the safety of all children and staff. No decision about a child with medical needs attending/not attending a school trip/residential will be taken without prior consultation with parents/carers. Sufficient essential medicines and appropriate Health Care Plans will be taken and monitored by nominated staff on the trip. Written parental consent is required before we can administer any medication to pupils. Parents/carers must complete the Administration of Medicines Consent Form (appendix A) for all medications.

WHEATFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL Administration of Medicines Consent Form

Name of child.....

Date of birth..... Class name.....

Name of Parents/Carers.....

Home Telephone no.....Work telephone no.....

Name of G.P.....Telephone no.....

I consent to my child (please tick)

- Self-administering their medication
(Only appropriate if the child is competent to do so and the medication is suitable for self-administration)
- Having their medication administered by a member of staff
- Having their medication administered by a family member or friend who will come into school

The medication in school:

Name of medicine

Reason for medicine.....

Expiry date

Storage requirements

Dosage..... Time to be administered.....

Period for which medication is to be administered: - **From**.....(Date) **To**.....(Date)

Potential side effects

Please tick that you agree to the following:

- I will ensure that adequate supplies of this medication are available in school.
- I will ensure that this medication is supplied by me and prescribed by my child's doctor is correctly labelled, in date, with storage details attached and that the school will be informed of any changes.
- I will inform the school if my child's circumstances change, e.g. different medication or treatment no longer required.
- If applicable, I understand that It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to regularly check the condition of their child's inhaler(s), and to ensure that they are working, are still in date, and have not been completely discharged.
- I understand that at Wheatfields Primary School, we prioritize the health and safety of our pupils. We may need to share medical information about your child with other members of staff or relevant professionals to ensure they receive appropriate care and support.

Signed.....(parent/carer)

Date.....

