

TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that there is a plan in place for how medicines are administered, and to ensure that employees are aware of their responsibilities and that they understand all administration of medicine arrangements.

Name of Unit/Premises/Centre/School	TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Name of Responsible Manager/Headteacher	Mrs Rebekah Alsey
Signature of Responsible Manager/Headteacher	

Introduction	
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Policy Statement

TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL will undertake to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation and guidance in *Health Guidance for Schools* with regard to procedures for supporting children with medical requirements, including managing medicines. Responsibility for all administration of medicines at TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL is held by the Head Teacher who is the responsible manager.

It is our policy to ensure that all medical information will be treated confidentially by the responsible manager and staff. All administration of medicines is arranged and managed in accordance with the *Health Guidance for Schools* document. All staff has a duty of care to follow and co-operate with the requirements of this policy.

Aims & Objectives

Our administration of medicine requirements will be achieved by:

- Establishing principles for safe practice in the management and administration of:
 - prescribed medicines
 - non-prescribed medicines
 - maintenance drugs
 - emergency medicine
- Providing clear guidance to all staff on the administration of medicines
- Ensuring that there are sufficient numbers of appropriately trained staff to manage and administer medicines
- Ensuring that there are suitable and sufficient facilities and equipment available to aid the safe management and administration of medicines
- Ensuring the above provisions are clear and shared with all who may require them
- Ensuring the policy is reviewed periodically or following any significant change which may affect the management or administration of medicines

Administration

The administration of medicines is the overall responsibility of the parents. The TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL is responsible for ensuring children are supported with their medical needs whilst on site, and this may include managing medicines where appropriate and agreed with parents.

Routine Administration

Prescribed medicines

- It is our policy to manage prescribed medicines (eg. antibiotics, inhalers) where appropriate following consultation and agreement with, and written consent from the parents

Non-prescribed medicines

- On occasions when children require paracetamol it is our policy to administer providing that consent from the parents has been received in advance and administration is in accordance with guidance provided in the *Health Guidance for Schools* document. Parents will be called in order to gain verbal permission to administer Calpol or Piriton if doing so from medicine owned by the school.
- Children under 16 years old are never to be administered aspirin or medicines containing Ibuprofen unless prescribed by a doctor
- Responsibility for decision-making about the administration of all non-prescribed medicines will always be at the discretion of the responsible manager who may decide to administer under certain miscellaneous or exceptional circumstances

Maintenance drugs

- It is our policy to manage the administration of maintenance drugs (eg. Insulin) as appropriate following consultation and agreement with, and written consent from the parents. On such occasions, a health care plan will be written for the child concerned

Non-Routine Administration

Emergency medicine

- It is our policy (where appropriate) to manage the administration of emergency medicines such as (for example):
 - Injections of adrenaline for acute allergic reactions
 - Rectal diazepam for major fits
 - Injections of Glucagon for diabetic hypoglycaemia
- In all cases, professional training and guidance from a competent source will be received before commitment to such administration is accepted

Procedure for Administration

When deciding upon the administration of medicine needs for children we will discuss this with the parents concerned and make reasonable decisions about the level of care required.

Any child required to have medicines will have a 'Parental Agreement for Setting to Administer Medicine' form completed by the parent and kept on file in the Medical Room.

Individual health care plans will be completed for children where required and reviewed periodically in discussion with the parents to ensure their continuous suitability.

For any child receiving medicines, a 'record of prescribed medicines' sheet will be completed each time the medicine is administered and this will be kept on file. After receiving the medicine, the child will be asked to sign a form acknowledging receipt of the dosage. The adult administering the medicine will also sign the form.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES HEALTH & SAFETY

It is the duty of the individual member of staff to ensure a pupil takes their medicine. Staff must ensure every effort is made to administer the medicine and if it is not possible, the class teacher must be informed. If medicine has not been successfully administered, a parent must be informed. If a child refuses to take medication the parents will be informed at the earliest available opportunity.

Contacting Emergency Services

When a medical condition causes the child to become ill and/or requires emergency administration of medicines, then an ambulance will be summoned at the earliest opportunity. The parents will then be informed.

Medical Accommodation	
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The MEDICAL ROOM will be used for medicine administration/treatment purposes. The room will be made available when required. It is locked throughout the day and a key box is used to ensure children do not have access to the room without an adult supervising.

Training	
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Where staff is required to carry out non-routine or more specialised administration of medicines or emergency treatment to children, appropriate professional training and guidance from a competent source will be sought before commitment to such administration is accepted. Such instances are if there is a diabetic child requiring insulin or a child with an epi-pen.

A 'staff training record' sheet will be completed to document the level of training undertaken. Such training will form part of the overall training plan and refresher training will be scheduled at appropriate intervals.

Storage	
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The storage of medicines is the overall responsibility of the TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL who will ensure that arrangements are in place to store medicines safely. The medical room will be locked when a member of staff is not present in the room.

The storage of medicines will be undertaken in accordance with product instructions and in the original container in which the medicine was dispensed.

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the received medicine container is clearly labelled with the name of the child, the name and dose of the medicine and the frequency of administration.

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide medicine that is in date. This should be agreed with the parents at the time of acceptance of on-site administration responsibilities.

Disposal	
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It is not the TADLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL's responsibility to dispose of medicines. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all medicines no longer required including those which have date-expired are returned to a pharmacy for safe disposal. Sharps boxes will always be used for the disposal of needles. Collection and disposal of the boxes will be locally arranged as appropriate.