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Administration of Medicines 2023 / 2024

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POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

In general, school staff cannot legally be required to administer medication or supervise a pupil taking it.

However, all staff in school have a duty to act as any reasonable prudent parent would, to make sure that pupils in their care are healthy and safe and this might extend to administering medicine or taking action in an emergency. We will adhere to LA policy, but include the following as a summary guide.

We will:

- Administer prescription medicines during the school day if absolutely necessary (i.e. in cases where it would be detrimental to the child's health if it were not administered during the school day)
- Require parents to complete a medicine consent form detailing doses and times. Medicines must be supplied in the original container they were dispensed in
- Devise Individual Medical Care Plans or Health Plans, with parents, for managing long-term medical needs
- Appoint a 'named person' for the administration of medication that requires specialist training (e.g. Epipens). Training will be provided by Local Health Board.
- Keep inhalers in boxes in the classrooms so they are always accessible
- Supervise the administration of inhalers
- Store prescribed medication safely
- Document administration

We will not:

- Administer non-prescription medication unless agreed with the Headteacher
- Administer any aspirin or ibuprofen-based medicines unless prescribed by a doctor
- Administer inhalers – children should be taught to self-administer

Medication and Off-site Activities

- A named member of staff has responsibility for management of medication. This person must be given all the relevant information in writing by the parents (DB)
- Generally, Foundation Phase children would not be required to carry their own inhalers, but refer to the responsible adult if self-administration is required. Parents wishing their children to take full responsibility for their own inhalers must agree this with the Headteacher or the responsible adult
- Key Stage Two children carry their own inhalers for self-administration under supervision
- For residential visits, parents are asked to give written consent for the use of mild analgesics if required

We ask parents to help by:

- Administering medicines out of school hours wherever possible
- Offering to administer medication during the school day themselves
- 'Training' inhaler users to self-administer
- Ensuring that medicines are 'in date' and collecting medication no longer required
- Ensuring that current and accurate medical information is passed to the office.