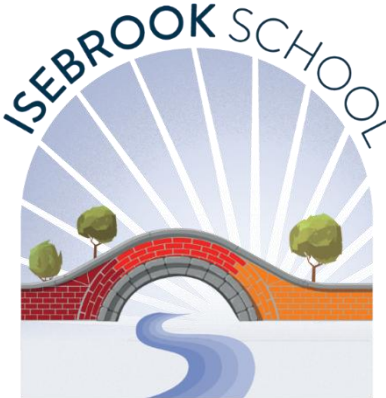


Isebrook School
Supporting Students with Medical Needs Policy 26-27



ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT:

Purpose

These procedures are in place to enable any complaint to be raised in the appropriate way so that they can be resolved as quickly and efficiently as practically possible.

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Wellbeing at Isebrook School

Managing and providing Intimate Care for students be challenging and so this document aims to set out procedures to be followed to minimize confusion or distress.

Wellbeing at Creating Tomorrow Trust

At Creating Tomorrow Trust, we believe that when our people thrive, our learners and communities thrive too.

Physical, emotional and mental wellbeing are essential to a thriving, collaborative and values-driven organisation, and we are committed to creating an environment where every colleague feels supported, respected and able to flourish.

We recognise that wellbeing needs can change over time, and anyone may experience challenges. We work together with openness, compassion and trust, ensuring that help is accessible when it is needed.

Health and wellbeing are everyone's responsibility, and we encourage a positive culture where concerns can be raised without judgement. The Trustees take their duty of care seriously and are committed to ensuring that support for all employees is available through:

- Effective and supportive line management
- A fair and manageable workload
- A professional, safe and inclusive working environment
- Access to wellbeing and employee support services through our Employee Assistance Programme:
 - *08000 856 148*
 - *educationsupport.org.uk*

We are committed to continuous improvement. **All Trust policies are reviewed for their impact on staff wellbeing**, ensuring our values are reflected not only in what we say, but in what we do. Together, we create tomorrow by caring for one another today.

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1. Aims

At Isebrook we aim to ensure that a student's medical needs are never a barrier to accessing the full curriculum.

This policy aims to ensure that:

- › Students, staff and parents understand how our school will support students with medical conditions
- › Students with medical conditions are properly supported to allow them to access the same education as other students, including school trips and sporting activities

The governing board will implement this policy by:

- › Making sure sufficient staff are suitably trained
- › Making staff aware of student's condition, where appropriate
- › Making sure there are cover arrangements to ensure someone is always available to support students with medical conditions
- › Providing teachers with appropriate information about the policy and relevant students
- › Developing and monitoring individual healthcare plans (IHPs)

The named person with responsibility for implementing this policy is:

Lynn Johnston – SEND & Inclusion Lead, in conjunction with the Headteacher, Tracy Latham and Senior Welfare Manager, Sharon Taylor

2. Legislation and statutory responsibilities

This policy meets the requirements under [Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which places a duty on governing boards to make arrangements for supporting students at their school with medical conditions. It is also based on the Department for Education's statutory guidance: [Supporting students at school with medical conditions](#).

This policy also complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The governing board

The governing board has ultimate responsibility to make arrangements to support students with medical conditions. The governing board will ensure that sufficient staff have received suitable training and are competent before they are responsible for supporting children with medical conditions.

3.2 The headteacher

The headteacher will:

- › Make sure all staff are aware of this policy and understand their role in its implementation

3.3. The SEND & Inclusion Lead will:

- › Ensure that there is a sufficient number of trained staff available to implement this policy and deliver against all individual healthcare plans (IHPs), including in contingency and emergency situations.
- › Ensure that, where appropriate, suitable Risk Assessments are in place to meet student's medical needs.
- › Take overall responsibility for liaising with the school nurse to ensure the development of IHPs
- › Make sure that school staff are appropriately insured and aware that they are insured to support students in this way

- Contact the school nursing service in the case of any student who has a medical condition that may require support at school, but who has not yet been brought to the attention of the school nurse
- Ensure that systems are in place for obtaining information about a child's medical needs and that this information is kept up to date
- Communicate with the Senior Pastoral Manager, Pastoral Team and appropriate staff regarding student's specific Medical Needs.

3.4 Staff

Supporting students with medical conditions during school hours is not the sole responsibility of one person. Any member of staff may be asked to provide support to students with medical conditions. This includes the administration of medicines.

Within support staff roles and responsibilities, the requirement to support students with medical conditions is clear and as such staff will receive sufficient and suitable training, and will achieve the necessary level of competency before doing so. Administration of Medication Training is regularly delivered in school by the School Nurse.

Teachers will take into account the needs of students with medical conditions that they teach. All staff will know what to do and respond accordingly when they become aware that a student with a medical condition needs help.

Staff leading and supporting and offsite visit must be aware of the students' medical needs in their group and as such training will be provided for any member of staff in this position.

3.5 Parents

Parents will:

- Provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs
- Be involved in the development and review of their child's IHP and may be involved in its drafting
- Carry out any action they have agreed to as part of the implementation of the IHP e.g. provide medicines and equipment
- Bring medication into school in person and if required collect any medication in person

3.6 Students

Students with medical conditions will often be best placed to provide information about how their condition affects them. Students should be fully involved in discussions about their medical support needs and contribute as much as possible to the development of their IHPs. They are also expected to comply with their IHPs.

3.7 School nurses and other healthcare professionals

Our school nursing service will notify the school when a student has been identified as having a medical condition that will require support in school. This will be before the student starts school, wherever possible. Our School Nurse is Hilary Reed.

Healthcare professionals, such as GPs and paediatricians, will liaise with the schools nurses and notify them of any students identified as having a medical condition.

School nurses have a responsibility to ensure any staff trained to support students with medical needs are competent in their roles.

The school nurse will liaise with school when writing an Individual Healthcare Plan and will sign off each plan, along with parent and school.

4. Equal opportunities

Our school is clear about the need to actively support students with medical conditions to participate in school trips and visits, or in sporting activities, and not prevent them from doing so.

The school will consider what reasonable adjustments need to be made to enable these students to participate fully and safely on school trips, visits and sporting activities.

Risk assessments will be carried out so that planning arrangements take account of any steps needed to ensure that students with medical conditions are included. In doing so, students, their parents and any relevant healthcare professionals will be consulted.

5. Being notified that a child has a medical condition

When the school is notified that a student has a medical condition, the process outlined below will be followed to decide whether the student requires an IHP.

The school will make every effort to ensure that arrangements are put into place within 2 weeks, or by the beginning of the relevant term for students who are new to our school.

See Appendix 1.

6. Individual healthcare plans

The SEND & Inclusion Lead has overall responsibility for ensuring the development of IHPs for students with medical conditions. This is Lynn Johnston, who liaises with the school nurse (with responsibility for writing and signing off the plans)

Plans will be reviewed at least annually, or earlier if there is evidence that the student's needs have changed.

Plans will be developed with the student's best interests in mind and will set out:

- › What needs to be done
- › When
- › By whom

Not all students with a medical condition will require an IHP. It will be agreed with a healthcare professional and the parents when an IHP would be inappropriate or disproportionate. This will be based on evidence. If there is not a consensus, the headteacher will make the final decision.

Plans will be drawn up in partnership with the school, parents and a relevant healthcare professional, such as the school nurse, specialist or paediatrician, who can best advise on the student's specific needs. The student will be involved wherever appropriate.

IHPs will be linked to, or become part of, any statement of special educational needs (SEN) or education, health and care (EHC) plan. If a student has SEN but does not have a statement or EHC plan, the SEN will be mentioned in the IHP.

The level of detail in the plan will depend on the complexity of the child's condition and how much support is needed. The SEND & Inclusion Lead, with the school healthcare professionals, will consider the following when deciding what information to record on IHPs:

- › The medical condition, its triggers, signs, symptoms and treatments
- › The student's resulting needs, including medication (dose, side effects and storage) and other treatments, time, facilities, equipment, testing, access to food and drink where this is used to manage their condition, dietary requirements and environmental issues, e.g. crowded corridors, travel time between lessons

- Specific support for the student's educational, social and emotional needs. For example, how absences will be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or additional support in catching up with lessons, counselling sessions
- The level of support needed, including in emergencies. If a student is self-managing their medication, this will be clearly stated with appropriate arrangements for monitoring
- Who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of proficiency to provide support for the student's medical condition from a healthcare professional, and cover arrangements for when they are unavailable
- Who in the school needs to be aware of the student's condition and the support required
- Arrangements for written permission from parents and the headteacher for medication to be administered by a member of staff, or self-administered by the student during school hours
- Separate arrangements or procedures required for school trips or other school activities outside of the normal school timetable that will ensure the student can participate, e.g. risk assessments
- Where confidentiality issues are raised by the parent/student, the designated individuals to be entrusted with information about the student's condition
- What to do in an emergency, including who to contact, and contingency arrangements

7. Managing medicines

Prescription and non-prescription medicines will only be administered at school:

- When it would be detrimental to the student's health or school attendance not to do so **and**
- Where we have parents' written consent

The only exception to this is where the medicine has been prescribed to the student without the knowledge of the parents.

Students under 16 will not be given medicine containing aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor.

Anyone giving a student any medication (for example, for pain relief) will first check maximum dosages and when the previous dosage was taken. Parents will always be informed.

The school will only accept prescribed medicines that are:

- In-date
- Labelled
- Provided in the original container, as dispensed by the pharmacist, and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage

The school will accept insulin that is inside an insulin pen or pump rather than its original container, but it must be in date.

All medicines will be received at the School Office only. They will be logged stored safely. At Isebrook School all medicines are kept in a secure cupboard in the medical room

Students will be informed about where their medicines are always and be able to access them immediately. Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens will always be readily available to students and not locked away.

Parents will be asked to collect any medicines for safe disposal when no longer required and deliver replenishment medications in person. No medicines should be sent to school with the student.

7.1 Controlled drugs

[Controlled drugs](#) are prescription medicines that are controlled under the [Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001](#) and subsequent amendments, such as morphine or methadone.

At Isebrook School all controlled drugs are kept in a secure cupboard in the medical room

Controlled drugs will be easily accessible in an emergency and a record of any doses used and the amount held will be kept.

7.2 Students managing their own needs

Students who are competent will be encouraged to take responsibility for managing their own medicines and procedures. This will be discussed with parents and it will be reflected in their IHPs.

Students will be allowed to carry their own medicines and relevant devices wherever possible. Staff will not force a student to take a medicine or carry out a necessary procedure if they refuse, but will follow the procedure agreed in the IHP and inform parents so that an alternative option can be considered, if necessary.

7.3 Unacceptable practice

School staff should use their discretion and judge each case individually with reference to the student's IHP, but it is generally not acceptable to:

- Prevent students from easily accessing their inhalers and medication, and administering their medication when and where necessary
- Assume that every student with the same condition requires the same treatment
- Ignore the views of the student or their parents
- Ignore medical evidence or opinion (although this may be challenged)
- Send children with medical conditions home frequently for reasons associated with their medical condition or prevent them from staying for normal school activities, including lunch, unless this is specified in their IHPs
- If the student becomes ill, send them to the school office or medical room unaccompanied or with someone unsuitable
- Penalise students for their attendance record if their absences are related to their medical condition, e.g. hospital appointments
- Prevent students from drinking, eating or taking toilet or other breaks whenever they need to in order to manage their medical condition effectively
- Require parents, or otherwise make them feel obliged, to attend school to administer medication or provide medical support to their student, including with toileting issues. No parent should have to give up working because the school is failing to support their child's medical needs
- Prevent students from participating, or create unnecessary barriers to students participating in any aspect of school life, including school trips, e.g. by requiring parents to accompany their child
- Administer, or ask students to administer, medicine in school toilets

7.4 Pro Re Nata medication (PRN)

PRN refers to medicines that are given only when necessary, rather than at set times. For example, pain relief medication or asthma inhalers might be prescribed as PRN medications. In addition, medications used to assist students with emotional regulation can be prescribed in this way.

PRN medications should :

- **Given only when specific symptoms occur** - Staff should only administer PRN medication when the conditions specified in the care plan or prescription are met and in line with prior parental agreement.
- **Requires clear instructions** - You should have written guidance from parents/carers and healthcare professionals about when and how to give the medication
- **Documentation is essential** - Each time PRN medication is given, it must be recorded, including the time, dose, reason for administration, and who gave it
- **Staff training may be needed** - Depending on the medication, staff may need specific training to recognise when it's needed and how to administer it safely
- **Detailed on the student's Risk Assessment and IHP.**

8. Emergency procedures

Staff will follow the school's normal emergency procedures (for example, calling 999). All students' IHPs will clearly set out what constitutes an emergency and will explain what to do.

If a student needs to be taken to hospital, staff will stay with the student until the parent arrives, or accompany the student to hospital by ambulance.

9. Training

Staff who are responsible for supporting students with medical needs will receive suitable and sufficient training to do so.

The training will be identified during the development or review of IHPs or upon transition of the student to Isebrook School. Staff who provide support to students with medical conditions will be included in meetings where this is discussed.

The relevant healthcare professionals will lead on identifying the type and level of training required and will agree this with the Senior Welfare Manager. Training will be kept up to date.

Training will:

- Be sufficient to ensure that staff are competent and have confidence in their ability to support the students
- Fulfil the requirements in the IHPs
- Help staff to have an understanding of the specific medical conditions they are being asked to deal with, their implications and preventative measures

Healthcare professionals will provide confirmation of the proficiency of staff in a medical procedure, or in providing medication.

All staff will receive training so that they are aware of this policy and understand their role in implementing it, for example, with preventative and emergency measures so they can recognise and act quickly when a problem occurs. This will be provided for new staff during their induction.

10. Record keeping

The governing board will ensure that written records are kept of all medicine administered to students. Parents will be informed if their student has been unwell at school.

The day to day management of this, and the systems used is overseen by the Operations Manager and Office Manager. The Operations Manager is Sophia Pizzimenti

IHPs are kept in a readily accessible place which all staff are aware of.

11. Liability and indemnity

The trust board will ensure that the appropriate level of insurance is in place and appropriately reflects the school's level of risk.

As an academy; the school and Creating Tomorrow Trust, are members of the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA). Each school displays the Insurance certificate and further information can be provided upon request.

12. Complaints

Parents with a complaint about their child's medical condition should discuss these directly with the Senior Welfare Manager in the first instance. If the Senior Welfare Manager cannot resolve the matter, they will direct parents to the school's complaints procedure.

13. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed and approved by the governing board every 2 years.

14. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Complaints
- Equality information and objectives
- First aid
- Health and safety
- Safeguarding
- Special educational needs information report and policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Students with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

Appendix 1: Being notified a child has a medical condition

