

Student medical needs and medication at school

Please provide forms and medication/s that may be required to be administered at school, as soon as possible Week 1 and read the information below regarding Department for Education procedures in regards to Health Support at school. The following health support forms attached:

- Asthma Supported medication administering - Asthma Action/Care plan signed by medical professional
- Asthma Student self-administering – Asthma Action/Care plan signed by medical professional + Decision making tool
- Severe allergy – Allergy Action Plan signed by medical professional
- Mild allergy – Allergy Action Plan signed by medical professional
- Medication agreement (may need to be signed by medical professional)

If your child's medical needs do not fit within the forms attached, please contact the school to discuss ASAP.

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Provision of Medication and/or Health support:

Medication should only be given to students if the required dose cannot be provided within the home environment.

Eg: Antihistamine for mild allergy is 12-24 hourly and does not need to be provided at school.

Eg: Antibiotics 3 times a day can be given by parent/carer morning, afternoon and before bed and is not required at school unless the dose is 4 times or more per day).

Any medication or health support item (inc. lotions, over the counter products) must be provided with a Medication Agreement completed by the parent/carer. Some medications also require a medical practitioner to complete an additional section of the Medication Agreement (see attached Medication Agreement).

Parents/carers are responsible for providing all medication and administration equipment. Medications must be in their original pharmacy containers with clear pharmacy labels including the child's name, medication name, dosage, and administration instructions. Tablet medication must be provided in pharmacy webster packaging. Staff will portion medication according to the Medication Agreement if it is not portioned correctly within webster packaging.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide adequate medication to fulfill the student's medication agreement. All medication handed to school staff must be in pharmacy packaging (inc. top up medication).

Self-Administration:

The decision for a student to self-administer medication is made in consultation with the principal, parent/carer and the student. Medication cannot be self-administered unless the correct forms have been completed. Controlled or restricted medicines cannot be self-administered.

Emergency Situations:

In emergencies, such as anaphylaxis or asthma, medication can be administered without prior authorisation.

Documentation:

A medication log must be maintained for each student being provided medication. Any incidents or refusals to take medication will be documented and communicated to parents.

Disposal:

Unused or expired medication will be returned to parents or disposed of safely at a pharmacy.