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Highcliffe Primary School
Administration of Medicine Policy



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Signed by Chair of Governors: Derek Benn

The Governors and staff of Highcliffe 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 volunteered to do so and have received appropriate training.**

Please note that parents should keep their children at home if acutely unwell or infectious.

Parents are responsible for providing the school with comprehensive information regarding the pupil's condition and medication. Prescribed medication will not be accepted in school without complete written and signed instructions from the parent/carer. A form for this purpose is kept in the school office.

Staff will not give a non-prescribed medicine to a child.

Each item of medication must be delivered to the school office, 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. Antibiotics must be required at least 4 times a day.
- Date of dispensing.
- Storage requirements (if important).
- Expiry date.

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

Medication will be kept in a secure place, out of the reach of pupils. Unless otherwise indicated all medication to be administered in school will be kept in a locked medicine cabinet.

The school will keep records, which they will have available for parents.

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.

It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school in writing if the pupil's need for medication has ceased.

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.

The school will not make changes to dosages on parental instructions.

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.

For each pupil with long-term or complex medication needs the Headteacher will ensure that a Healthcare plan is drawn up, in conjunction with the appropriate health professionals.

Where it is appropriate to do so, pupils will be encouraged to administer their own medication, if necessary under staff supervision. Parents will be asked to confirm in writing if they wish their child to carry their medication with them in school.

Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of medication will receive appropriate training/guidance.

The school will make every reasonable 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.

All staff will be made aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency.