



# St Catherine's C of E School

## Access to Education for Pupils with Medical Needs

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### 1.0 Rationale:

Pupils are regarded as having medical needs if they have a medical condition that, if not properly managed could affect their health and limit their access to education. Clear procedures that are understood and accepted by staff, parents and pupils, ensure that all pupils receive appropriate care and support.

### 2.0 AIMS:

- To provide pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum and as much access to education as their medical condition allows.
- To respond positively and flexibly to pupils' health needs.
- To work in partnership with parents/carers and health professionals and reach agreement on the school's role in managing individual medical needs.
- To maintain regular communication and exchange of relevant information between home and school.
- To ensure clear procedures are in place regarding day to day treatment, out of school visits or in the event of an emergency
- To ensure that willing staff have appropriate training to support pupils with medical needs.

### 3.0 Guidelines

- Designated school adults are responsible for the administration of treatments and medication within school. They work closely with parents and health professionals to ensure pupils have maximum access to the curriculum.
- Some staff are trained in specific medical competencies and are monitored by medical professionals to perform these specific medical procedures, such as epilepsy emergency medication.
- Children who have medical needs accessing school trips are risk assessed and appropriately trained staff are provided for their medical support.
- The class teacher is responsible for liaising with pupils who are unable to attend school because of medical needs and is charged with providing suitable activities and/or work for use at home.
- Arrangements are in place to ensure a swift exchange of information between St Catherine's C of E School staff, Health, Welfare & Hospital staff (e.g. Derriford Hospital School) in order to ensure continuity and the provision of appropriate work.
- The Education Welfare Officer is informed if a child is absent from school for an extended period due to medical needs.
- Parents/carers are kept informed of any issues or concerns regarding their child's medical needs.
- Staff are familiar with procedures required to meet the needs of pupils with medical conditions during out of school visits. This includes risk assessments, knowledge of the administration and safe storage of medication and emergency procedures.
- Confidentiality is respected.

### 4.0 Other relevant policies

The following policies need to be born in mind when reading this policy:

- Accessibility Plan

- Administration of Medicines
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

**5.0 Publication and availability of the plan**

This policy will be shared with all staff and be on the academy website

This plan will be reviewed every three years by the Local Governing Advisory Board.

Plan approved by the full Local Governing Advisory Board: **Summer 2018**

Next review will be: **Summer 2021**

Signed:..... Chair of the Local Governing Advisory Board

Date:.....