

West End Primary School

Addendum to Policy for Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

26th August 2020

Actions in relation to Covid 19 pandemic

The purpose of this addendum is to address the specific issues relating to supporting children with medical conditions whilst adhering to the safety guidance provided by the Government, the National Institute for Health Protection (formerly Public Health England) and Northumberland County Council in relation to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The school has undertaken a full Covid 19 risk assessment based on the NCC model which details actions to be taken in the case of a child or adult in school being symptomatic of or testing positive for Covid 19 or being in close contact with someone symptomatic of or testing positive for Covid 19. It also states what actions are taken to mitigate the risk of spreading any infection in school.

In addition to these actions for the whole school population the following actions will be taken specific to pupils with medical conditions:

Medication

A protocol for safely administering medication is in place to protect pupils and staff.

Medication records will be kept securely in the child's classroom.

Pupils requiring medication during the school day will be supported by staff from their cohort bubble. Staff may wear PPE whilst administering any medication.

Medication will be kept in the child's cohort bubble or in the nearest fridge if refrigeration is required. Before administering medication staff will wash their hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds or wear disposable gloves.

Inhalers will be kept in the child's classroom in a sealed container. If the child requires medication, he/she will be given the container and supported to self-administer. The inhaler will be returned to the container and the container wiped clean. If an adult is required to help the child by holding the inhaler

he/she will wash his/her hands first for 20 seconds with warm water and soap or may wear disposable gloves.

Epipens will be kept in their packs in the child's classroom. If required staff will follow the protocol for administering the epipen. If it is not an emergency staff will follow the personal hygiene protocol for administering medication. If it is an emergency staff may choose not to follow this protocol but should do so as soon as possible after administering the epipen. The deciding factor should be whether it would be more dangerous for the child to wait for the epipen to be administered whilst the staff member washes their hands and/or puts on PPE or more dangerous for the epipen to be administered without following the personal hygiene protocols.

Children with health care plans

Children with health care plans will have their plans updated to ensure that any action taken to support them will be Covid secure. Protocols are in place for personal care e.g., changing clothing and cleaning pupils who have had toileting accidents.