



Supporting Students with Medical Conditions and Administration of Medicine Policy

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Introduction

Blackdown Education Partnership wishes to ensure that students with medical needs receive proper care and support. Our intention is to ensure that students with medical conditions should have full access to education including trips and PE. The Headteacher will ensure that staff are supported and trained and competent before they take on the responsibility of supporting students with medical conditions.

The Trust's insurance covers liability relating to the administration of medication.

At Orchard Grove Primary School

The *Headteacher* will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- Procedures to be followed when notification is received that a student will be attending who has a medical condition (including transitional arrangements between schools, re-integration or when students' needs change; arrangements for staff training or support) The Headteacher will arrange specific medical training required and write and maintain medical care plans.
- Procedures to be followed when a student moves to the school mid-term or when a student has a new diagnosis

Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCP)

Where identified as being necessary, Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCP) will be developed between *Orchard Grove Primary School*, healthcare professionals and parents so that the steps needed to help a student manage their condition and overcome any potential barriers to getting the most from their education are identified. The IHCP will include:

1. The student's medical condition, its triggers, symptoms, medication needs and the level of support needed in an emergency. Also it must include any treatments, time, facilities, equipment, testing and access to food or drink (where it is used to manage their condition), dietary requirements and environmental issues such as crowded corridors and travel time between lessons
2. Specific support for the student's education, social and emotional needs, such as how will absences be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or counselling sessions
3. Who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of proficiency to provide support from a healthcare professional
4. Cover arrangements and who in the school needs to be aware of the student's condition and the support required including supply staff
5. Arrangements for written permission from parents for medication

6. Arrangements or procedures for school trips or other school activities outside the normal timetable; completion of risk assessments for visits and school activities outside the normal timetable
7. The designated individuals to be entrusted with the above information
8. Procedures in the event of the student refusing to take medicine or carry out a necessary procedure

Richard Healey (Headteacher) will have the final decision on whether an Individual Health Care Plan is required.

Students with Asthma

The *school* will hold an emergency inhaler and spacer for the treatment of an asthma attack where schools are able to obtain one.

Richard Healey will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an asthma attack
- Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy
- Instructing all staff on how to check the asthma register
- Instructing all staff on how to access the inhaler
- Making all staff aware of who are the designated staff and how to access their help

Richard Healey will be responsible for ensuring that designated staff:

- Recognise the signs of an asthma attack and when emergency action is necessary
- Know how to administer inhalers through a spacer
- Make appropriate records of attacks

Richard Healey and Clare Strange will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of asthma medication.

Clare Strange will be responsible for ensuring that there has been written consent from parents for the administration of the emergency inhaler and spacer. The emergency inhaler/spacer will only be available for students who have been diagnosed with asthma and have been prescribed reliever inhaler AND for whom parental consent has been given. This information shall be recorded in the student's IHCP plan.

Richard Healey will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the asthma register.

Clare Strange will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed in writing when the emergency inhaler/spacer has been used.

Students with Anaphylaxis

The *school* will hold an emergency adrenaline auto-injector for the treatment of an anaphylaxis attack for pupils who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis and prescribed an auto-injector, where schools are able to obtain one.

Richard Healey will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an anaphylaxis attack
- Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy
- Instructing all staff on how to check the pupil medical register
- Instructing all staff on how to access the auto-injector
- Making all staff aware of who are the designated staff and how to access their help

Richard Healey will be responsible for ensuring that designated staff:

- Recognise the signs of an anaphylaxis attack and when emergency action is necessary
- Know how to administer the auto-injectors
- Make appropriate records of attacks

Richard Healey and Clare Strange will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of the adrenaline auto-injector.

Clare Strange will be responsible for ensuring that there has been written consent from parents for the administration of the emergency auto-injector. The emergency auto-injector will only be available for students who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis and have been prescribed an auto-injector AND for whom parental consent has been given. This information shall be recorded in the student's IHCP plan.

Richard Healey will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the pupil medical register.

Clare Strange will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed when the auto-injector has been used.

The Administration of Medicine

The Headteacher will accept responsibility in principle for members of school staff giving or supervising a student taking prescribed medication during the day.

Any parent/carer requesting the administration of medication will be informed of this policy.

- Prescribed medication will be accepted and administered in the school.
- Non-prescription medication will only be accepted and administered in the following circumstances:
 - *when a young person has regular minor ailments such as headaches, earache, mild eczema or menstrual pain,*
 - *when attending residential activities or travelling on a school trip*

Prior written parental consent is required before any medication can be administered.

Only reasonable quantities of medication will be accepted (no more than one week's supply) and will be destroyed at the end of each academic year unless parents or carers make appropriate arrangements for medication to be collected.

Each item of medication should be delivered in its original dispensed container and handed directly to the Headteacher or office staff authorised by the Headteacher.

Each item of medication should be clearly labelled with the following information:

- Student's name
- Name of medication
- Dosage
- Frequency of dosage
- Date of dispensing
- Storage requirements (if important)
- Expiry date (if available)

The school will not accept items of medication which are in unlabeled containers or not in their original container.

Unless otherwise indicated, all medication to be administered in the school will be kept in a locked cupboard or fridge.

Staff administering medicines will record and sign each time a medicine is administered. Written records of all medication administered to every pupil will be held by the school in a secure location and may be made available to parents on request.

If a pupil refuses their medication, staff will record this, report to parents as soon as possible and follow the protocol laid down in the IHCP.

Where it is appropriate to do so, students will be encouraged to administer their own medication - if necessary, under staff supervision. Parents/carers will be asked to confirm in writing if they wish their child to carry their medication with them.

Students under the required age may not be allowed to carry non-prescription medication which is age-restricted to purchase, such as paracetamol.

In the event of a drug which is prescribed but not emergency medicine such as Methylphenidate (Ritalin), students may not be allowed to carry these.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to notify the school if there is a change in medication, a change in dosage requirements, or the discontinuation of a student's need for medication.

Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of invasive medication will receive appropriate training/guidance through arrangements made with the school's Nurse Service. In pre-school settings arrangements will be made through Primary Care Health Visitors.

School's will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a student whilst on activities away from the school.

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the Blackdown Education Partnership's Board of Trustees on a regular basis.