

### **POLICY ON ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES**

- 1. Medicines should only be brought into school when essential: that is, where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Where possible, parents are asked to administer their children's medicines at home.
- 2. If the spacing of doses means that prescribed medication needs to be given during the school day and it is not possible to rearrange the timing of this, the child's parent (or another person nominated by the parent) will be asked to come into school to administer the medicine.
- 3. If the parent is unable to do this and asks the school to administer prescribed medicines, the following procedure will apply:
  - a) The parent must first speak to the Head or other delegated senior leader to request permission for the medicine to be administered by a nominated member of staff. Leaders will ensure they have discussed the issues in Point 2.
  - b) There must be written, signed authority and full instructions about giving the medicine from the parent including storage instructions, the actual dosage required, possible side-effects and confirmation that the medication has been administered without adverse effect to the child in the past.
  - c) Medicines must be in their in-date, original labelled containers as supplied by the doctor or pharmacist. A measuring spoon must accompany the medicine.
  - d) The medicines will be retained in a safe place, out of reach of all children.
  - e) The child's medication must be administered under supervision. It is good practice for one person to agree to administer so the administration is not forgotten or given twice. The form will be dated and signed each time medicine is administered to avoid it being administered twice by mistake.
  - f) Parents are responsible for collecting the medication at the end of each school day. Medicines cannot be given directly to children to either bring in to school or take home. Where parents are not collecting their child at the end of the school day, alternative collection arrangements must be made during the initial discussion with the Head or senior leader.
- 4. The school will not be able to store or give medicines that have not been prescribed to a child (eg Calpol, Piriton or cough medicines). Parents must make arrangements to come into school if they wish to give their child these medicines.
- 5. The School will ensure that records are kept (and regularly updated) on specific long term illnesses of individual children (i.e. asthma, diabetes, allergies) and heed all advice provided by the child's medical practitioner or the school doctor.

- 6. In the case of long term illness, parents must provide written protocols to include any reassurance/dosage/ procedures required. Parents are responsible for ensuring medicines are kept in date and that the school is informed if any changes to protocols/care plans are required.
- 7. Where inhalers have been prescribed to children with asthma, Health Authorities recommend that the child keeps these to use as and when they think necessary, in a safe, convenient place. They must be where the child can access them and teachers know where they are. They must be named.
- 8. Parents are responsible for checking that inhalers are in date and not empty. A child will not be allowed on a trip outside the school grounds without their inhalers or required medicine.
- 9. Where prescribed medicines cannot be administered by a parent or guardian and the medicine is:
  - a) considered dangerous
  - b) has to be administered with critical timing or dosage
  - c) needs technical or medical knowledge or expertise to administer, the Headteacher will exercise special caution before accepting responsibility for the medicine's

administration.

In these situations, the Headteacher may refuse a request.

Specially trained staff only must administer injections or be responsible for children with diabetes, or requiring an Epipen/Jext Pen.

See Appendix 1 for staff trained in first aid.

## Appendix 1

#### FIRST AID CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

<u>Full First Aid Certificates</u> Expiry Date:

Tina Chamberlain January 2021
Jacqueline Shooter Feb 2019
Julie Symonds March 2021

### **Emergency First Aid at Work**

**Carol Cousins** June 2020 **Shellie Bailey** June 2020 **Charlotte Godfrey** June 2020 Marianne Halls June 2020 Karen Johnson May 2021 **Beth Hartland** June 2020 June 2020 Mary Rose Allison Brown May 2021 Tracy Lloyd May 2021 Teresa Baker June 2020 June 2020 Debbie Webb **Christine Harley** February 2019 **Debbie Cousins** February 2019 Teresa Draper May 2021 Rahat Choudhury February 2019 **Sharon Gipp** May 2021 Lucio Poli May 2021 **Carol Cousins** June 2020 Jenny Stanford June 2020 Tamsyn Hardy February 2019 Julie Rushmer February 2019 Beth Hartland February 2019 Karen Belton February 2019

# **Diabetic Trained Staff**

### **Date of Training**

Liz Bassett	Head	October 2015
Shellie Bailey	TA	October 2015
Teresa Baker	TA	October 2015
Dolly Ban	Teacher	October 2015
Karen Belton	Midday	October 2015
Debbie Webb	TA	October 2015
Alison Brown	TA	October 2015
Susan Cornwell	TA	June 2015
Tina Chamberlain	TA	October 2015
Rahat Choudhury	Midday	October 2015
Carol Cousins	TA	October 2015
Debbie Cousins	TA	October 2015
Andrea Fellows	Teacher	October 2015
Deborah Taylor	TA	October 2015
Glynis Geeson	Teacher	October 2015
Charlotte Godfrey	TA	Sept 2018
Marianne Halls	TA	October 2015
Christine Harley	TA	October 2015
Karen Jahnigen	Teacher	October 2015
Karen Johnson	TA	October 2015
Katy Jordan	Teacher	October 2015
Tracey Lloyd	Midday	October 2015
Becky Fretwell	Teacher	October 2015
Steve Preston	Teacher	October 2015
Mary Rose	TA	October 2015
Jacqueline Shooter	TA	Sept 2018
Julie Symonds	TA	October 2015

## Asthma, Anaphylaxis & Epilepsy Trained Staff

May 2018

### **Date of Training**

Liz Bassett Head Shellie Bailey TΑ Teresa Baker TA Teacher Dolly Ban Karen Belton Midday Kim Hambley Teacher Alison Brown TΑ TΑ Tina Chamberlain Midday Rahat Choudhury **Carol Cousins** TA Teacher Catherine Pruitt TΑ **Debbie Cousins** Andrea Fellows Teacher Teacher Glynis Droniuik Glynis Geeson Teacher **Charlotte Godfrey** TA **Amy Grant** Teacher Marianne Halls TΑ TΑ **Christine Harley** Karen Jahnigen Teacher Karen Johnson TA Christie Jordan Teacher Katy Jordan Teacher Tracey Lloyd Midday Anna McGuinness **SENCo Becky Fretwell** Teacher Helen Pitt Teacher Ann Pixley Teacher Lucio Poli Teacher Jenny Powell Teacher Steve Preston Teacher TΑ Mary Rose Fiona Sutcliffe Teacher **Kerry Tipping** Teacher Jacqueline Shooter TA TΑ Julie Symonds Ben Killick Teacher Debbie Webb TA