



## **Medical Needs Policy**

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### ***Policy Development & Consultation***

Ladywood staff have contributed to the development of this policy during staff and curriculum meetings, and have been consulted throughout the process. This policy has been developed in line with recommendations using current guidance.

### ***Introduction***

The Children and Families Act 2014 (Section 100) places a duty upon schools to make arrangements to support pupils at school with their medical conditions in line with the statutory guidance issued. The aim is to ensure that all children with medical conditions, both physical and mental health, are properly supported at school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential

.As a special school dealing with pupils who experience a wide variety of special needs, we endeavour to promote a positive ethos which supports all of our children's needs. Supporting pupils with medical needs, and in particular the administration of medication, is an issue which must not only be handled sensitively but must follow clearly stated guidelines which serve to reassure parents, pupils and staff.

The following guidelines are intended to provide clarity and ensure that all pupils are treated in the same manner. The guidelines have been formulated in consultation with specialist health care professionals, school nursing team and with reference to the DfE Guidance.

- All medication administered in school will be recorded and witnessed by two trained members of staff.
- Medication must be handed directly to a member of school staff by the parent and must not be transported via authority transport or in a child's book bag.
- When any medications are brought to school by the parent or carer a form needs to be signed by parent

### **Long Term Medical Needs**

This aspect refers to conditions such as asthma, epilepsy, hyperactivity, diabetes and severe allergy for example. Pupils may need medication to be given in school on a regular or emergency basis and we, of course, agree to administer this as required. A list of pupils with long term medical needs will be available throughout school and will be updated at regular intervals.

The administration of medication for long term needs will be identified in an individual pupil's care plan which will be prepared by the school nurse and other specialist health care professionals. A Medication Permission Form should be completed by parents/carers. A copy of the permission form is to be kept with the medication along with a record of every time the medication has been given and in regard of epilepsy medication -a seizure recording chart.

All staff are to be aware of and follow pupils' individual healthcare plans (IHCP), particularly with reference as to what to do in an emergency. This duty also extends to staff leading activities taking place out of normal school hours or off the school site. This could extend to a need to administer medication or call for help from the emergency services. In the absence of a healthcare plan, the school's standard emergency procedure will be followed.

Any medication being brought into school must have an official printed pharmacy label showing the child's name, dosage and expiry date. The medication will be kept in the locked medicine cupboards (currently in the locked ICT cupboard in the centre of school). Asthma inhalers, adrenalin pens and necessary documents can be kept in a cupboard or cabinet in classrooms so they are readily available. With parental permission, information regarding medication in school will be available to the school nurse and appropriate health care professionals.

### **Intimate or Invasive Treatment**

Occasionally, it may be necessary for a pupil to have intimate or invasive treatment such as the administration of rectal diazepam for epilepsy. The management of such medication will be handled as specified above (Long Term Medical Needs)

Obviously this needs to be handled sensitively. Staff will be asked to volunteer for training. The decision must rest with individual staff members and there must be absolutely no obligation for anyone to volunteer. Training will be carried out by the school nurse as required.

On the rare occasions when this may be necessary, the process will be carried out with respect to the child's dignity at all times. Two members of staff must be present throughout the process. Following the administration of such medication, a record will be made which is kept by the Head of School and a copy sent to parents.

### **Short Term Medical Needs**

This will apply to all pupils at some time during their education at Ladywood. If a pupil is unwell, there is an expectation that parents will keep them away from school until they feel confident that the child is fit for school.

#### **Public Health England Sept 2014: "Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings"**

However, we do recognise that often a child is well enough for school but has not finished a course of medication (antibiotics). In cases such as this we request that parents time the dosage around school hours.

The school staff will not routinely administer medication such as this or administer non-prescription medication such as painkillers.

In very exceptional circumstances, where a child has a recurrent problem but is fit enough for school, we will consult with parents and SLT may agree to waive this policy. In circumstances such as this, we will require written consent (Appendix 1). Medication must be clearly labelled and it is the responsibility of parents to bring and collect medication from school. Medication cannot be transported on local authority transport. A record will be kept of the administration of medication, signed by two members of staff.

## **Training**

The training schedule for the administration of medication in school is in agreement with Integrated Community Paediatric Services (ICPS) and Woodbridge Academy. The training will be led by a nurse in school from ICPS.

Medical training will be arranged for all staff including asthma, anaphylaxis, epilepsy and general first aid.

## **Disposal of Medication**

Staff should not dispose of medicines. Medication should be returned to parents who are responsible for ensuring that date-expired medicines are returned to a pharmacy for safe disposal. If parents do not collect all medicines, they should be taken to a local pharmacy for safe disposal, contact can be made with the school nurse for support and guidance.

Any accidental spillages of medication or dropped tablets should be put into the Sharps box (kept with the medicine cabinets). The Sharps box will be emptied by the school nurse when needed or every 6 months.

**No medication should be disposed of into the sewage system or into the refuse. This guidance is in line with current waste disposal regulations.**

## **Ethnicity & Equal Opportunities**

Our policy is designed to be culturally appropriate and inclusive of all children. We will aim to avoid any form of racism, sexism and stereotyping.

## **Partnership with Parents**

At Ladywood, we strive to build and maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect and dialogue in which the needs of children are paramount. We believe firmly in the need for involvement of parents and carers in the education of their children at Ladywood.

## **Monitoring the Policy**

The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring that the school complies with legislation, and that this policy and its related procedures and strategies are implemented

### **Dissemination of the Policy**

Head of School, Trustees, all staff members and health professionals will have access to this policy. Copies are available in school for parents on request.



# Appendix 1

## Medication Permission Form

The school will not give your child medicine unless the Head of School or senior staff have agreed that school staff can administer the medication. Please complete and sign this form.

Medication being administered in school must have a printed pharmacy label including child's name, dosage and expiry date.

Parents should bring and collect all medication from school, it cannot be transported on local authority minibuses.

### DETAILS OF PUPIL

Surname .....

Forename .....

Address.....

Male/Female .....

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Date of Birth.....

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Class.....

Condition or illness.....

GP Name & Address .....

### MEDICATION

Name/type of medication including inhalers (as described on the container)

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Name of Prescribing Doctor.....

Expiry Date: .....

### **Full directions for use: (As prescribed only)**

Dosage.....

Timing.....

How is medication taken?.....

Special Precautions.....

Side Effects.....

Medication to go home at the end of each school day    Yes    No

See below \*

(Please delete as appropriate)

### **Contact Details**

Name ..... Daytime telephone no.....

Relationship to pupil .....

Address .....

I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally, to Ladywood School and hand it to a member of school staff. I accept that this is a service which the school is not obliged to undertake.

Date ..... Signature .....

Received in school by.....

Date.....

## Appendix 2

Procedure/Activity/ Use of	Yes/No	Cover Available
Administration of Medicines	YES	Subject to being pre-prescribed by a medical practitioner and written guidelines. Via nasogastric tube, gastroonomy tube or orally. Where this involves children, wherever possible parents/guardians should provide the medication prior to the child leaving home. A written consent form will be required from parent/guardian and this should be in accordance with LEA procedure on medicines in schools etc Similar considerations should be given when asked to administer "over the counter" medicines.
Apnea Monitoring	YES	In respect of monitoring via a machine following written guidelines. There is no cover available in respect of visual monitoring
Bathing	YES	Following training and in accordance with written guidelines
Blood Samples	YES	But only by Glucometer following written guidelines
Buccal Midazolam	YES	Following written guidelines
Catheters	YES	Following written guidelines for the changing of bags and the cleaning of tubes. There is no cover for the insertion of tubes
Colostomy/Stoma care	YES	Following written guidelines in respect of both cleaning and changing of bags
Chest drainage exercise	YES	Following written health care plan provided under the direction of a medical practitioner
Dressings	YES	Following written health care plan for both application and replacement of dressings
Defibrillators/First aid only	YES	Following written instructions and appropriate documented training
Denture cleansing	YES	Following appropriate training
Ear/Nose drops	YES	following written guidelines
Epipen/Medipens	YES	Following written guidelines with a pressurised eppipen
Eye care	YES	Following written guidelines for persons unable to close eyes Should be a qualified first aider and applies during the course of the business of the benefit of employees and others
First aid	YES	
Gastronomy tube - peg feeding	YES	Cover available in respect of feeding and cleaning following written guidelines. No cover available for tube insertion
Hearing aids	YES	For assistance in fitting/replacement of hearing aids following written guidelines
Inhalers, cartridges and nebulisers	YES	Both mechanical and hand held following written guidelines
Injections	YES	But only for the administering of pre-packaged doses on a regular basis pre-prescribed by a medical practitioner and written guidelines. See below for Insulin injections
Insulin injections	YES	Where possible, these should be self-administered but can be undertaken by trained staff in accordance with written care plan. Cover will operate in respect of the administration of doses that need to be determined due to individual needs of the person as long as this is set out in their care plan and, for children, has parental/guardian approval.
Intranasal midazolam	YES	Following written guidelines
Manual evacuation	YES	
Mouth toilet	YES	
Nasogastric tube feeding	YES	Following written guidelines but cover is only available for feeding and cleaning of the tube. There is no cover available for tube insertion or reinsertion which should be carried out by a medial practitioner
Oxygen - administration of and assistance with	YES	following written guidelines and suitable training in use of the equipment including oxygen saturation monitoring where required. There is no cover for refilling of oxygen cylinders from a main tank
Reiki	YES	
Physiotherapy	YES	When undertaken by suitably trained staff but excluding treatment by qualified physiotherapists
Pressure bandages	YES	Following written guidelines
Rectal midazolam in pre-packaged dose	YES	Following written guidelines and TWO members of staff must be present
Rectal diazepam in pre-packaged dose	YES	Following written guidelines and TWO members of staff must be present
Splints	YES	As directed by a medical practitioner
Swabs- external	YES	Following written guidelines
Toe nail cutting	YES	Following written guidelines

### **Bolton Council      Medical Treatment Insurance Condition**

#### **Schools Treatment Endorsement**

It is a Condition precedent to the right of the Insured to be defended or indemnified under this Policy that the Insured shall ensure and record that throughout the Period of Insurance;

- a) Each child who receives a medical procedure or intervention in school has a specific individual care plan signed off by the child's parents, the school head teacher and the child's General Practitioner or supervising consultant.
- b) The care plan must include full details of the emergency procedures in the event of a medical emergency.
- c) The child's parents have provided written consent for a non Medical or Healthcare practitioner to provide the medical procedure or intervention to their child.
- d) The employee who is providing the medical procedure or intervention has received full training from a registered Medical or Healthcare professional, and has been signed off as fully competent in the procedure they are providing.
- e) The employee who is providing the medical procedure or intervention has provided written confirmation that they have read and understood the individual care plan.