



Carr Green Primary School

Policy for Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to ensure ensure that all pupils in our school continue to have access to as much education as their medical condition allows so that they are able to maintain the momentum of their education and to keep up with their studies. The nature of the provision will be responsive to the demands of medical conditions that can sometimes be changeable. It is also to ensure that any medicines administered within school are done so in a safe and monitored environment. It has been written using guidance from the DFES notes “Managing Medicines in School and Early Years Settings” from March 2005. There is no legal duty on schools to administer medicines, however, we believe that where pupils are well enough to attend school but need prescribed medicines within the school day it is appropriate and right that staff administer such medicines with appropriate permission from parents and carers.

Children with medical needs have the same rights of admission to a school or setting as other children. Most children will at some time have short-term medical needs, perhaps entailing finishing a course of medicine such as antibiotics. Some children however have longer term medical needs and may require medicines on a long-term basis to keep them well, for example children with well-controlled epilepsy or cystic fibrosis. In line with government guidelines we would ask that children are not sent to school when they are clearly unwell or infectious.

As a school community, we are strongly committed to safeguarding children. Our goal is to work in close partnership with parents/carers and other agencies. Underpinning our whole philosophy is the firm belief that the welfare of the child is paramount.

Parental Responsibility

Parents and carers have the prime responsibility for their child’s health and should provide the school with information about their child’s medical condition. This should be done upon admission or when their child first develops a medical need. Where a child has a long term medical need then a health plan (Appendix A) will be drawn up with the Parents/Carers and Health Professionals.

Prescribed Drugs

Medicines should only be brought to school where it would be detrimental to a child’s health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Whilst school can only accept medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber, there may be occasions where parents request the administration of a paracetamol, these requests will be viewed on a ‘case by case’ basis. Medicines should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber’s instructions for administration. Parents or carers must complete a permission form (Appendix B) when leaving prescribed medicines for administration during the school day. Medicines will be stored in a locked cabinet during the day or in the medical needs fridge where necessary. A record will be held of when the medicine was dispensed.

Parents/Carers should make arrangements to collect the medicine from the school office at the end of the day unless alternative arrangements are made with the school staff. Medicines will not be handed to a child to bring home unless agreed as in Self Management below.

Refusal of Medicine

If a child refuses to take medicine, we will not force them to do so, but will note this in the records and contact the named contact on the medicine record form. If a refusal to take medicines results in an emergency then our emergency procedures will be followed.

Self-Management

Older children with a long-term illness should, whenever possible, assume complete responsibility under the supervision of their parent. Children develop at different rates and so the ability to take responsibility for their own medicines varies. This should be borne in mind when making a decision about transferring responsibility to a child or young person. There is no set age when this transition should be made.

There may be circumstances where it is not appropriate for a child of any age to self-manage.

Health professionals need to assess, with parents and children, the appropriate time to make this transition.

Educational Visits

In line with our SEN and Inclusion policies we will make reasonable adjustments to enable children with medical needs to participate fully and safely on visits. Any risk assessments undertaken will allow for such children.

Staff supervising excursions will be aware of any medical needs, and relevant emergency procedures. A copy of any health care plans will be taken on visits in the event of the information being needed in an emergency. If staff are concerned about whether they can provide for a child's safety, or the safety of other children on a visit, they will seek parental views and medical advice

from the school health service or the child's GP.

Sporting Activities

Most children with medical conditions can participate in physical activities and extracurricular sport. There should be sufficient flexibility for all children to follow in ways appropriate to their own abilities. For many, physical activity can benefit their overall social, mental and physical health and well-being. Any restrictions on a child's ability to participate in PE should be recorded in their individual health care plan. The school is aware of issues of privacy and dignity for children with particular need. Some children may need to take precautionary measures before or during exercise,

and may also need to be allowed immediate access to their medicines such as asthma inhalers. Children with inhalers will therefore take them to PE lessons, including swimming lessons, and to sporting events.

Known Medical Conditions

A central register of medical needs will be placed in the Medical Room to ensure that all staff have access to the information.

When supply staff are asked to cover a classroom it will be the responsibility of the member of staff showing the supply teacher to the room where the list is held.

Training

All staff will receive annual refresher training on the common conditions of Asthma, Epilepsy, Diabetes and Anaphylaxis. The school will arrange appropriate training for staff working with pupils with specific medical needs.

Support for Pupils with Medical Needs

The school has a member of staff identified as the Responsible Person for Medical Needs. This is Mr Mashinter, Headteacher.

Equal Opportunities and Access to Education

The National Curriculum Inclusion Statement 2000 emphasises the importance of providing effective learning opportunities for all pupils and the school follows the three key principles for inclusion:

- a) Setting Suitable learning challenges
- b) Responding to pupils' diverse needs
- c) Overcoming potential barriers to learning

The school will not discriminate against disabled pupils, including those with medical conditions and will make reasonable adjustments for such pupils. The school sets out arrangements in the Disability Equality Plan which forms part of the School Improvement Plan.

Health and Safety

Due regard will be paid to the health and safety of pupils at all times. Health and safety must always be considered when carrying out any activities. If there is a conflict between a policy, procedure or a scheme of work and a Health and Safety consideration, the latter will always take precedence.

This policy was approved by the Full Governing Body in September 2017 and will be reviewed by the Headteacher in September 2019.



Appendix A

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Health Care Plan 2015/16

School First Aiders: Mr Keith Barber, Mrs Linzi Varnham & Mrs Donna Turner

Personal Details	
Name of Pupil:	DOB:
Address:	Class:
Family Contact Information	
Contact 1 - Name & Relationship:	
Telephone Numbers	Home:
	Mobile:
	Work:
Contact 2 – Name & Relationship	
Telephone Numbers	Home:
	Mobile:
	Work:
Clinic/Doctor/Hospital Contact Information	
Medical Practice/Clinic Address	
Medical Practice/Clinic Telephone Number(s)	

Details of Medical Need	

