

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

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Buckfastleigh Primary School

1. The staff of Buckfastleigh 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 HAB members 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. Laurie Archer 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
 - Procedures for defibrillator: This is located in the staff room. Staff are trained to use the defibrillator. The defibrillator will only be used on adults and children following the instructions clearly displayed with the device. 999 will always be called.
 - Procedures for asthma inhalers/spacers: These will be kept in the relevant classroom and administration supervised by class staff
 - Procedures for adrenaline auto-injectors: These will be kept in the relevant classroom
4. The above procedures will be monitored and reviewed by Laurie Archer.
5. Where identified as being necessary, Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCP) will be developed between Buckfastleigh 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:
 - 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
 - e) Arrangements for written permission from parents for medication
 - f) 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
 - g) The designated individuals to be entrusted with the above information
 - h) Procedures in the event of the student refusing to take medicine or carry out a necessary procedure
6. Laurie Archer will have the final decision on whether an Individual Health Care Plan is required.

Students with asthma

7. Buckfastleigh Primary School has decided to hold an emergency inhaler and spacer for the treatment of an asthma attack.
8. Roz Woodhead and Kirsty Sparks will be responsible for ensuring the following:
- Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an asthma attack
 - Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy
 - Instructing all staff on how to check the asthma register
 - Instructing all staff on how to access the inhaler
 - Making all staff aware of who are the designated staff and how to access their help
9. Roz Woodhead and Laurie Archer will be responsible for ensuring that designated staff:
- 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. Roz Woodhead and Kirsty Sparks will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of asthma medication.
11. Kirsty Sparks and Roz Woodhead 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.
12. Roz Woodhead and Kirsty Sparks will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the asthma register.
13. Kirsty Sparks will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed in writing when the emergency inhaler/spacer has been used.

Students with anaphylaxis

14. Buckfastleigh Primary School has decided to hold an emergency adrenaline auto-injector for the treatment of an anaphylaxis attack for pupils who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis and prescribed an auto-injector.
15. Laurie Archer and Roz Woodhead will be responsible for ensuring the following:
 - Instructing all staff on the symptoms of an anaphylaxis attack
 - Instructing all staff on the existence of this policy
 - Instructing all staff on how to check the pupil medical register
 - Instructing all staff on how to access the auto-injector
 - Making all staff aware of who are the designated staff and how to access their help
16. Laurie Archer and Roz Woodhead will be responsible for ensuring that designated staff:
 - Recognise the signs of an anaphylaxis attack and when emergency action is necessary
 - Know how to administer the auto-injectors
 - Make appropriate records of attacks
17. Roz Woodhead and Kirsty Sparks will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of the adrenaline auto-injector.
18. Kirsty Sparks and Roz Woodhead will be responsible for ensuring that there has been written consent from parents for the administration of the emergency auto-injector. The emergency auto-injector will only be available for students who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis and have been prescribed an auto-injector AND for whom parental consent has been given.

19. Kirsty Sparks and Roz Woodhead will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the pupil medical register.
20. Kirsty Sparks and Roz Woodhead will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed when the auto-injector has been used.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE

21. 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.
22. Any parent/carer requesting the administration of medication will be given a copy of this policy.
23. Prescribed and Non-Prescribed Medication
 - Prescribed medication will be accepted and administered in the establishment
 - Non-prescription medication will only be accepted and administered in the following circumstances: when a pupil has headaches, menstrual pain, attending residentials, toothache, at head teacher's discretion
24. Prior written parental consent is required before any medication can be administered.
25. Only reasonable quantities of medication will be accepted (no more than one week's supply).
26. Each item of medication should be delivered in its original dispensed container and handed directly to the School Office.
27. 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)
28. The school will not accept items of medication which are in unlabelled containers or not in their original container.

29. Unless otherwise indicated, all medication to be administered in the school will be *kept in the School Office*
30. Staff administering medicines will record and sign each time a medicine is administered. Written records of all medication administered to every pupil will be held by the school in a secure location and may be made available to parents on request.
31. If a pupil refuses their medication, staff will record this, report to parents as soon as possible and follow the protocol laid down in the IHCP.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of invasive medication will receive appropriate training/guidance through arrangements made with the school's Nurse Service. In pre-school settings arrangements will be made through Primary Care Health Visitors.
35. The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a student whilst on activities away from the premises.