

Medicines in School



The administration of drugs or medicines to a child is the responsibility of the Parents or Guardians.

The consequences of a Head Teacher or member of staff accepting the responsibility for administering medicines or drugs to children could, in certain circumstances, result in legal action and Head Teachers are, therefore, advised that they should not normally accept the responsibility.

The advice from the schools Medical Officer is that most medication for minor ailments can be properly administered outside school hours i.e. before and after school. If it is critical that a child should receive medication at set times, that child should not normally be considered fit enough to attend school.

Administering medicines during school hours

If a child must have medicine during school hours but is deemed well enough to attend school then we request that the Parent comes to school to administer the dose themselves. We do not have the facility in school to store medicines at the correct temperature.

The parent must attend the school to administer the medicine

Administering medicines on a long term basis (exceptional cases)

A doctor's note must be received explaining the need for medicine to be taken on a long term basis and storage requirements.

The medicines must be clearly labelled with child's name and dosage

If parents cannot attend school to administer medicine, a designated member of staff will take on the responsibility *only* if a written indemnity in favour of a member of staff is produced and signed by the parents. If this is the case for your child please make an appointment to speak with the head teacher.

Inhalers

If your child needs to have an inhaler in school, then this should be in the original packaging and should be clearly marked with your child's name. Preventative inhalers are not kept in school as these should be administered at home only.