



## Jesson's CE Primary School Medical Conditions in School Policy

**This school is an inclusive community that welcomes and supports pupils with medical conditions and provides all pupils with any medical conditions the same opportunities as others at school.**

The school makes sure all staff understand their duty of care to children and young people in the event of an emergency.

All staff feel confident in knowing what to do in an emergency.

This school understands that certain medical conditions are serious and potentially life threatening, particularly if poorly managed or misunderstood.

This school understands the importance of medication and care being taken as directed by healthcare professionals and parents.

All staff understand the medical conditions that affect pupils at this school. Staff receive training on the impact medical conditions can have on pupils.

The named member of school staff responsible for this medical conditions policy and its implementation is Mrs. Susan Phipps, Lead First Aider.

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or as appropriate if major directional changes occur.

Complaints by parents, or others, should be discussed initially, as appropriate, with the class teacher or head teacher. It is desirable that complaints should be dealt with informally, but if that is not possible, then a written formal complaint should be registered with the head teacher, unless it is a matter concerning the head teacher, when it should be directed to the chair of governors.

1. This school is an inclusive community that supports and welcomes pupils with medical conditions. This school is welcoming and supportive of pupils with medical conditions. It strives to provide children with medical conditions with the same opportunities and access to activities (both school based and out-of-school) as other pupils.

No child will be denied admission or prevented from taking up a place in this school because arrangements for their medical condition have not been made. This school will listen to the views of pupils and parents. Pupils and parents feel confident in the care they receive from this school and the level of care meets their needs.

Staff understand the medical conditions of pupils at this school and that they may be serious, adversely affecting a child's quality of life and their ability to learn.

All staff understand their duty of care to children and young people and know what to do in the event of an emergency.

This school understands that all children with the same medical condition will not have the same needs.

The school recognizes that duties in the Children and Families Act and the Equality Act relate to children with disability or medical conditions.

2. This school's medical conditions policy is drawn up in consultation with staff within the school and under the guidance of Dudley MBC.

3. The medical conditions policy is supported by a clear communication plan for staff, parents/ carers and other key stakeholders to ensure its full implementation.

Pupils, parents, relevant local healthcare staff, and other external stakeholders are informed of and reminded about medical conditions policy through clear communication channels, for example email, school website and verbal communication.

4. All staff are trained as soon as reasonably practicable as to what to do in an emergency for children with medical conditions at this school.

All staff receive training in what to do in an emergency and this is refreshed at least once a year for the majority of conditions. Specialist training is accessed when required.

The school, in partnership with parents and relevant health care professionals give careful consideration to whether an individual healthcare plan (IHP) is appropriate and proportionate.

A pupil's IHP explains how to both support, and manage, the condition for individuals.

5. All staff understand and are trained in the school's general emergency procedures. All staff, including temporary or supply staff, know what action to take in an emergency and receive updates at least yearly.

If a pupil needs to attend hospital, a member of staff (preferably known to the pupil) will stay with them until a parent arrives, or accompany a child taken to hospital by ambulance. They will not take pupils to hospital in their own car.

6. This school has clear guidance on providing care and support and administering medication at school.

This school understands the importance of medication being taken and care received as detailed in the pupil's IHP.

This school will ensure that there are sufficient numbers of staff trained to cover any absences, staff turnover and other contingencies. This school's governing body has made sure that there is the appropriate level of insurance and liability cover in place.

This school will not give medication (prescription or non-prescription) to a child under 16 without a parent's written consent except in exceptional circumstances, and every effort will be made to encourage the pupil to involve their parent, while respecting their confidentiality.

When administering medication, for example pain relief, this school will check the maximum dosage and when the previous dose was given. Parents will be informed. This school will not give a pupil under 16 years of age, aspirin, unless prescribed by a doctor.

This school will make sure that a trained member of staff is available to accompany a pupil with a medical condition on an off-site visit, including overnight stays.

This school will not require parents, or otherwise make them feel obliged, to attend school to administer medication or provide medical support to their child, including with toileting issues.

Parents at this school understand that they should let the school know immediately if their child's needs change.

If a pupil misuses their medication, or anyone else's, their parent is informed as soon as possible and the school's managing substance related incidents/behavior /disciplinary procedures are followed.

7. This school has clear guidance on the storage of medication and equipment at school.

This school makes sure that all staff understand what constitutes an emergency for an individual child and makes sure that emergency medication/equipment is readily available wherever the child is in the school, and on off-site activities, and is not locked away. Pupils may carry their emergency medication with them if they wish/this is appropriate and sanctioned by parent/carer.

Emergency inhalers are stored at the First Aid Station and in the main office which is taken out during evacuations, such as fire emergencies.

Pupils may carry their own medication/equipment, or they should know exactly where to access it. Pupils can carry controlled drugs if they are competent, otherwise this school will keep controlled drugs stored securely, but accessibly, with only named staff having access.

This school will make sure that all medication is stored safely, and that pupils with medical conditions know where they are at all times and have access to them immediately.

Generally, medication is stored at the First Aid Station, unless determined that closer proximity to the child is required.

This school will store medication that is in date and labelled in its original container where possible, in accordance with its instructions. The exception to this is insulin, which though must still be in date, will generally be supplied in an insulin injector pen or a pump.

Parents are asked to collect all long-term medications/equipment at the end of the school year, and to provide new and in-date medication at the start of each new school year. Once a course of short-term medication is completed, it should be collected by parents to dispose of appropriately.

8. This school has clear guidance about record keeping.

Parents at this school are asked if their child has any medical conditions when a child starts the school and an annual review is carried out at the start of each school year.

Where appropriate and proportionate, this school uses an IHCP (Individual health care plan) to record the support an individual pupil's needs around their medical condition. The IHCP is developed with the pupil (where appropriate), parent, school staff, specialist nurse (where appropriate) and relevant healthcare services.

This school has a centralised register of IHCPs, and the First Aid Officer has the responsibility for this register.

IHCPs are regularly reviewed, at least every year or whenever the pupil's needs change. The pupil (where appropriate), parents, specialist nurse (where appropriate) and relevant Healthcare services hold a copy of the IHCP. Other school staff are made aware of and have access to the IHCP for the pupils in their care.

This school makes sure that the pupil's confidentiality is protected.

This school seeks permission from parents before sharing any medical information with any other party.

This school meets with the pupil (where appropriate), parent, specialist nurse (where appropriate) and relevant healthcare services prior to any overnight or extended day visit to discuss and make a plan for any extra care requirements that may be needed. This is recorded in the pupil's IHCP which accompanies them on the visit.

This school keeps an accurate record of all medication administered, including the dose, time, date and supervising staff.

This school makes sure that all staff providing support to a pupil have received suitable training and on-going support, to make sure that they have confidence to provide the necessary support and that they fulfil the requirements set out in the pupil's IHCP. This should be provided by the specialist nurse/school nurse/other suitably qualified healthcare professional and/or the parent. The specialist nurse/school nurse/other suitably qualified healthcare professional will confirm their competence (where appropriate), and this school keeps an up-to-date record of all training undertaken and by whom.

9. This school ensures that the whole school environment is inclusive and favourable to pupils with medical conditions. This includes the physical environment, as well as social, sporting and educational activities.

This school is committed to providing a physical environment accessible to pupils with medical conditions and pupils are consulted to ensure this accessibility. This school is also committed to an accessible physical environment for out-of-school activities.

This school makes sure the needs of pupils with medical conditions are adequately considered to ensure their involvement in structured and unstructured activities, extended school activities and residential visits.

All staff are aware of the potential social problems that pupils with medical conditions may experience and use this knowledge, alongside the school's bullying policy, to help prevent and deal with any problems. They use opportunities such as PSHE and science lessons to raise awareness of medical conditions to help promote a positive environment.

This school understands the importance of all pupils taking part in physical activity and that all relevant staff make appropriate adjustments to physical activity sessions to make sure they are accessible to all pupils. This includes out-of-school clubs and team sports.

This school understands that all relevant staff are aware that pupils should not be forced to take part in activities if they are unwell. They should also be aware of pupils who have been advised to avoid/take special precautions during activity, and the potential triggers for a pupil's medical condition when exercising and how to minimise these.

This school makes sure that pupils have the appropriate medication/equipment/food with them during physical activity.

This school makes sure that pupils with medical conditions can participate fully in all aspects of the curriculum and enjoy the same opportunities at school as any other child, and that appropriate adjustments and extra support are provided.

All school staff understand that frequent absences, or symptoms, such as limited concentration and frequent tiredness, may be due to a pupil's medical condition. This school will not penalise pupils for their attendance if their absences relate to their medical condition.

This school will refer pupils with medical conditions who are finding it difficult to keep up educationally to the SENCO/Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator/Special Educational Needs Advisor who will liaise with the pupil (where appropriate), parent and the pupil's healthcare professional.

All pupils at this school learn what to do in an emergency.

This school makes sure that a risk assessment is carried out before any out-of-school visit, including work experience and educational placements. The needs of pupils with medical conditions are considered during this process and plans are put in place for any additional medication, equipment or support that may be required.

10. This school is aware of the common triggers that can make common medical conditions worse or can bring on an emergency. The school is actively working towards reducing or eliminating health and safety risks both at school and on out-of- school visits.

School staff have been given training and written information on medical conditions which includes avoiding/reducing exposure to common triggers. It has a list of the triggers for pupils with medical conditions at this school, has a trigger reduction schedule and is actively working towards reducing/eliminating these health and safety risks.

The IHP details an individual pupil's triggers and details how to make sure the pupil remains safe throughout the whole school day and on out-of-school activities. Risk assessments are carried out on all out-of-school activities, taking into account the needs of pupils with medical needs.

This school reviews all medical emergencies and incidents to see how they could have been avoided, and changes school policy according to these reviews.

11. Each member of the school and health community knows their roles and responsibilities in maintaining and implementing an effective medical conditions policy. This school works in partnership with all relevant parties including the pupil (where appropriate), parent, school's governing body, all school staff, employers and healthcare professionals to ensure that the policy is planned, implemented and maintained successfully.

The roles and responsibilities for all relevant parties are:

Head teacher- to oversee the implementation of the policy and to continue to allow staff the training opportunities that supports the pupils and staff.

Governors- to provide an overseeing role of the implementation of this policy and to work with school staff and agencies to ensure this.

Teachers and other staff- to identify training that they require to implement this policy, and to put into practice the training/ information provided.

SENCO- to work with the policy and to identify areas that could be improved with the co-operation of others. Work with parents, staff and other agencies to ensure relevant information is provided and accessed.

School nurse- provides a training source and explanations/ information that helps the understanding of both the staff and children.

First Aid Lead- to work with the policy and to identify areas that could be improved with the co-operation of others. Work with parents, staff and other agencies to ensure relevant information is provided and accessed. To collate and share relevant information as pertinent.

12. The medical conditions policy is regularly reviewed, evaluated and updated. Updates are produced every year.

In evaluating the policy, this school seeks feedback from key stakeholders including pupils, parents, school healthcare professionals, specialist nurses and other relevant healthcare professionals, school staff, local emergency care services, governors and the school employer. The views of pupils with medical conditions are central to the evaluation process.

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