



# Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

## **Aims**

To ensure pupils at school with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, are properly supported so they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

To ensure the needs of children with medical conditions are effectively supported in consultation with health and social care professionals, their parents and the pupils themselves.

We recognise that some children may have medical conditions that require support so that they can attend school regularly and take part in school activities. This is overseen by the SENDCo, Ms A Warren. All these conditions will require that staff have appropriate training.

## **Diabetes**

Children who have diabetes will have an individual health care plan. This will be drawn up together by the child, parents, relevant health professional and the SENDCO. A child who has type 1 diabetes will have a named first aider who has knowledge of their needs. This first aider will liaise with the school kitchen to ensure carbohydrate-counted meals are available.

## **Asthma**

Children who have asthma will have an asthma card signed by the child's GP or practice nurse. The asthma card will remain with the pump in the class first aid bag. A copy of the asthma card will be kept centrally. Parents are expected to ensure the school has an in date pump and inform the school of any changes to medication.

## **Anaphylaxis**

Children who may require the use of inhalers and epipens due to susceptibility to anaphylaxis will have an individual healthcare plan and the school caterers will be informed of this. Photographs of children and their allergies will be displayed by the serving hatch for school meals.

## **Epilepsy**

Children who have epilepsy will have an individual healthcare plan.

## **Infectious diseases**

Mrs S Achha is responsible for keeping abreast of any new information relating to infectious, notifiable and communicable diseases. New information shall be disseminated as necessary.

If a child feels unwell, vomits or has diarrhoea or has an accident that may put others at risk they will be kept away from others and a parent will be called to collect the child.

## **First aid**

Named responsible person is Maria Maher, Headteacher.

Mrs S Achha, SBM, is responsible for ensuring training logs and certificates are maintained and up to date. She is also responsible for booking training.

Ms H Patel is responsible for ordering the supplies.

Ms S Noorgat checks all First aid bags and notifies if supplies are low.

There are a number of First Aid trained staff in school.

Three days and paediatric first aiders:

- Mrs Carol Basham;
- Mrs Julie Crumlish;
- Mrs Kulwant Dhutti;
- Ms Salma Noorgat;
- Ms Halima Patel;
- Mrs Fouzia Yusuf;
- Ms Faeenza Salim.

One day emergency first aiders:

- Mr John Coetzee;
- Mr Stephen Woodward;
- Ms Karen Scanlan;
- Ms Shaheda Patel;
- Mrs Shamim Achha;
- Ms Sumaya Mangera;
- Ms Kalpana Bharucha
- Ms Janna Gedye.
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There is a green first aid bag in each class.

These bags are replenished regularly. Supplies are kept in the medical room. The bag will have any asthma medication for children in the class and will accompany children on any educational visits.

## **First Aid procedures**

- Check for any immediate danger to the child
- Assess the child's condition
- Request First aid assistance
- If necessary the office will call 999 and parents, leave message, emergency contact
- Administer first aid as necessary
- If deemed as needing to attend A&E at hospital a member of staff will attend with the child and meet parents there. The office will print SIMs details which contains all information about the child.

## **Educational and Residential Visits**

All risk assessments will take into account medical issues pertinent to the class. Before any residential visit a meeting will be held with parents of children with care plans.

## **Accidents**

All accidents, incidents, dangerous occurrences and near misses must be reported to the SBM who will report as required.

## **Liability and Indemnity**

Governing bodies should ensure that the appropriate level of insurance is in place and appropriately reflects the level of risk. It is important that the school policy sets out the details of the school's insurance arrangements which cover staff providing support to pupils with medical conditions. Insurance policies should be accessible to staff providing such support. Insurance policies should provide liability cover relating to the administration of medication, but individual cover may need to be arranged for any healthcare procedures. The level and of cover required must be ascertained directly from the relevant insurers. Any requirements of the insurance, such as the need for staff to be trained, should be made clear and complied with.

Our insurance is currently provided by Arthur J. Gallagher through the London Borough of Newham.

## **Complaints**

Please see the school's complaint procedure policy. For complaints regarding medical professionals such as the school nurse or health visitors, NHS complaints procedures should be followed for these organisations.



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Date:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: The School Asthma Card

Thank you for informing us of your child's asthma. As part of accepted good practice and with advice from the Department for Education & Skills and Asthma UK, our school has established a School Asthma Policy for use by all staff. This policy has been ratified by our Governing Body as part of our Safeguarding procedures.

As part of this policy, we are asking all parents and carers of children with asthma to help us by completing a school asthma card for their child/children. Please take this card to your child's doctor/asthma nurse to fill in and return to the school.

Please return the completed asthma card by \_\_\_\_\_.

The completed card will store helpful details about your child's current medicines, triggers, individual symptoms and emergency contact numbers. The card will help school staff to better understand your child's individual condition.

Please make sure the card is regularly checked and updated by your child's doctor or asthma nurse and the school is kept informed about changes to your child's medicines, including how much they take and when.

If you have any further queries, or need help to complete the card, please make an appointment with Ms A. Warren, our Special Education Needs and Disabilities Coordinator.

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Yours faithfully,

*Maria Maher*

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