

Medical Conditions Policy

Rationale

1. This school is an inclusive community that aims to support and welcome pupils with medical conditions. It provides children with medical conditions the same opportunities and access to activities (both school based and out of - school) as other pupils. No child will be denied admission or prevented from taking up a place in this school because arrangements for their medical condition have not been made.

Purposes

- 2.1 To ensure pupils and parents feel confident in the care they receive from this school, that the level of care meets their individual needs and that children are safe whilst taking any medication in school.
- 2.2 To ensure staff understand the medical conditions of pupils at this school and that they may be serious, adversely affect a child's quality of life and impact on their ability to learn.
- 2.3 To ensure that all staff understand they have a duty of care to children in the event of an emergency.

Guidelines

- 3.1 This school's medical conditions policy is drawn up in consultation with stakeholders within school and in health settings and is communicated to all pupils, parents and staff within school and on the school web site.
- 3.2 All staff understand the importance of medication and care being taken as directed by healthcare professionals and parents whom they work in partnership with.
- 3.3 School is committed to providing a physical environment accessible to pupils with medical conditions
- 3.4 No medication will be given to children under 16 without parental consent (usually written or in certain circumstances verbal), except in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.5 Parents at this school understand they should let the school know immediately if their child's medication or care needs change.
- 3.6 All children with a medical condition at this school have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) which is accessible in school and explains what help they need in an emergency. A central record of IHP's is kept and all plans are reviewed annually.
- 3.7 Staff will only administer medication as prescribed.
- 3.8 Pupils know how to access their medication and where appropriate are encouraged to take responsibility for administering their medication (with adult oversight).
- 3.9 Medications will be stored according to Health and Safety advice.
- 3.10 Parents are asked to collect medications at the end of the school year and provide new, in date medications the following September.
- 3.11 School is aware of the common triggers that can make common medical conditions worse or can bring on an emergency. The school is committed to identifying and reducing triggers both at school and on out-of-school visits.
- 3.12 School will make sure there are several members of staff trained to administer the medication and meet the care needs of individual children.
- 3.13 School will consult with parents and make sure a trained member of staff is available to accompany any pupil with a medical condition on an off-site visit or residential.
- 3.14 All staff understand and are trained in what to do in an emergency both generally and for children with medical conditions at this school.
- 3.15 Parents at this school are asked if their child has any medical conditions on their enrolment form.
- 3.16 The school's Governing body makes sure there is the appropriate level of insurance and liability cover in place.
- 3.17 The named member of staff responsible for this medical conditions policy and its implementation is Kathy Owen

Conclusion

3.18 The Governors of Parkinson Lane CP School attach the highest importance to the care, support and administration of medication at school. They are committed to putting our school at the forefront of good practice on this and will review this policy

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