SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL NEEDS & THE STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS



ST. MARY'S PS MAGHERY

Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs & Storage and Administration of Drugs Policy

This policy has been developed using guidance form the DENI book 'Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs' in relation to practice being carried out by St Mary's Primary School.

The Board of Governors and staff of St Mary's Primary School wish to ensure that pupils with medication needs receive appropriate care and support at the school. The Principal will accept responsibility in principle for members of the school staff giving or supervising pupils taking prescribed medication during the school day where those members of staff have volunteered to do so.

Please note that parents should keep their children at home if acutely unwell or infectious.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

Extract from 'Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs'

'There is no legal duty that requires school staff to administer medication; this is a voluntary role and this Guidance does not intend to alter in any way the right of staff not to volunteer.'

Procedures

- When a child starts St Mary's Primary school parents will be issued with a 'medical needs' letter which outlines the procedures to follow if their child requires medication.
- Children with a specific medical need eg. Heart Condition, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Asthma, Food Allergies etc will be added to the school's medical information file.
- The name and photograph of all children in the school with an on-going medical need and those who require an Individualised Healthcare Plan will thereafter be included on medical information posters displayed in designated areas within the school building.
- There are two reasons why a child may require medication
 - Specific Medical Needs Form 1 'Healthcare Plan' (on-going condition)
 - Special Circumstances Form 2 'Request for school to administer medication'

Form 1 Medication Plan

Parents of children who have a specific on-going medical need e.g. asthma, diabetes etc. are required to complete and return this form to school.

FORM 2 - Request for school to administer medication

This form is to be completed by the parent if at any time during the school year their child requires medication to be administered in special circumstances.

Permission must be sought from the Principal, Miss Robinson before any medication is brought to school.

FORM 3 – Request for Pupil to Administer His/Her Own Medication

- Parents are responsible for ensuring the medication is kept up to date and teachers are informed of any changes in their medication.
- Medication will be clearly labeled in accordance with the school's policy.
- At St Mary's Primary School, we are aware that children may require medication due to a medical condition eg: asthma, diabetes or allergies to certain foods.
- It is our policy that medication of any description, will not be kept by the child in school.
- Prescribed medicines may not be sent or brought to school by parents without the prior knowledge and approval by the Principal.
- It is not the policy for teachers or non-teaching staff to administer medicine unless the correct procedures have been followed and they are in full agreement.
- Changes to dosages will not be made on parental instructions.
- For each pupil with long term or complex medication needs, the Principal and Mrs Cushnahan (Senior First Aider) will ensure that a Medication Plan and Protocol is drawn up, in conjunction with the appropriate health professionals.
- The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a pupil
 whilst on trips away from the school premises, even if additional arrangements might be
 required. However, there may be occasions when it may not be possible to include a pupil on
 a school trip if appropriate supervision cannot be guaranteed.
- Temporary teachers/ staff are made aware of any needs of children he/she will be working with. If planned absence, teacher will leave written message to speak to principal/another teacher regarding the needs of this child.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents and those with Parental Responsibly

The administration of medicines is the responsibility of parents and those with parental responsibility. Where possible medicine should be given to children before or after school and not during school.

Parents Are Responsible for:

- Making sure that their child is well enough to attend school. A child's own doctor is the person best able to advise whether the child is fit to be in school and it is for parents to seek and obtain such advice as necessary.
- Making the school aware that their child requires medication by completing the relevant form.
- Providing the school with the original written medical evidence about their child's medical condition and treatment or special care needed at school.

- It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that medication is clearly labelled, kept up-to-date and teachers are informed of any changes in their medication. They should consult with the school at least on a termly basis with regards to this. Parents should also provide the school with a reasonable quantity of medication.
- Ensuring any changes in medication or condition are brought to the attention of the school promptly and put in writing.
- Reaching agreement with Miss Robinson, the Principal on the school's role in helping with child's medication.
- Ensuring that if the child travels on school transport with an escort, the escort has written
 instructions relating to any medication sent with the pupils, including medication for
 administration.

The Board of Governors

The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 places a duty on the Board of Governors of a grant aided school to safeguard and promote the welfare of registered pupils at the school at all times when such pupils are:

- a. on the premises of the school
- b. in the lawful control or charge of a member of the staff of the school.

The Board of Governors Are Responsible for:

- Ensuring St Mary's Primary School develops its own policies to cover the needs of the school.
- Ratifying all of the school's policies.
- Following the health and safety policies and procedures produced by the EA.
- Taking account of the views of Miss Robinson, the Principal, staff and parents in developing a
 policy on assisting pupils with medication needs.

The Principal

Day to day decisions with regard to support for pupils with medication needs will normally fall to the Principal.

Where there is concern about whether the school can meet a pupil's medication needs, or where the parents' expectations appear unreasonable, the Principal should seek advice from the School Health Service / Designated Medical Officer. On the basis of information received the Principal will advise parents of a child with medication needs on the level of support the school will provide.

The Principal Is Responsible for:

- The operation of the policy on the administration of medication.
- Overseeing the safe storage of medication and developing detailed administrative procedures for the administration of medication to meet needs of individual pupils.
- Making sure that all parents are aware of the school's policy and procedures for dealing with medication needs and the school's approach to pupils who need to take medication at school.
- Dealing sympathetically with each request from parents that medication be administered to their child at school.
- Ensuring that parents' cultural and religious views are always respected.
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the policy and procedures.
- Designating the co-ordination role to Mrs Cushnahan Senior First Aid Officer.
- Ensuring staff in contact with the pupil are:
 - o informed about the child's condition
 - o informed about how to assist in meeting their needs in the classroom
 - aware of the procedure for coping with an emergency associated with that medical condition
 - given appropriate support, advice and specialist training where necessary.
- Ensuring that medicines are stored safely in a secure place, specifically designated for that purpose.
- Arranging cover for members of staff while medication is prepared or administered, to avoid interruption before the procedure is completed.
- Ensuring that supply teachers or other visiting professionals know about the medication needs
 of individual pupils and how these are to be met.
- Arranging back up cover for when the member of staff, normally responsible for administering medication to a pupil, is absent or unavailable.
- Asking the EA to provide written confirmation of the insurance cover for staff who provide specific medication support. A letter has been provided from Bill Harper (Head of Claims and Insurance, EA) and is in the Medical File.
- In the absence of the Principal, Mrs. S Copeland will assume these responsibilities.

Teachers and Other School Staff

Some school staff may be naturally concerned about their ability to support a pupil with a medical condition, particularly if it is potentially life threatening. While referring to their role in pupils' welfare, teachers' conditions of employment do not include giving medication or supervising a pupil taking it,

although staff may volunteer to do this. Planned absence – reminder note for sub teacher to speak to Principal, and in her absence, Mrs S Copeland.

There is no legal duty that requires school staff to administer medication.

During the school day other staff are also responsible for pupils, such as dining supervisors and playground assistants. They will also be provided with training and advice.

Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of medication will receive appropriate training / guidance through arrangements made with the School Health Service.

All staff will be made aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency.

Teachers and Other School Staff Are Responsible for:

- Understanding the nature of a pupil's medical condition and being aware of when and where the pupil may need extra attention.
- Being aware of the likelihood of an emergency arising and the action to take if one occurs.
- Taking part in appropriate training and being aware of the possible side effects of the medication and what to do if they occur.
- Supervising pupils who self-administer medication, if this is required.

Other Agencies who have a role and responsibility in medication is schools include:

The School Health Service

The School Doctor

The School Nurse

The General Practitioner

The Consultant Community Paediatrician

Information Regarding their role and responsibility can be found in 'Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs' D.E.N.I 2008

Safe Storage of Medication

Labelling

- All medication is to be in a labelled container as originally dispensed.
- Each item of medication must be clearly labelled with the following information:
 - Pupil's Name
 - Name of medication.
 - o Dosage.
 - Frequency of administration.
 - Date of dispensing.
 - Storage requirements (if important).expiry date.

The school will not accept items of medication in unlabelled containers.

Storage

- In St Mary's PS., staff will be asked if they are willing to administer medication on a needs be basis and this will be agreed by the Principal.
- The Principal and Mrs Cushnahan are responsible to ensure that medicines are stored safely.
- Medication will be kept in a secure place, out of the reach of pupils.
- Schools should not store large volumes of medication.
- Parents are asked to supply no more than a term's dose of medication.
- Only medicine that has been prescribed for an individual child should be stored and administered.
- Medicines are to be stored strictly in accordance with product instructions, (paying particular note to temperature), and in the original container in which dispensed. Staff are to ensure that the supplied container is clearly labelled with the name of the child, the name and dose of the medicine and the frequency of administration. This should be straight forward if medicines are only accepted in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist in accordance with the prescriber's instructions.
- Where a pupil needs two or more prescribed medicines, each should be in a separate container.
 Non health care staff should never transfer medicines from their original containers.
- Potentially harmful substances will be kept in a designated cupboard in the secretary's office for use by staff only.
- Careful note should be taken of any requirements regarding the temperature at which the medication should be stored. Some medicines need to be refrigerated. Medicines can be kept in a refrigerator containing food, but should be in an airtight container and clearly labeled.

Administration of Medication

- It is at the discretion of staff as to whether or not they agree to administer medication.
- Staff will not give a child medicine unless a completed and signed form has been given to and agreed by the principal.
- Any medication that has been administered will be recorded by the staff member who administered it, giving date, time and dosage on the official school record form. (copies of these AM4 forms are in the Administration of Drugs File)
- Records will be kept of administered medication which will be made available to parents.

• If children refuse to take medicines, staff will not force them to do so, and will inform the parents of the refusal, as a matter of urgency, on the same day. If a refusal to take medicines results in an emergency, the school's emergency procedures will be followed.

Controlled Drugs

- The supply, possession and administration of some medicines are controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act and its associated Regulations. Some may be prescribed as medication for use by children eg: methylphenidate.
- There are increasing numbers of children taking methylphenidate, eg: Ritalin, Equasym, Concerta, for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). These are controlled drugs and therefore care must be taken regarding its storage.
- Any member of staff may administer a controlled drug to the pupil for whom it has been prescribed, provided they have received appropriate training. Staff administering medicine should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions.
- A pupil who has been prescribed a controlled drug may legally have it in their possession. It is
 permissible for schools and settings to look after a controlled drug, where it is agreed that it
 will be administered to the child for whom it has been prescribed.
- Our school will keep controlled drugs in a locked non portable container and only named staff should have access. A record should will be kept for audit and safety purposes.
- A controlled drug, as with all medicines, should be returned to the parent when no longer required to arrange for safe disposal (by returning the unwanted supply to the local pharmacy).
 If this is not possible, it should be returned to the dispensing pharmacist (details should be on the label).
- Misuse of a controlled drug, such as passing it to another pupil for use, is an offence. Our school does have a policy in place for dealing with drug misuse.

Access to Medication

- Pupils at school will know where their own medication is kept and who holds the key.
- Some medicines, such as inhalers for asthma, will be readily available to pupils and should not be locked away. For children who suffer a severe allergic reaction and may require an EpiPen or Autoinjector, they are to be kept in a secure place.

Hygiene / Infection Control

All staff will be familiar with normal precautions for avoiding infection and must follow basic hygiene procedures. Staff will have access to protective disposable gloves and take care when dealing with spillages of blood or other body fluids and disposing of dressings or equipment.

DEALING WITH MEDICINES SAFELY

Safety Management

All medicines may be harmful to anyone for whom they are not prescribed. As we as a school agree to administer this type of medicine the principal must ensure that the risks to the health of others are properly controlled. This duty derives from the Control of substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, (COSHH).

The Medicines Act 1968 places restrictions on dealings with medicinal products, including their administration. In the case of prescription only medicines anyone administering such a medicinal product by injection must be an appropriate medical practitioner, eg a doctor, or else must act in accordance with the practitioner's directions and authority.

There are exceptions for the administration of certain prescription only medicines by injection in emergencies (in order to save a life). An example of an exception is injection by a fully assembled syringe and needle delivering a set dose of adrenaline by intramuscular injection in the case of anaphylactic shock. Examples are EpiPen and Anapen. There are also junior versions for use in children.

A copy of each child's care plan is displayed on the inside door of the secretary.s storage unit. Temporary teachers/staff are made aware of any needs of children they will be working with by Miss Robinson and in her absence, Mrs Cushnahan.

Training for Staff In the use of Epi-pens or Autoinjectors

- Those children who may require an epi-pen/autoinjector have a 'Care Plan' which has been agreed by child's parents, principal designated ACE Team representative and contains a prescription page signed by the child's doctor.
- A list of all children in the school with on-going medical needs is displayed on the inside door
 of the secretary's storage unit, temporary teachers/staff are made aware of any needs of
 children they will be working with.
- Photographs of children who currently have a Healthcare Plan are also on display here.

First Aid Training

- Mrs L Cushnahan and Mrs Copeland are First Aid Trained with refresher courses available every 3 years.
- Mrs Cushnahan is our Senior First Aid Officer, Mrs Copeland is the assistant First Aid Officer.

Defibrillator Training

- The school has purchased a new AED. (November 2017)
- Staff received instructional training for this particular model of AED.
- Whole staff training is to be arranged through the EA (EMS) in Term 2 and this policy updated accordingly.

Medical Needs

In order for staff to manage the medical needs of all children attending St Mary's Primary School, it is essential that we have the necessary information.

Attached you will find two forms which are numbered :-

Form 1

Form 2

FORM 1 - Medication Plan

If your child has a specific medical need e.g. asthma, diabetes etc. we require you to complete this form and return to school.

FORM 2 - Request for school to administer medication

If at any time during the school year your child requires medication to be administered, it is necessary that you, the parent, complete Form 2 and bring it to school with the medication it refers to.

FORM 3 - Request for Pupil to Administer His/Her Own Medication

Copies of either form are available upon request.

<u>Please note</u>: School <u>will not</u> give your child any medication unless you complete and sign this form and the Principal has agreed to your request.

Please note:- School does not permit medicine to be carried by pupils.

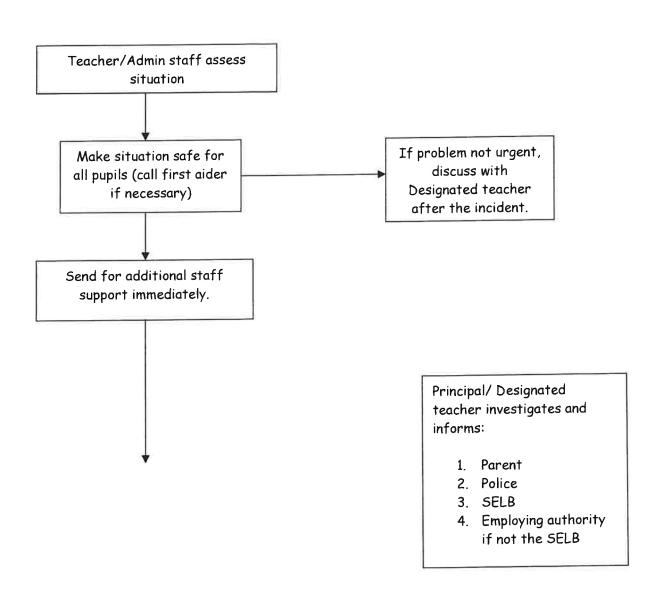
Please keep these forms for future reference should you need them at any time during the school year.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Robinson Principal

St Mary's Primary School

Misuse of Substance Flowchart



St Mary's Primary School

Drugs and Substance Misuse Incident Report Form (Form to be completed by Teacher involved in Incident)

Nature of Incident:					
Date: Time:	<u> </u>		Venue:		
Pupil(s) involved:					
Teacher Response:					
Substance given to Principal/Desi	gnated Te	eacher:	Yes 🗖	NO	
Report to Designated Teacher:	Yes		NO □		
Report to Principal:	Ves	П	NO \square		

Si	gned:	Date:
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	-	I Record and Checklist las record by Principal / Designated Staff Member)
Date	:	
Natu	re of Incident:	
Subs	tance in secure storage:	(please tick)
Staff	involved:	
	ort from staff attached:	(please tick)
•	e of Pupil(s) involved:	(Product treat;
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Infor	rmed (Circle as appropriate):	
>	Parent(s)/Guardian(s):	
	Local CSIO:	

Board of Governors:

Other relevant bodies:

Employing Authority if not EA:

EA:

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Action plan	for pupil support in place:	:
Signed:		
	Principal/Designated Teacher	

St Mary's Primary School

PRO FORMA TO INFORM EA/EMPLOYING AUTHORITY

Name of School:			
Address:			
Telephone No:			
Date:			
Principal:			
Contact Teacher:			
Details of Incident:			
Substance (if identified):			
I have completed the checklist ou	ıtlined in Appendix E:		
Signed:			
Date:			

Reference Materials

Area Child Protection Committees' Regional Policy and Procedures
April 2005

Children (NI) Order 1995 'The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill 2000¹

DE Circular 'Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)' 2001/15

DE Circular 'Drugs: Guidance for schools' 2004/9

DE Circular 'Pastoral Care in Schools' 1999/10

Drugs: Guidance for Schools in Northern Ireland

CCEA

2004 ISBN 1 85885 652 3

Evaluating Pastoral Care 1999

DENI

1999

Guidance for Primary Schools: Relationships and Sexuality Education

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ISBN 185885 2099

Guidance for Post Primary Schools: Relationships and Sexuality Education

CCEA

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ISBN 185885 209 9

Integrating Personal Safety Programmes into the Curriculum: Child Protection

CCEA

1999

ISBN 185885 202 1

Pastoral Care in Schools: Child Protection

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1999

The Education and Libraries (NI) Order 2003

Together Towards Improvement: A Process for Self-Evaluation

Department of Education ETI

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article3; Article 12; Article 19

Education Authority

St Mary's Primary School

Record of medication administered in school

Print Name					
Signature of Staff					
Any Reactions					
Dose Given					
Name of Medication					
Time					
Pupil's Name					
Date					

Policy Review

This policy was reviewed in September	2 Qi and has been ratified by the
Board of Governors at a meeting held on the	e 30th Nov 21.
Rite Robinson	30
Principal	Date
Jumy Mc Kee	30/11/21
(Chair of the Board of Governors)	Date
Next Review will take place in	

(Form AM1)



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MEDICATION PLAN FOR A PUPIL WITH MEDICAL NEED

Name of	f Pupil :
Date of	Birth:/ Class:
Conditio	n:
Date:	Review Date:
Contact	Information:
1.	Family Contact 1
	Name:
	Phone No: (home/mobile)(work)
	Relationship:
2.	Family Contact 2
	Name:
	Phone No: (home/mobile)(work)
	Relationship:
3.	GP (Doctor)
	Name:
	Phone No:
	Describe condition and give details of pupil's individual symptoms
	Daily care requirements (e.g. before sport,/lunchtime))

Describe what constitutes an emergency for	or the child, and the action to take if this occurs	
Follow up care		
care and education of	lined in this form may be shared with individuals in	nvoive
Signed:	Date:	
Parent/carer		



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MEDICATION PLAN FOR A PUPIL WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

REQUEST FOR A SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the Principal has agreed that school staff can administer the medicine (long term condition)

Details of Pupil
Surname: Forename(s):
Address:
Date of Birth:/ Male Female
Class:
Condition or illness
<u>Medication</u>
Parents must ensure that he medication is in date and properly labelled.
Name/Type of Medication (as described on the container)
Date dispensed:
Expiry Date:
Full Direction for Use
Dosage and method:
NB: Dosage can only be changed on a Doctor's instructions
Timing:
Special instructions:

Are there any side effects that the School needs to know about?

Self-Administration Yes / No (delete as ap	ppropriate)
Procedures to take in an Emergency	
	licine personally to It this is a service, which the school is not obliged to
undertake.	
I understand that I must notify the school	ol of any changes in writing.
Signature(s):	Date:
Agreement of Principal	
agree the	(name of child) will receive
	(quantity and name of medicine). This child w
	their medication by(name
member of staff).	(when)
This arrangement will continue until	
(either end date of course of medicine or	until instructed by parents).
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A record of any medicines administered b	ly staff must be completed and retained.
Signed:	Date: f)
The Principal/authorised member of staf	†)
agree that the modical information cont	ained in this form may be shared with individuals involve
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with the care and education of my child.	
	Date:
Parent/carer)	

The original should be retained on the school file and a copy sent to the parents to confirm the school's agreement to administer medication to the named pupil.

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REQUEST FOR A PUPIL TO SELF ADMINISTER HIS/HER MEDICATION

This form must be completed by parents/carers

Details of Pupil						
Surname:	Forename(s):					
Address:						
Date of Birth:/ Male _ Class: Condition or illness						
Medication Parents must ensure that in date properly	labelled medication is supplied.					
Name Medicine						
Procedures to be taken in an emergency						
Contact Details						
Name						
Phone No. (home/mobile)						
(work)						
Relationship to child						

Signed:	Date
Relationships to child	
Agreement of Principal	
I agree that(Na	me of child) will be allowed to self-
administer his/her medication whilst in school and	that this arrangement will continue until
(either end date of course	e of medication or until instructed by parents)
Signed C	Date

The Principal/authorised member of staff

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Record of Medicine Administered to an Individual Child

Surname							
Foreman (s)							
Date of Birth			/	/		M	F□
Class							
Condition or illness							
Date medicine provided by	narent						
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Expiry date			/	/	_		
Quantity returned							
Dose and frequency of med	dicine						
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