

POLICY FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE

Preston Primary School

1. The staff of *Preston Primary School* wishes to ensure that students with medical needs receive proper care and support. Our intention is to ensure that students with medical conditions should have full access to education including trips and PE. The Directors will ensure that staff are supported and trained and competent before they take on the responsibility of supporting students with medical conditions.
2. The school's insurance will cover liability relating to the administration of medication.
3. *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for ensuring the following:
 - Procedures to be followed when notification is received that a student will be attending who has a medical condition (including transitional arrangements between schools, re-integration or when students' needs change; arrangements for staff training or support) Health & Safety risk assessments are written by the designated person and shared with the class teacher and other relevant staff including the H&S Coordinator. Risk assessments are reviewed as required considering parental and/or professional advice. Staff training and support needs are arranged as required with the relevant providers, i.e., school nursing team. For transitional arrangements between schools all documented evidence is shared with SENDCO via secure email (Egress).
 - Procedures to be followed when a student moves to the school mid-term or when a student has a new diagnosis term requests are sent by SENDCO to school via secure email (Egress), this will include child safeguarding and SEN files.
 - A new diagnosis mid-term will require a new risk assessment, with staff training and support to be arranged as required.
 - *...[procedures for defibrillators]...*
 - A defibrillator is available for use in the main office. This is checked weekly to ensure it is in good working order, any defects will be reported to L Braund/F Armstrong.

In the event of an incident occurring where the defibrillator may need to be used an ambulance is to be called immediately.

- *...[procedures for asthma inhalers/spacers] ...*
Asthma pumps and spacers are to be kept in the medical box in the classroom. Older children will be supported to self-medicate, as

required in their asthma plan. Younger children will be fully supported to use their inhaler and spacer as required.

All asthma medication held in school is date checked termly by the H&S Co-ordinator and parents/carers notified if the inhaler is either nearly empty or due to expire before the next check.

- *...[procedures for adrenaline auto-injectors]...
All epi pens will be kept in the medications box within the classroom.
All adults that work with a child diagnosed with a severe allergy to be aware of the location of the epi-pens. Adults who support these children will receive training on how to administer an epi pen.
All epi pens held at school are date checked termly by the H&S Co-ordinator and parents/carers notified if they are due to expire before the next check.*

4. The above procedures will be monitored and reviewed by L Braund/F Armstrong.
5. Where identified as being necessary, Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) will be developed between Preston *Primary School*, healthcare professionals and parents so that the steps needed to help a student manage their condition and overcome any potential barriers to getting the most from their education are identified. The IHCP will include:
 - a) The student's medical condition, its triggers, symptoms, medication needs, and the level of support needed in an emergency. Also, it must include any treatments, time, facilities, equipment, testing and access to food or drink (where it is used to manage their condition), dietary requirements and environmental issues such as crowded corridors and travel time between lessons
 - b) Specific support for the student's education, social and emotional needs, such as how will absences be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or counselling sessions
 - c) Who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of proficiency to provide support from a healthcare professional.
 - d) Cover arrangements and who in the school needs to be aware of the student's condition and the support required including supply staff
 - e) Arrangements for written permission from parents for medication
 - f) Arrangements or procedures for school trips or other school activities outside the normal timetable; completion of risk

assessments for visits and school activities outside the normal timetable

- g) The designated individuals to be entrusted with the above information
 - h) Procedures in the event of the student refusing to take medicine or carry out a necessary procedure
6. *S Ord* will have the final decision on whether an Individual Health Care Plan is required.

Students with asthma

- *Preston Primary School* has decided to hold an emergency inhaler and spacer for the treatment of an asthma attack.
- *J Stead/L Braund* will be responsible for ensuring the following:
 - Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an asthma attack
 - Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy
 - Instructing all staff on how to check the asthma register
 - Instructing all staff on how to access the inhaler
 - Making all staff aware of who are the designated staff and how to access their help
- *J Stead/L Braund* will be responsible for ensuring that designated staff:
 - Recognise the signs of an asthma attack and when emergency action is necessary
 - Know how to administer inhalers through a spacer
 - Make appropriate records of attacks
- *J Stead/L Braund* will be responsible for the storage, care, and disposal of asthma medication.
- *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for ensuring that there has been written consent from parents for the administration of the emergency inhaler and spacer. The emergency inhaler/spacer will only be available for students who have been diagnosed with asthma and have been prescribed reliever inhaler AND for whom parental consent has been given. This information shall be recorded in the student's IHCP plan.
- *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the asthma register.
- *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed in writing when the emergency inhaler/spacer has been used.

- **Students with anaphylaxis**
- *Preston Primary School* has decided to hold an emergency adrenaline auto-injector for the treatment of an anaphylaxis attack for pupils who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis and prescribed an auto-injector.
- *J Stead/L Braund* will be responsible for ensuring the following:
 - Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an anaphylaxis attack
 - Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy
 - Instructing all staff on how to check the pupil medical register
 - Instructing all staff on how to access the auto-injector
 - Making all staff aware of who are the designated staff and how to access their help
- *J Stead/L Braund* will be responsible for ensuring that designated staff:
 - Recognise the signs of an anaphylaxis attack and when emergency action is necessary
 - Know how to administer the auto-injectors
 - Make appropriate records of attacks
- *S Jordain/L Braund* will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of the adrenaline auto-injector.
- *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for ensuring that there has been written consent from parents for the administration of the emergency auto-injector. The emergency auto-injector will only be available for students who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis and have been prescribed an auto-injector AND for whom parental consent has been given. This information shall be recorded in the student's IHCP plan.
- *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the pupil medical register.
- *J Stead/S Jordain* will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed when the auto-injector has been used.
- **THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE**
- The Head of School will accept responsibility in principle for members of school staff giving or supervising a student taking prescribed medication during the day, where those members of staff have volunteered to do so.

- Any parent/carer requesting the administration of medication will be given a copy of this policy.
- Prescribed medication will be accepted and administered in the establishment
- Non-prescription medication will only be accepted and administered in the following circumstances:
 - To provide relief from headaches and other pain such as tooth ache. To relieve minor allergy symptoms and/or hay fever
- Prior written parental consent is required before any medication can be administered.
- Only reasonable quantities of medication will be accepted (no more than one week's supply).
- Each item of medication should be delivered in its original dispensed container and handed directly into the main office as authorised by the Head of School.
- Each item of medication should be clearly labelled with the following information:
 - Student's name
 - Name of medication
 - Dosage
 - Frequency of dosage
 - Date of dispensing
 - Storage requirements (if important)
 - Expiry date (if available)
- The school will not accept items of medication which are in unlabelled containers or not in their original container.
- Unless otherwise indicated, all medication to be administered in the school will be kept in the class medication boxes.
- Staff administering medicines will record and sign each time a medicine is administered. Written records of all medication administered to every pupil will be held by the school in a secure location and may be made available to parents on request.
- If a pupil refuses their medication, staff will record this, report to parents as soon as possible and follow the protocol laid down in the IHCP.
- Where it is appropriate to do so, students will be encouraged to administer their own medication - if necessary, under staff supervision.

Parents/carers will be asked to confirm in writing if they wish their student to carry their medication with them. In the event of a drug which is prescribed but not emergency medicine such as Methylphenidate (Ritalin), students are not allowed to carry these.

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to notify the school if there is a change in medication, a change in dosage requirements, or the discontinuation of a student's need for medication.
- Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of invasive medication will receive appropriate training/guidance through arrangements made with the school's Nurse Service. In pre-school settings arrangements will be made through Primary Care Health Visitors.
- The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a student whilst on activities away from the premises.