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Medicines in School

This information sheet has been designed to provide you with an overview of the policy and to highlight information that is particularly relevant to you as parents. A copy of the full policy is available on the website.

Most antibiotic medication will not need to be administered during school hours. Twice daily doses should be given in the morning before school and in the evening. If your child has been **prescribed medication by a GP** that needs to be taken 3 times a day, this can normally be accommodated outside of school hours, in the morning before school, immediately after school and at bedtime. If your child attends Streetsbrook Childcare, medicine may need to be administered in the after school club. Please speak to the manager to arrange this.

If your child has been **prescribed medication by a GP** that needs to be taken 4 times a day or more, please bring the medication to the school office and complete a consent form (Appendix 1). Without a consent form, we are not able to administer medicine.

Occasionally a child may have prescribed eye drops that need to be administered 4 times a day. The preference is that parents administer the drops as per the prescription. This is because eye drops can be difficult to administer to young children and not all staff feel confident to do so.

- Medication should be provided in the original container with the original label intact.
- The medication must have been prescribed for the child as named on the label.
- The child's name, date of birth, name and strength of medication together with dispensing date and expiry date must be clearly marked on all medication
- Medication should be brought into school by an adult – do not send it with your child.
- Unused medicines must be collected from school by an adult.

Please remember to keep us updated on any changes to your child's medical needs.

Non-prescribed medicines

Over the counter medicine eg Calpol, cough mixture etc will not be administered by school. Such medication should be dispensed at home.

Asthma

Inhalers should be clearly labelled with your child's name and an Inhaler Consent Form (Appendix 2) must be completed. Please ensure inhalers are kept up to date. School has an emergency inhaler for extreme circumstances that children may use with prior parental permission.

Emergency Medication (eg Epipen for severe allergic reactions)

For the administration of emergency medication, a care plan must be completed. This is done by the school in collaboration with a parents and health professionals. Emergency medication can only be administered by members of staff who have undertaken appropriate training.

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