

Dalton St Michael's C.E. Primary School

Medicine Policy

Introduction

We encourage children to attend school every day. However, there are occasions a child needs to stay at home if they are unwell. In this event we ask that parents inform school on the first day of absence. If a child is well enough to attend school but requires medication we will follow the procedures and policy guidelines.

Long Term Medical Needs

There may be occasions where a child requires long term medication. If this was necessary an individual Health Care Plan would be written in consultation with parents and health professionals. Information included in the Health Care Plan would detail:

- The child's condition
- Signs and Symptoms of the condition
- Special Requirements
- Medication and any side effects
- What to do in an emergency and who to contact
- How school can support the child and family

Parents must keep school informed of their child's long term medical needs and any changes.

Prescribed Medication

Wherever possible, medication should be taken at home. Parents should try to request a medicine from the Doctor which can be taken outside school hours eg. Three times a day can be taken before school, after school and at bedtime.

Some children may require inhalers. These will be safely stored in the school office. If a parent wishes their child to carry their own inhaler this must be by prior arrangement with the Headteacher and with written consent. Pupils are supervised by an adult when taking their asthma medication. A text to parents will be sent to inform them that their child has used their inhaler that day.

Non-Prescribed Medication

Pain killers (including Calpol, Ibuprofen, cough and throat remedies) will only be given to children when a child suffers from pain which is controllable with painkillers. In this instance, parents should supply the appropriate painkiller and complete the medicine consent form.

Procedure for the Administration of Medicines

No child will be given medication without written parental consent. This should be written on the school medicine consent form which can be collected from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website. Consent must include the child's name, medication name and dosage, method of administration, date and time.

All medication and consent forms should be handed into the school office by an adult. It is the parent's responsibility to collect the medication at the end of the school day.

On receipt of a school medicine consent form the child will be given a 'I need medicine' sticker to be placed on their polo shirt or jumper. This will include the time that the medicine should be taken. When the medicine is taken the sticker will be removed.

The Headteacher, Senior teacher or our trained First Aiders administer medicines

A record of medicine administration will be maintained in the school Medical Request Form in the school office.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure the medication is in date and removed from the school during school holidays.

If a child refuses to take their medication parents will be contacted immediately.

Whilst every endeavour will be made to administer medication according to instructions, in the event that this does not occur, school staff cannot be held responsible. For the administration of vital medication, parents are welcome to come into school to administer it to their own child themselves.

Storing Medication

Wherever possible parents should only bring the dosage required.

All medicines should be clearly labelled with the name of the child, name and dosage of medicine and frequency of administration. All medicines should be in separate containers.

All medicine will be stored in the school office.

Parents are responsible for collecting and disposing of medicines.

Sporting Activities

All children will take part in Physical Education. If a child is restricted from taking part this should be included in the Health Care Plan where necessary. When a child is temporarily unable to take part in a P.E. lesson parents must put this in writing.

Out of School Activities

All children are encouraged to take part in out of school activities or visits where safety permits. Risk Assessments are completed to determine the suitability for all children. Parents will be required to complete a consent form for all out of school activities outlining any special medical problems and treatment and consent for emergency medical treatment.

Emergency Procedures

In an emergency a child's parents would be contacted immediately.

In the event that a child required emergency hospital treatment DfE guidelines relating to contacting emergency services would be followed:

Request an ambulance – dial 999, ask for an ambulance and be ready with the information below.

Speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat information if asked.

1. Your telephone number: **01257 462082**
2. Your name
3. Your location:

**Dalton St Michael's C.E. Primary School,
Higher Lane,
Dalton,
Wigan,
Lancashire**

4. State what the postcode is: **WN8 7RP**
5. Provide the exact location of the patient within the school setting
6. Provide the name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms
7. Inform Ambulance Control of the best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient

The wooden gate at the front of the school entrance which will be opened

A copy of this form is kept by the telephone in the school office

If a child requires hospital treatment they would be accompanied by two members of staff if the parent does not arrive at school before the ambulance. The members of staff would remain with the child until their parent arrives. The contact form must be taken for relevant medical information.

Confidentiality

All medical information is confidential and information will only be shared with the agreement of parents.

If staff are concerned about any child's medical condition or needs, this must be first discussed with the Headteacher and parents and the school nurse if applicable. The Headteacher will arrange any appropriate training if necessary.

First Aid Provision

- a) The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that there is an adequate number of qualified First Aiders. There are currently **eleven. Their names are displayed in the School Office, the Headteacher's Office and the Resource Area.**
- b) First Aid is administered at the first aid points.
- c) Portable First Aid kits are taken on educational visits and are available from the School Office.
- d) A qualified First Aider will go on any educational visit.
- e) **The First Aiders** will ensure the maintenance of the contents of the first aid boxes and other supplies and inform the Headteacher if further supplies are needed.
- f) All staff will be trained in any aspects of First Aid deemed necessary e.g. asthma, epilepsy, the use of an epipen.
- g) All First Aid treatment will be recorded in the Key Stage Accident book.
- h) First Aiders contact parents by phone if they have concerns about the injury.
- i) **Parents are informed of a head injury by telephone or text immediately.** The child would get a 'Bump to the Head' sticker placed on their jumper and also a note home.

Signed:	Signed:
	On behalf of the Governing Body
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