



Re: PS/PB 26/04/2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Medicine at School

We have recently had an increase in medicine being given at school more than once a day and so have updated our guidance as per our Schools medication training document.

Does the medicine need to be taken at school?

It is unlikely medicines needed once or twice daily would need to be given during normal school hours. Medicines needed three times a day would only be needed if the pupil was staying at school beyond 4pm (perhaps attending an after school club). For medicines needed four times a day, a dose would be needed at school (around 11am) and the third dose would only be needed if they are staying beyond 4pm in an after school club.

Please note, if exact times have been stated, we will be happy to give medicine at those times

Guidelines are also available at the Healthier Together website: <http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>

- Medicines for Children information for parents and carers

When should I give penicillin?

*Penicillin is usually given **four** times a day. This is usually first thing in the morning (before breakfast), at about midday (before lunch), late in the afternoon (before tea) and at bedtime. Ideally, these times should be at least 3 hours apart. Sometimes Penicillin is given twice a day to prevent infections.*

Thank you for your consideration.

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