



# HOLSWORTHY

C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy

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## **POLICY FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE**

### ***Holsworthy C of E Primary School***

1. The staff of Holsworthy C of E Primary School wishes to ensure that students with medical needs receive proper care and support. Our intention is to ensure that students with medical conditions should have full access to education including trips and PE. The governing body will ensure that staff are supported and trained and competent before they take on the responsibility of supporting students with medical conditions.
2. The school's insurance will cover liability relating to the administration of medication.
3. The SENDCo will be responsible for ensuring the following:
  - Procedures to be followed when notification is received that a student will be attending who has a medical condition (including transitional arrangements between schools, re-integration or when students' needs change; arrangements for staff training or support)
  - Procedures to be followed when a student moves to the school mid-term or when a student has a new diagnosis
4. The above procedures will be monitored and reviewed by the Headteacher and the SENDCo with the School's Health & Safety Co-ordinator, and reported to the Resources Committee of the Governing Body on an annual basis.
5. Where identified as being necessary, Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) will be developed between Holsworthy C of E Primary School, healthcare professionals and parents so that the steps needed to help a student manage their condition and overcome any potential barriers to getting the most from their education are identified. The IHCP will include, where necessary:
  - a) The student's medical condition, its triggers, symptoms, medication needs and the level of support needed in an emergency. Also it must include any treatments, time, facilities, equipment, testing and access to food or drink (where it is used to manage their condition), dietary requirements and environmental issues such as crowded corridors and travel time between lessons
  - b) Specific support for the student's education, social and emotional needs, such as how will absences be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or counselling sessions
  - c) Who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of proficiency to provide support from a healthcare professional
  - d) Cover arrangements and who in the school needs to be aware of the student's condition and the support required including supply staff

Additional information to be obtained, where necessary:

- a) Written permission from parents for medication
- b) Arrangements or procedures for school trips or other school activities outside the normal timetable; completion of risk assessments for visits and school activities outside the normal timetable
- c) Procedures in the event of the student refusing to take medicine or carry out a necessary procedure

6. The Headteacher will have the final decision on whether an Individual Health Care Plan is required.

### **Students with Asthma and the use of an Emergency Inhaler/Spacer**

7. Holsworthy C of E Primary School has decided to hold an emergency inhaler and spacer for the treatment of an asthma attack.

8. The SENDCo and The Health & Safety Co-Ordinator will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an asthma attack – Through annual update training.
- Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy – This will be given at induction
- Instructing all staff on how to check the asthma register – This will be given at induction and sent out annually to all staff
- Instructing all staff on how to access the inhaler

9. The SENDCo and The Health & Safety Co-Ordinator will be responsible for ensuring that through the training procedure and induction process all designated staff will:

- Recognise the signs of an asthma attack and when emergency action is necessary
- Know how to administer inhalers through a spacer
- Make appropriate records of attacks

10. The School Administrator and School Business Manager will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of asthma medication.

11. The School Administrator and School Business Manager will be responsible for ensuring that there has been written consent from parents for the administration of the emergency inhaler and spacer. The emergency inhaler/spacer will only be available for students who have been diagnosed with asthma and have been prescribed reliever inhaler AND for whom parental consent has been given. This information shall be recorded in the student's IHCP plan.

12. The School Administrator and School Business Manager will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the asthma register.
13. The School Administrator and School Business Manager will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed in writing when the emergency inhaler/spacer has been used.

## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE**

14. The Headteacher will accept responsibility in principle for members of school staff giving or supervising a student taking prescribed medication during the day, where those members of staff have volunteered to do so.
15. Any parent/carer requesting the administration of medication can be given a copy of this policy if requested. This policy is available to view in the School Office and the school website.
16. Prescribed medication will be accepted and administered in the establishment in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the SENDCo and the Headteacher.
17. Prior written parental consent is required before any medication can be administered.
18. Only reasonable quantities of medication will be accepted (no more than one week's supply).
19. Each item of medication should be delivered in its original dispensed container and handed directly to a member of the School Administration Team as authorised by the Headteacher or SENDCo.
20. Each item of medication should be clearly labelled with the following information:
  - Student's name
  - Name of medication
  - Dosage
  - Frequency of dosage
  - Date of dispensing
  - Storage requirements (if important)
  - Expiry date (if available)
21. The school will not accept items of medication which are in unlabelled containers or not in their original container.
22. Unless otherwise indicated, all medication to be administered in the school will be kept in locked medicine cupboard in the school office, unless refrigeration is required. If so, medication will be kept in the staffroom fridge.

23. Where it is appropriate to do so, students will be encouraged to administer their own medication if necessary under staff supervision. Parents/carers will be asked to confirm in writing if they wish their student to carry their medication with them. In the event of a drug which is prescribed but not emergency medicine such as Methylphenidate (Ritalin), students may not be allowed to carry these.
24. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to notify the school if there is a change in medication, a change in dosage requirements, or the discontinuation of a student's need for medication.
25. Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of invasive medication will receive appropriate training/guidance through arrangements made with the School Nurse Service. In pre-school settings arrangements will be made through Primary Care Health Visitors.
26. The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a student whilst on activities away from the premises.