

Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions



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Most pupils at some time have a medical condition, which could affect their participation in school activities. This may be a short term situation or a long term medical condition which, if not properly managed, could limit their access to education.

Teachers are not required to administer medication or to support pupils with medical needs as part of their employment contract but they may volunteer to do so.

Rational

Durand Academy wishes to provide a fully inclusive system. To do this we need to ensure that correct procedures and protocols are in place to enable any pupil with long-term medical condition to be able to attend school or have minimum disruption to their education.

Aims

- To ensure as little disruption to our pupils education as possible
- To develop staff knowledge and training in all areas necessary for our pupils
- To ensure safe storage and administration of agreed medication
- To provide a fully inclusive school

Definition

This is not a policy for short-term illness and related medication for example antibiotics or paracetamol for a cold or eye infection etc. The school remains insistent that under these circumstances it will not administer medication. This would be the responsibility of the parents or carers. Any pupil who is infectious or too poorly should not attend school until they are well enough.

This policy relates to pupils who have recognised medical condition, which will last longer than 15 days and will require the pupil to have a care plan in school.

Identification

We will work with parents and medical professionals to ensure we have specific protocols in place as soon as the child starts school.

We will also regularly send out medical questionnaires to parents to ensure all our records are up to date.

Pupils will not be able to carry any medication with the exception of inhalers for asthma control. No pupil is allowed to have any non-prescription drugs in school; this is to ensure that no pupil unwittingly or otherwise gives another pupil his or her medication. This approach is supported in school through PSHE curriculum.

Medication will be stored in the medical room; this has a key fob lock.

Emergency medical supplies will remain stored in the medical room.

Prescribed medicines

Prescribed medicines will only be allowed at school when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a pupil's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Where clinically appropriate medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable it to be taken outside school hours. We will not accept medicines that have been taken out of the container as originally dispensed nor make changes to dosages. It is noted that medicines that need to be taken three times a day could be taken morning, after school hours and at bedtime.

