



Woodfield Primary School

Administration of Medication Policy

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POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

1. Introduction

The Governors and staff of Woodfield Primary School wish to ensure that pupils with medication needs receive appropriate care and support at school. The Headteacher will accept responsibility, in principle, for members of the school staff giving or supervising pupils taking prescribed medication during the school day **where those members of staff have agreed to do so.**

Parents should note that they should keep their children at home if acutely unwell or have infectious diseases. Further details regarding pupil illness are provided in the Pupil Attendance and Illness Policy.

2. Arrangements for Administration of Medication

2.1 Parents are responsible for providing the school with comprehensive information regarding the pupil's condition and medication.

2.2 Systems are in place to support individual pupils with medical needs. For each pupil with long-term or complex medication needs, the school will ensure that a Health Care Plan (HCP) is drawn up, in conjunction with the appropriate health professionals. A separate policy exists regarding arrangements in school for supporting pupils with medical conditions.

2.3 Prescribed medication will only be accepted in school with complete written and signed instructions from the parent.

2.4 **Staff will not, under any circumstances, give a non-prescribed medicine, including paracetamol to a pupil. If a pupil requires paracetamol during the school day it will be expected that the medicine will be administered by the parent/carer. The school will not accept a third party administering medicines to a child, e.g. a friend of the parent.**

2.5 Only reasonable quantities of medication should be supplied to the school (for example, a maximum of four weeks' supply at any one time).

2.6 The school will not make changes to dosages on parental instructions. Medical instruction from a qualified professional will be required to amend dosages.

2.9 Each item of medication must be delivered to the school, in normal circumstances by the parent, **in a secure and labelled container as originally dispensed.** Each item of medication must be clearly labelled with the following information:

- Pupil's Name
- Name of medication
- Dosage
- Frequency of administration
- Date of dispensing
- Storage requirements (if important)
- Expiry date

The school will not accept items of medication in unlabelled containers.

2.10 If children refuse to take medicines, staff will not force them to do so and will inform the parents of the refusal, as a matter of urgency, on the same day. If a refusal to

take medicines results in an emergency, the school's emergency procedures will be followed.

- 2.11 The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a pupil whilst on trips away from the school premises, even if additional arrangements might be required. However, there may be occasions when it may not be possible to include a pupil on a school trip if appropriate supervision cannot be guaranteed.
- 2.12 It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school in writing if the pupil's need for medication has ceased.

3 Storage and Disposal of Medication

- 3.1 All medication (apart from inhalers) will be kept in the Staffroom in school in a secure place, out of the reach of pupils.
- 3.2 The school will keep records of medication to include date and doses administered. This information will be made available for parents.
- 3.3 It is the parents' responsibility to renew the medication when supplies are running low and to ensure that the medication supplied is within its expiry date.
- 3.4 School staff will not dispose of medicines. Medicines, which are in use and in date, should be collected by the parent at the end of each term. Date expired medicines or those no longer required for treatment will be returned immediately to the parent for transfer to a community pharmacist for safe disposal.
- 3.5 An emergency Salbutamol inhaler is now available in school. Parents of children who have been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed a reliever inhaler or who have been prescribed a reliever inhaler have provided written consent for their child to use the emergency inhaler.

4 Staff Training

- 4.1 Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of medication will receive appropriate training/guidance from a health professional.
- 4.2 All staff will be made aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency.
- 4.3 All staff have received training to support children with asthma.