



## **Rivermead Primary School**

### **Policy on Administration of Medicines**

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## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES POLICY

### Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe and appropriate administration of medication to students with special provision for students with medical needs within the school. Most children will at some time have short-term medical needs, perhaps entailing finishing a course of medicine such as antibiotics. Some children may have longer term medical needs and may require medicines on a long-term basis to keep them well, for example children with cystic fibrosis. Other children may require medicines in particular circumstances, for example severe allergies or asthma. Allowing students to take medication at school will minimise the time that they need to be absent and look after their wellbeing.

### Purpose

This policy seeks to support students with both long-term and short-term health needs. The school will aim to minimise any disruption to the child's learning as far as possible and work with parents/carers and health professionals to ensure this.

### Scope

#### Managing medicines during the school day

Medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so. Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours.

No pupil will be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without their parent's written consent – except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parent/Guardian.

A pupil will not be given medicine containing Aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor.

#### Non-prescription medicines

Un-prescribed medication, eg for pain relief, will not be administered by school staff. Parents/carers will be required to come to the school to administer any medication that is not prescribed.

#### Prescription medicines

Prescribed medicines or controlled substances which have not been prescribed by a medical practitioner will not be administered in school. Prescription medicines should only be taken during the school day when essential. School will only accept prescribed medicines that are in date, labelled and intact, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin which must still be in date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than in its original container.

Medicines will only be administered according to the instructions on the pharmacy label and with written parental consent.

Qualified school staff may administer a controlled drug to the child for whom it has been prescribed. Any pupil who has been prescribed a controlled drug may legally have it in their possession if they are competent to do so but in limited amounts or prescribed doses (eg. One or two tablets/inhaler). School will closely monitor any such occurrence as we are aware that passing it to another pupil for use is an offence.

### Records

School will keep a record of all medicines administered to individual pupils, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administered at school will be noted. (See Appendix 1- in line with DfE guidance 2014 Template D).

#### Storing Medicines

The school will keep the medication securely in a locked cupboard which may only be accessed by authorised staff. In particular, all controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a pupil will be securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff will have access.

Where medicines need to be refrigerated they will be stored in a designated fridge in the medical room. Prescription drugs will be returned to parents when no longer required, or out of date. It is the parent's responsibility to collect and dispose of out of date or unused medication. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that medicines sent to school are 'in date'. If new supplies are needed it is the responsibility of the parents to supply medication, school staff will inform parents when there is 10 days'

worth of medication left to allow plenty of time for a repeat prescription to be fulfilled. Sharps boxes should always be used for the disposal of needles and other sharps.

### **Epipens and other Emergency Medication**

All staff will be given appropriate training in the administration of emergency medication where necessary in conjunction with the School Nurse.

Arrangements will be made for immediate access to any emergency medications for example:

- Epipens will be kept with the pupil with a labelled spare pen held in Medical Room.
- Asthma medication will be kept with the pupil with labelled spare inhalers and equipment held in the First Aid Room.
- Any medicines such as Ritalin which requires double locking will be kept in a locked metal box in a locked cupboard in the Medical Room.
- Wherever there are specific requirements needed with a controlled medicine, to meet the medical needs of an individual in school, then the school will work within the medical and DfE guidance regarding this.
- Emergency medication will always be taken if the pupil goes out on a trip and identified trained staff designated to administer if required.

### **Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs**

Where a pupil needs to take medication in school for an extended period or has a chronic ongoing condition, an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) will be put in place. This will be agreed jointly by the school and parents/carers with the advice of health professionals.

Parents should provide the school with all necessary information about their child's condition and will sign appropriate agreement forms for the administration of medication.

IHCPs and their implementation is the responsibility of the School Appointed Person. The IHCPs are compiled and recorded in line with the current DfE guidance published May 2014. (see Appendix 2 – in line with DfE Template A)

The School will work with parents/carers to put plans in place that give regard to the Equality Act 2010 and the SEN Code of Practice so that student's with medical conditions have access to the same opportunities as other children as long as it is safe for them to do so.

School staff will be made aware of students with IHCPs and their conditions.

Any child on an IHCP will be accompanied to the School First Aid Room if they are ill.

The School will ensure that procedures are in place for an emergency situation and that contingency arrangements are in place.

### **Records for IHCP**

In addition to the usual general medicine log used for all children, any medicine administered to a student with an IHCP is also recorded on a separate recording sheet in line with DfE Template C (see Appendix 3).

### **Procedures for Offsite Learning**

Residential Visits

- The Trip Leader is responsible for checking medical needs of students.
- The Trip Leader must check any IHCP requirements with parents and put appropriate procedures and contingency plans in place.

Day Visits

- For part-day visits, students should, wherever possible, go to the First Aid Room before/after the visit to take their medication.
- For full day, parents/carers are responsible for completing the Parental Consent Form giving relevant information.
- The Trip Leader will collect any necessary medication from the First Aid Room and follow normal guidelines or requirements set out in an IHCP and take any plans appropriate to the needs of the individual student.

### **Responsibility**

Staff - All staff will undertake the required training within school to support the implementation of this policy.

Children - It is the responsibility of the students to follow all medical protocols within school.

All School staff hold a responsibility for ensuring that students comply.

Parents/Carers - Parents/Carers are requested to inform school of any medical needs relating to any individual pupil and abide by the protocols contained within this policy.

### **Publicity**

This policy will be posted on the Shared (S) drive of the School's IT network and the School Website.

Notices will be displayed around school showing the Appointed Person and the staff who currently hold First Aid qualifications and where they are located in school, along with procedures for contacting Emergency Services (see Appendix 3 & 4 -in line with DfE guidance and Template F).

### **GUIDANCE**

#### Managing Medicines on School Premises

The Governing Body should ensure that the school's policy is clear about the procedures to be followed for managing medicines. Although schools may already have such procedures in place, they should reflect the following details:

- Medicines should only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so. Where possible verbal consent from parents/carers will be sought even for non-prescription medicines.
- No child under 16 should be given prescription medicines without their parent's written consent – except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, every effort should be made to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality. Schools should set out the circumstances in which non-prescription medicines may be administered.
- A child must not be given medicine containing Aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor. Staff are not to administer any medication that is not prescribed, parents/carers should be administer this medication.
- Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours.
- Schools should only accept prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is Insulin which must still be in date, but will generally be available to schools inside an Insulin pen or a pump, rather than in its original container.
- All medicines should be stored safely. Children should know where their medicines are at all times and be able to access them immediately. Where relevant, they should know who holds the key to the storage facility. Medicines and devices such as Asthma Inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and Adrenaline pens should be always readily available to children and not locked away. This is particularly important to consider when outside of school premises, eg on school trips.
- A child who has been prescribed a controlled drug may legally have it in their possession if they are competent to do so, but passing it to another child for use is an offence.
- Monitoring arrangements may be necessary. Schools should otherwise keep controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a student securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff should have access. Controlled drugs should be easily accessible in an emergency. A record should be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held in school.
- Qualified school staff may administer a controlled drug to the child for whom it has been prescribed. Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions. Schools should keep a record of all medicines administered to individual children, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administered at school should be noted
- When no longer required, medicines should be returned to the parent to arrange for safe disposal. Sharps boxes should always be used for the disposal of needles and other sharps.

## **Contacting Emergency Services**

Request for an Ambulance:

- Dial 999, ask for an Ambulance and be ready with the following information:
- Location – Rivermead Primary School
- Address: Loddon Bridge Road, RG5 4BS
- Telephone Number – 0118 954 0770
- Patient's Name and Date of Birth,
- Location within School and Brief Description of Symptoms (if known)
- Inform Ambulance Control of the best entrance to use and state that the Crew will be met and taken to the patient on arrival.

Remember, to speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat any information if required.

**DO NOT END THE CALL UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES.**

## Appendix 1

### First Aiders

#### FULLY QUALIFIED:

Denise Macedo	Heidi Goff	Jo Green	Linda Fullbrook
Caitlyn Bradley			

#### ONE DAY EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK QUALIFIED:

##### Teaching Assistants

Emma Macedo	Jill Bell	Natalie ward	Jackie Twine
Jacqui Soper	Ann Hunter	Linda Kirk	Nicky Wright
Sarah Mitchell	Vicki Thompson		

##### Teaching/Support staff

Brian Prebble	Charlotte Gage	Claire Southerton	Paul Rumble
Anais Morris			

#### **FIRST AID IS LOCATED:**

Yellow Team area and Red Team Area  
Medical room is located behind the admin office

This list will be updated on a regular basis published