

PREP SCHOOL ADMINISTERING OF

MEDICINES POLICY

Reviewed By: Prep School Deputy Head

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SCOPE

The aim of this policy is to set out arrangements for the school when children within the Prep School are sick or in need of medication. The term 'parents' also relates to carers and those with legal guardianship of children.

INFECTION CONTROL

In order to control the spread of infection it is necessary to exclude sick children with infectious illness from the Prep School. It is also our belief that sick children need to be at home in order to recover from sickness where they are more comfortable. If a child becomes infectious whilst at school they will be isolated from other pupils in the Prep School Medical Room or within the Medical Centre whilst they await collection.

IF A CHILD BECOMES UNWELL WHILST AT SCHOOL

When completing the registration forms, parents will have the opportunity to give permission for the school to administer paracetamol or ibuprofen if it is considered necessary. If a child becomes ill whilst at school, staff will make every effort to make the child comfortable.

Staff will contact parents in order to arrange for the child to be collected and to ask permission to administer medicine (infant paracetamol or ibuprofen) in the case of a high temperature or localised pain. If parents cannot be contacted, the Deputy Head (Pastoral) will liaise with the school medical centre and will make the decision whether to administer medicine for a high temperature or as pain relief.

Staff will not administer medicines to children who are unwell and need to recover at home. If parents cannot be contacted, then the child will be taken to the school medical centre.

It is imperative that parents notify staff in writing if they have administered/need to administer medicine or if they suspect their child is unwell.

IF A CHILD IS RECEIVING A COURSE OF MEDICATION

As already stated, it is our belief that sick children need to be at home in order to recover from sickness. However, there may be occasions where a child is considered by parents as being ready to return to school, but might still be on a course of medication. They might also be on medication for a condition that does not stop them from being at school. On these occasions, staff will only administer medicines when:

- A parental consent form has been signed, giving clear instruction about how and when to administer these and if medicine has been prescribed from a doctor/GP
- Staff will keep medicines in a refrigerator located in the staff room behind a coded door or locked cupboard in the medical room away from the children
- Every time medicine is administered, staff will check the Administration of Medicine form which has been previously completed by the parent. The member of staff administering the medicine will complete the Administration of Medicines book detailing the amount administered, the time, date, dosage and name of medicine. The staff member will sign the form and have it countersigned by another member of staff, who will have checked the details and witnessed the administration.
- Staff will always check in the child's file and parents written instructions to make sure when the next dose is due, how much to administer and whether or not the child may have any allergies.

If staff are in doubt about administering medicine check with the Prep School Deputy Head or Medical Centre staff.