



Policy for supporting students with medical conditions and for the administration of medicine

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Bradley Barton Primary School

1. The staff of Bradley Barton 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, 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. Tom Page, Stacey Lilley and Leanne Douglas 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) School will ensure a meeting is held with parents to discuss medical needs. Parents are responsible for updating school if there are changes to their child's medical needs/support.
 - Procedures to be followed when a student moves to the school mid-term or when a student has a new diagnosis. School will ensure that a meeting is held with parents and if required a phone call is made to the previous school to discuss the child's support or previous diagnosis.
 - There is a Defibrillator on site at school. Leanne Douglas responsible for the monthly check on the equipment and the updates on the Defib website.
 - Procedures for asthma inhalers/spacers. All inhalers/spacers should be handed into the school office and a medical form completed. If the inhaler is to stay in school it is stored in an accessible place in the child's classroom. Termly checks are made to ensure the medication does not exceed its expiry date. Parents are responsible for keeping the school informed of any changes to the administration of the inhaler.
 - Procedures for adrenaline auto-injectors. All auto-injectors should be handed into the school office and a medical form completed. All auto-injectors are kept safely in an unlocked medicine cabinet in the school office. Monthly visual checks are made to the auto-injectors. Parents are responsible for replacing the auto-injector should it expire.
4. The above procedures will be monitored and reviewed by Leanne Douglas, First Aid Lead.
5. Where identified as being necessary, Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) will be developed between Bradley Barton 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

Tom Page, will have the final decision on whether an Individual Health Care Plan is required.

Students with asthma

7. Bradley Barton Primary School has decided to hold an emergency inhaler and spacer for the treatment of an asthma attack.
8. *Leanne Douglas* 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. *Leanne Douglas* 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. Leanne Douglas and Nikki Weatherdon will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of asthma medication.
 11. Leanne Douglas 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. Leanne Douglas will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the asthma register.
 13. Leanne Douglas will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed in writing when the emergency inhaler/spacer has been used.
 14. **Students with anaphylaxis**
 15. Leanne Douglas 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.
 16. Leanne Douglas 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
 17. Leanne Douglas 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
 18. Leanne Douglas and Nikki Weatherdon will be responsible for the storage, care and disposal of the adrenaline auto-injector.
 19. Leanne Douglas 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. This information shall be recorded in the student's IHCP plan.

20. Leanne Douglas will be responsible for the supervision of administration of medication and for maintaining the pupil medical register.
21. Leanne Douglas will be responsible for ensuring parents are informed when the auto-injector has been used.

The administration of medicine

22. 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.
23. Any parent/carer requesting the administration of medication will be given a copy of this policy.
 - 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 young person has regular headaches,
 - menstrual pain,
 - attending school trips and/or residentials,
 - when a young person has returned to school with an injury (e.g. broken bone)
 - toothache,
 - at head teacher's discretion,
 - If the young person has a written IHCP
 - under the Minor Ailments Scheme run by the NHS
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 Leanne Douglas or Nikki Weatherdon.
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 locked medicine cabinet or the office fridge if it needs to be kept refridgerated.
 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 (if applicable).
 32. Where it is appropriate to do so, students will be encouraged to administer their own medication - if necessary, under staff supervision. And only on exceptional occasions 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 will 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.