

ILLNESS/MEDICINES POLICY

Whilst we consider that children who are ill and requiring medicines should not generally attend school, we are aware that there are certain exceptions:

- Illnesses which have substantially improved but require completion of a course of medicine;
- Ongoing medical conditions requiring medication.

In these circumstances we will undertake to administer medicines at the request of the child's parent/guardian, providing the following conditions are met:-

Short-term Medication

- We will only administer prescribed medicines.
- We are only able to undertake administration of oral medicines and epi-pens.
- These must be brought to school by the responsible carer or their adult representative.
- A form giving legal consent for administration of the medicine must be completed before we begin giving the medication to the child.
- All medicines must be in a proper container labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions.

Long-term Medications

These must also be:-

- Labelled with the name and dosage. In the case of inhalers, name on the inhaler itself please as well as the box.
- Consent forms must be completed and handed in each term to the office. These must be renewed when there are any changes to dosage or medication.

Asthma Inhalers.

These are of course vital to children who suffer from asthma. In general, they will be kept by the class teacher in the infant classes and by the child him/herself in the juniors. It is important to asthma sufferers that they learn to know when to use inhalers and become increasingly independent in their self-administration, although this will be monitored by the teacher.

Medical Conditions

A register of children suffering from long-term conditions, such as epilepsy, diabetes, allergies and asthma will be maintained and parents are requested to complete a 'Medical Details' Form on the child's entry to the school or when conditions are diagnosed. This register will be available to all teachers and held in the school office.