

Abbey Catholic Primary School



Administering Medication Policy

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Statement of intent

Abbey Catholic Primary School will ensure that pupils with medical conditions receive appropriate care and support at school, in order for them to have full access to education and remain healthy.

This policy has been developed in line with the DfE's guidance: 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'.

The school is committed to ensuring that parents/carers feel confident that we will provide effective support for their child's medical condition, and make the pupil feel safe whilst at school.

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to statutory legislation and guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Children and Families Act 2014
- DfE 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions' 2015

2. Definitions

2.1. Abbey Catholic Primary School defines "medication" as any prescribed or over the counter medicine.

2.2. Abbey Catholic Primary School defines "prescription medication" as any drug or device prescribed by a doctor.

2.3. Abbey Catholic Primary School defines a "staff member" as any member of staff employed at the school, including teachers.

2.4. For the purpose of this policy, "medication" will be used to describe all types of medicine.

3. Key roles and responsibilities

3.1. The Head Teacher has overall responsibility for the implementation of the Administering Medication Policy and procedures of Abbey Catholic Primary School.

3.2. The Head Teacher has overall responsibility of ensuring that the Administering Medication Policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds, including but not limited to: ethnicity/national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

3.3. The Head Teacher is responsible for handling complaints regarding this policy, as outlined in the school's Complaints Policy.

3.4. The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that members of staff who provide support to pupils with medical conditions are suitably trained and have access to information needed.

3.5. The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that relevant health and social care professionals are consulted in order to guarantee that the needs of pupils with medical conditions are properly supported.

3.6. The Head Teacher will manage any complaints or concerns regarding the support provided or administration of medicine using the school's Complaints Procedure Policy.

3.7. The Head Teacher is responsible for the day-to-day implementation and management of the Administering Medication Policy and relevant procedures of Abbey Catholic Primary School.

- 3.8. The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that appropriate training is undertaken by staff members administering medication.
- 3.9. The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring that staff members understand the local emergency services' cover arrangements and that the correct information is provided for the navigation system.
- 3.10. Staff will be trained if they are to be the designated member of staff who is responsible for overseeing insulin injections or pumps for diabetic pupils.
- 3.11. Staff, including teachers, support staff and volunteers, are responsible for following the policy and for ensuring pupils do so also.
- 3.12. Staff, including teachers, support staff and volunteers, are responsible for implementing the agreed policy fairly and consistently.
- 3.13. If a pupil is sent to hospital, at least one member of staff will accompany the pupil until their parent/carer has arrived.
- 3.14. Parents/carers are expected to keep the school informed about any changes to their child/children's health.
- 3.15. Parents/carers are expected to complete a medication administration form (appendix A) prior to bringing medication into school.
- 3.16. Parents/carers are expected to discuss medications with their child/children prior to requesting that a staff member administers the medication.
- 3.17. The Head Teacher and School Business Manager are responsible for ensuring that all necessary risk assessments are carried out regarding the administration of medication, including for school trips and external activities.
- 3.18. In the case of staff absence, the Head Teacher is responsible for organising another appropriately trained individual to take over the role of administering medication.
- 3.19. It is both staff members' and pupils' responsibility to understand what action to take in general terms during a possible medical emergency, such as raising the alarm with the school nurse or other members of staff.

4. Training of staff

- 4.1. Teachers and support staff will receive training on the Administering Medication Policy as part of their new starter induction.
- 4.2. Teachers and support staff will receive regular and ongoing training as part of their development.
- 4.3. The Head Teacher will ensure that a sufficient number of staff are suitably trained in administering medication.
- 4.4. All relevant staff will be made aware of a pupil's medical condition.

- 4.5. The Head Teacher will ensure that supply teachers are appropriately briefed regarding pupils' medical conditions.
- 4.6. A first aid certificate does not constitute appropriate training in supporting children with medical conditions.
- 4.7. The Head Teacher will provide staff members with opportunities and details of CPD.
- 4.8. Abbey Catholic Primary School will provide awareness training so that all relevant staff are aware of the Administering Medication Policy and understand their role in implementing the policy.

5. Medication

- 5.1. Prior to staff members administering any medication, the parents/carers of the pupil must complete and sign a medication administration form (appendix A).
- 5.2. No pupil under the age of 16 will be given medicines without written parental consent.
- 5.3. Under no circumstance will a pupil under the age of 16 be given aspirin unless there is evidence that it has been prescribed by a doctor.
- 5.4. Medicines must be in date, labelled, and provided in the original container with dosage instructions. Medicines which do not meet these criteria will not be administered, with the exception of insulin which is acceptable to use if it is in date but in a different container, such as an insulin pen or pump.
- 5.5. Before administering medicine, maximum dosages and when the previous dose was taken will be checked.
- 5.6. A maximum of four weeks' supply of medication may be provided to the school.
- 5.7. When medicines are no longer required, they will be returned to the parents/carers of the pupil.
- 5.8. Needles and sharp objects will always be disposed of in a safe way, such as using 'sharp boxes'.
- 5.9. Medications will only be administered at school if it would be detrimental to the child not to do so.
- 5.10. Medications will be stored securely in the school office.
- 5.11. In the event of a school trip or activity which involves leaving the school premises, medicines and devices, such as insulin pens and asthma inhalers, will be readily available to staff and pupils.

- 5.12. Any medications left over at the end of the course will be returned to the pupil's parent/carer.
- 5.13. Written records will be kept for any medication administered to pupils.
- 5.14. Pupils will never be prevented from accessing their medication.
- 5.15. Where appropriate, pupils will be encouraged to take their own medication under the supervision of a teacher.
 - Parents/carers will be consulted before a pupil is given approval to be responsible for their own medication.
 - These arrangements will be reflected in their individual healthcare plan (IHCP).
- 5.16. If a pupil refuses to take their medication, staff will not force them to do so, but will follow the procedure agreed upon in their IHCP and parents/carers will be informed so that alternative options can be considered.
- 5.17. Abbey Catholic Primary School cannot be held responsible for side effects which occur when medication is taken correctly.
- 5.18. Where a pupil's medical condition is unclear, or where there is a difference of opinion, judgements about what support to provide will be based on the available evidence, including a consultation with parents/carers.

6. Individual healthcare plans

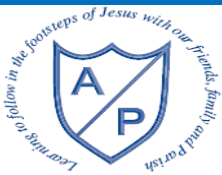
- 6.1. For chronic or long-term conditions and disabilities, an IHCP will be developed in liaison with the pupil, parents/carers, headteacher, special educational needs coordinator (SENCO) and medical professionals.
- 6.2. When deciding what information should be recorded on a IHCP, the school will consider the following:
 - The medical condition, as well as its triggers, signs, symptoms and treatments
 - The pupil's resulting needs, such as medication (the correct dosage and possible side effects), equipment and dietary requirements
 - The specific support needed for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs
 - The level of support that is needed and whether the pupil will be able to take responsibility for their own health needs
 - The type of provision and training that is required, including whether staff can be expected to fulfil the support necessary as part of their role
 - Which staff members need to be aware of the pupil's condition
 - Arrangements for receiving parental consent to administer medication

- Separate arrangements which may be required for school trips and external activities
- Which staff member can fulfil the role of being a designated, entrusted individual where confidentiality issues are raised
- What to do in an emergency, including whom to contact and contingency arrangements
- What is defined as an emergency, including the signs and symptoms that staff members should look out for

6.3. The Head Teacher will ensure that IHCPs are reviewed at least annually. IHCPs will be routinely monitored throughout the year by the SENCO.

7. Monitor and review

- 7.1. This policy is reviewed every two years by the governing body and the Head Teacher.
- 7.2. Records of medication, which have been administered on school grounds, will be monitored and the information will be used to improve school procedures.
- 7.3. Staff members who are trained to administer medication will routinely recommend any improvements to the procedure.
- 7.4. Abbey Catholic Primary School will seek advice from any relevant healthcare professionals as deemed necessary.



Appendix A- Parental agreement Form

ABBEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESCRIBED MEDICINE FORM

Staff receiving the medication must check that it is prescribed, correct name on medication & that dosage is clear ___ (please tick to confirm)

(IF MORE THAN ONE MEDICINE IS TO BE GIVEN A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH)

DATE(S) MEDICATION TO BE ADMINISTERED : _____
(if more than one day please specify all dates)

CHILD'S NAME _____ DOB: _____ CLASS _____

MEDICAL CONDITION/ILLNESS: _____

NAME OF MEDICINE _____

DATE DISPENSED : _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

NUMBER OF TABLETS/QUANTITY GIVEN TO SCHOOL (ie 1 bottle) _____

NB: Medication must be in the original container, as dispensed by the Pharmacy, with clear instructions on how much to give.

MEDICINE TO BE STORED WHERE (ie Fridge/room temp) _____

HOW MUCH TO ADMINISTER (i.e. dose to be given to child) _____

WHEN TO BE ADMINISTERED/OR SELF ADMINISTRATION (if states give on empty stomach - stomach needs to be empty for an hour before or after medication)

ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES

ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

NAME OF G.P _____ TEL NO: _____

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to school staff administering the medication in accordance with school and LA policy. I will inform the school immediately in writing if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medicine or if the medication is stopped.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ PRINT NAME _____

PARENT CONTACT TEL NO _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Time, Date & Dose of Medicine Given	Given by (PRINT name)	Time, Date & Dose of Medicine Given	Given by (PRINT name)

RECORD FOR RECEIPT AND RETURN OF MEDICATION

Date received In school	Name of Person who received it	Date Returned to Parent/Carer	Signature of Person who collects it.