

Supporting Pupils With Medical Conditions

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This policy is to be read in conjunction with:-

“Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions - Statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools and proprietors of academies in England”

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306952/Statutory_guidance_on_supporting_pupils_at_school_with_medical_conditions.pdf

Scope

The Statutory Guidance for Governing Bodies in relation to this policy along with a description of the schools and other parties roles and responsibilities in relation to the guidance can be found here:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306952/Statutoryguidance_onsupportingpupilsatschoolwithmedicalconditions.pdf.

Section 100 of the **Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on** governing bodies of maintained schools, proprietors of academies and management committees of PRUs to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions. In meeting the duty, the governing body, proprietor or management committee must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under this section. Section 100 will come into force on 1 September 2014.

Purpose

Pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.

Governing bodies must ensure that arrangements are in place in schools to support pupils at school with medical conditions.

Governing bodies should ensure that school leaders consult health and social care professionals, pupils and parents to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are effectively supported.

Introduction

On 1 September 2014 a new duty came into force for governing bodies to make arrangements to support pupils at school with medical conditions. The statutory guidance is intended to help governing bodies meet their legal responsibilities and sets out the arrangements they will be expected to make, based on good practice. The aim is to ensure that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, are properly supported in school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

Parents of children with medical conditions are often concerned that their child's health will deteriorate when they attend school. This is because pupils with long-term and complex medical conditions may require on-going support, medicines or care while at school to help them manage their condition and keep them well. Others may require monitoring and interventions in emergency circumstances. It is also the case that children's health needs may change over time, in ways that cannot always be predicted, sometimes resulting in extended absences. It is therefore important that parents feel confident that schools will provide effective support for their child's medical condition and that pupils feel safe. In making decisions about the support they provide, schools should establish relationships with relevant local health services to help them. It is crucial that schools receive and fully consider advice from healthcare professionals and listen to and value the views of parents and pupils.

In addition to the educational impacts, there are social and emotional implications associated with medical conditions. Children may be self-conscious about their condition and some may be bullied or develop emotional disorders such as anxiety or depression around their medical condition. In particular, long-term absences due to health problems affect children's educational attainment, impact on their ability to integrate with their peers and affect their general wellbeing and emotional health. Reintegration, if required and appropriate, back into school should be properly supported so that children with medical conditions fully engage with learning and do not fall behind when they are unable to attend. Short term and frequent absences, including those for appointments connected with a pupil's medical condition, (which can often be lengthy), also need to be effectively managed and appropriate support put in place to limit the impact on the child's educational attainment and emotional and general wellbeing.

Some children with medical conditions may be disabled. Where this is the case governing bodies must comply with their duties under the Equality Act 2010. Some may also have special educational needs (SEN) and may have a statement, or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision. For children with SEN, this guidance should be read in conjunction with the SEN code of practice.

The Role of the Governing Body

The governing body will ensure that arrangements are in place to support pupils with medical conditions. In doing so they will ensure that such children can access and enjoy the same opportunities at school as any other child. The Willows, the LA, health professionals and other support services will work together to ensure that children with medical conditions receive a full education. In some cases this will require flexibility and involve, for example, programmes of study that rely on part time attendance at school in combination with alternative provision arranged by the local authority. Consideration may also be given to how children will be reintegrated back into school after periods of absence.

In making their arrangements, the governing body will take into account that many of the medical conditions that require support at school will affect quality of life and may be life-threatening. Some will be more obvious than others. The governors should therefore ensure that the focus is on the needs of each individual child and how their medical condition impacts on their school life.

The governing body will ensure that their arrangements give parents and pupils confidence in the school's ability to provide effective support for medical conditions in school. The arrangements should show an understanding of how medical conditions impact on a child's ability to learn, as well as increase their confidence and promote self-care. They will also ensure that staff are properly trained to provide the support that pupils need.

Children and young people with medical conditions are entitled to a full education and have the same rights of admission to school as other children. This means that no child with a medical condition should be denied admission or prevented from taking up a place in school because arrangements for their medical condition have not been made.

The Willows Primary has undertaken to follow the guidance as referenced above and will use the following templates to control the process.

Template A: Individual Healthcare Plan

Name of school/setting

Child's name

Group/class/form

Date of birth

Child's address

Medical diagnosis or condition

Date

Review date

Family Contact Information

Name

Phone no. (work)

(home)

(mobile)

Name

Relationship to child

Phone no. (work)

(home)

(mobile)

Clinic/Hospital Contact

Name

Phone no.

G.P.

Name

Phone no.

**Who is responsible for providing support
in school**

Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms, triggers, signs, treatments, facilities, equipment or devices, environmental issues etc

Name of medication, dose, method of administration, when to be taken, side effects, contra-indications, administered by/self-administered with/without supervision

Daily care requirements

Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs

Arrangements for school visits/trips etc

Other information

Describe what constitutes an emergency, and the action to take if this occurs

Who is responsible in an emergency (*state if different for off-site activities*)

Plan developed with

Staff training needed/undertaken – who, what, when

Form copied to

Template B: Parental Agreement For Setting To Administer Medicine

The school/setting will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the school or setting has a policy that the staff can administer medicine.

Date for review to be initiated by	
Name of school/setting	
Name of child	
Date of birth	
Group/class/form	
Medical condition or illness	

Medicine

Name/type of medicine <i>(as described on the container)</i>	
Expiry date	
Dosage and method	
Timing	
Special precautions/other instructions	
Are there any side effects that the school/setting needs to know about?	
Self-administration – y/n	
Procedures to take in an emergency	

NB: Medicines must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy Contact

Details

Name	
Daytime telephone no. Relationship to child	
Address	
I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to	[agreed member of staff]

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to school/setting staff administering medicine in accordance with the school/setting policy. I will inform the school/setting immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Signature(s) _____ Date

Template C: Record Of Medicine Administered To An Individual Child

Name of school/setting	
Name of child	
Date medicine provided by parent	
Group/class/form	
Quantity received	
Name and strength of medicine	
Expiry date	
Quantity returned	
Dose and frequency of medicine	
Staff signature	
Signature of parent _____	

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

C: Record of medicine administered to an individual child (Continued)

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Template D: Record Of Medicine Administered To All Children

Name of school/setting

Date

Child's name

Time

**Name of
medicine**

Dose given

Any reactions

**Signature
of staff**

Print name

Template E: Staff Training Record – Administration Of Medicines

Name of school/setting

Name

Type of training received

Date of training completed

Training provided by

Profession and title

I confirm that [name of member of staff] has received the training detailed above and is competent to carry out any necessary treatment. I recommend that the training is updated [name of member of staff].

Trainer's signature

Date

I confirm that I have received the training detailed above.

Staff signature

Date

Suggested review date

Template F: Contacting Emergency Services

Request an ambulance - dial 999, ask for an ambulance and be ready with the information below.

Speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat information if asked.

1. your telephone number
2. your name
3. your location as follows [insert school/setting address]
4. state what the postcode is – please note that postcodes for satellite navigation systems may differ from the postal code
5. provide the exact location of the patient within the school setting
6. provide the name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms
7. inform Ambulance Control of the best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient
8. put a completed copy of this form by the phone

Template G: Model Letter Inviting Parents To Contribute To Individual Healthcare Plan Development

Dear Parent

DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLAN FOR YOUR CHILD

Thank you for informing us of your child's medical condition. I enclose a copy of the school's policy for supporting pupils at school with medical conditions for your information.

A central requirement of the policy is for an individual healthcare plan to be prepared, setting out what support the each pupil needs and how this will be provided. Individual healthcare plans are developed in partnership between the school, parents, pupils, and the relevant healthcare professional who can advise on your child's case. The aim is to ensure that we know how to support your child effectively and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom. Although individual healthcare plans are likely to be helpful in the majority of cases, it is possible that not all children will require one. We will need to make judgements about how your child's medical condition impacts on their ability to participate fully in school life, and the level of detail within plans will depend on the complexity of their condition and the degree of support needed.

A meeting to start the process of developing your child's individual health care plan has been scheduled for xx/xx/xx. I hope that this is convenient for you and would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are able to attend. The meeting will involve [the following people]. Please let us know if you would like us to invite another medical practitioner, healthcare professional or specialist and provide any other evidence you would like us to consider at the meeting as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend, it would be helpful if you could complete the attached individual healthcare plan template and return it, together with any relevant evidence, for consideration at the meeting. I [or another member of staff involved in plan development or pupil support] would be happy for you contact me [them] by email or to speak by phone if this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

Useful Links

- [Special educational needs and disability code of practice 0 to 25](#)
- [The early years foundation stage](#) - sets out specific requirements on early years settings in managing medicines for children under 5 years of age
- [Working together to safeguard children](#) - statutory guidance on inter-agency working
- [Safeguarding children: keeping children safe in education](#) - statutory guidance for schools and colleges
- [Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#) - statutory guidance for local authorities
- [Drug advice for schools](#) - published by DfE/Association of Chief Police Officers, this document provides advice on controlled drugs
- [Home to school transport](#) - statutory guidance for local authorities
- [Equality Act 2010: advice for schools](#) - to help schools understand how the Act affects them
- [School Admissions Code 2012](#) - statutory guidance that schools must follow when carrying out duties relating to school admissions
- [Health and safety](#) - advice for schools covering activities that take place on or off school premises, including school trips
- [Alternative provision](#) - statutory guidance for local authorities and head teachers and governing bodies of all educational settings providing alternative provision
- [First aid](#) - departmental advice on first aid provision in schools
- [Automated external defibrillators \(AEDs\)](#) - how schools can buy, install and maintain an automated external defibrillator
- [School exclusion](#) - statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units (PRUs)
- [School premises](#) - departmental advice to help schools and local authorities understand their obligations in relation to the School Premises Regulations 2012
- [Mental health and behaviour in schools](#) - departmental advice to help schools identify and support those pupils whose behaviour suggests they may have unmet mental health needs
- [Department for Education](#) - contact details

Associated resources and organisations - wider government

- [NHS Choices](#) - provides an A to Z of health conditions and medicines
- [Managing children with health care needs: delegation of clinical procedures, training and accountability issues](#) - published by the Royal College of Nursing in 2008, this document highlights the clinical procedures which could be safely taught and delegated to unregistered health and non-health qualified staff
- [Getting it right for children, young people and families](#) - provides information on the Department of Health vision for the role of the school nurse
- [The NHS Information Prescription Service](#) - part of NHS Choices, this service provides personalised information on health conditions that parents may wish to share with schools
- [Health and Safety Executive](#) - this website covers schools (state-funded and independent), further education establishments and higher education institutions.
- [School trips and outdoor learning activities: dealing with the health and safety myths](#) - provides information for managers and staff in local authorities and schools
- [Standards for medicines management \(2010\)](#) - produced by the Nursing and Midwifery Council this document sets standards for nurses, including over delegation of the administration of medicinal products
- [Healthy child programme 5 to 19](#) - this good practice guidance sets out the recommended framework of universal and progressive services for children and young people to promote health and wellbeing

- [Directors of children's services: roles and responsibilities](#) - statutory guidance for local authorities with responsibility for education and children's social services functions
- [Commissioning regional and local HIV sexual and reproductive health services](#) - guidance for commissioners of HIV, sexual and reproductive health services: includes prevention, treatment, information, advice and support
- [Protocol for emergency asthma inhalers in schools](#)
- [Department of Health](#) - contact details

Associated resources and organisations - external

- [Advice about emergency healthcare plans](#)
- [The School and Public Health Nurses Association \(SAPHNA\)](#) is dedicated to the health of children and young people in their communities
- [Head Meds](#) - provides information about mental health medication for young people and to answer the difficult questions that young people may have about their medication but may not feel comfortable asking an adult or professional about
- [Medical conditions at school partnership](#) - includes an example school policy, a form for a healthcare plan, other forms for record keeping, and information on specific health conditions
- [The Council for Disabled Children \(2014\)](#) has published 2 practical handbooks to help local authorities, schools, early years settings and health providers develop policies and procedures to ensure that children with complex health and behavioural needs can access education, healthcare and childcare:
 - [Dignity and Inclusion: making it work for children with complex health care needs](#)
 - [Dignity and Inclusion: making it work for children with behaviour that challenges](#)
- [The Health Education Trust \(HET\)](#) - promotes the development of health education for young people
- [Mencap](#) provides support to people with learning disabilities, their families and carers
- [Contact a Family](#) provides support to the families of disabled children whatever their condition or disability
- [UNISON](#) - offers advice, support and help for school support staff at work, as well as providing training opportunities and welfare services
- [Medicines for Children](#) provides information about a wide range of medicines prescribed to children. It is run by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG) and WellChild

Associated resources and organisations - medical conditions

- [Diabetes UK](#) – supports and campaigns for those affected by or at risk of diabetes
- [Children's Heart Federation](#) - a children's heart charity dedicated to helping children with congenital or acquired heart disease and their families in Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- [Education and Resources for Improving Childhood Continence \(ERIC\)](#) supports children with bladder and bowel problems and campaigns for better childhood continence care
- [Anaphylaxis Campaign](#) - supports people at risk from severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis)
- [British Heart Foundation](#) - supporting those suffering from heart conditions
- [Little Hearts Matter](#) - offers support and information to children, and their families, with complex, non-correctable congenital heart conditions
- [CLIC Sargent](#) - a cancer charity for children and young people, and their families, which provides clinical, practical and emotional support to help them cope with cancer
- [Sickle cell and Young Stroke Survivors](#) - supports children and young people who have suffered a stroke or at risk of stroke as a result of sickle cell anaemia

- [Coeliac UK](#) - supports those with coeliac disease for which the only treatment is a gluten-free diet for life. The Coeliac UK website offers guidance and advice to everyone involved with supporting a child with coeliac disease in school, including training and tips for caterers as well as parents
- [The Association of Young People with ME](#) - supports and informs children and young people with ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis)/CFS (chronic fatigue syndrome), as well as their families, and professionals in health, education and social care
- [The Migraine Trust](#) - a health and medical research charity which supports people living with migraine
- [Migraine Action](#) - an advisory and support charity for children and adults with migraine and their families
- [Stroke Association](#) - supports families and young people affected by stroke in childhood
- [Young Epilepsy](#) - supports young people with epilepsy and associated conditions
- [Asthma UK](#) - supports the health and wellbeing of those affected by asthma
- [Epilepsy Action](#) - seeks to improve the lives of everyone affected by epilepsy
- [East of England Children and Young People Diabetes Network](#) - provide diabetes guidelines for schools, colleges and early years settings

The Governors will review this guidance every
year. **Date agreed**

Signed (Chair of Governors)

Signed (Head teacher)

Date for next review