

# Charlton House Independent School



'Love One Another'

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES POLICY

**Charlton House School has clear guidance on providing care and support and administering medication and first aid at school.**

- This school understands the importance of medication being taken and care received as detailed in a child's EHCP or short term medication form.
- This school will make sure that there are several members of staff who have been trained to administer the medication and meet the care needs of an individual child. This school will ensure there are sufficient members of staff trained to cover any absences, staff turnover and other contingencies. The school's governing body has made sure that there is the appropriate level of insurance and liability cover in place.
- This school will not give medication to any child without a parent's written consent except in exceptional circumstances. Medication will **only** be administered if prescribed by a healthcare professional. Medicines bought 'over the counter' will **not** be administered. Medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to the child's health not to do so and where it is not clinically possible to arrange doses to be taken solely outside of school hours. **Therefore, this school will normally only administer medication in cases where a child has been instructed to take 4 doses of the prescribed medicine per day.**
  - When administering medication, for example prescribed pain relief or antibiotics, this school will check the maximum dosage and when the previous dose was given. Parents will be informed.
  - Children at this school will not administer their own medication.
  - If a child refuses to take their medication or carry out a necessary procedure, staff will not force them to do so, but follow the procedure agreed in the EHCP, if applicable. Parents will be informed.
  - This school will make sure that a trained member of staff is available to accompany a child with a medical condition on an off-site educational visit and the needs of the child, associated risks and how these are to be managed will be included in the risk assessment for the visit.
  - Parents at this school understand that they should let the school know immediately if their child's needs change and provide enough information to ensure their needs are met.
  - Changes to dosage/frequency/amount must come from a Doctor's prescription.

**This school has clear guidance on the storage of medication and equipment at school.**

- This school makes sure that all staff understand what constitutes an emergency for an individual child and makes sure that emergency medication / equipment (i.e. inhaler, epipen) is readily available wherever the child is in the school and on off-site activities, and is not locked away. Children may carry their emergency medication / equipment with them if this is appropriate or know where and how to access it. Children at this school know to ask any member of staff and that they may have immediate access to their medication when required. In this school medications are stored safely in the First Aid room, or the medical fridge if required to be stored at a controlled temperature. Inhalers will be kept in the child's classroom.

- The school will keep controlled drugs stored securely, but accessible, in a non-portable container with only named staff having access. Staff at this school can administer a controlled drug to a pupil once they have had specialist training, where applicable.
- Medication will only be accepted where it is in its original container, complete with dispensing label including the child's name and instructions for administering from a qualified healthcare professional. The exceptions to this are insulin and adrenalin (auto- injector), which although must still be in date, will generally be supplied in an injector pen or pump.
- This school will check all medication held in school on at least a termly basis and all medicines which will expire before the end of the following term will be returned to parents and replacements requested.

**This school has clear guidance about record keeping**

- Parents at this school are asked if their child has any medical conditions on the admissions form.
- This school makes sure that the child's confidentiality is protected.
- This school seeks permission from parents before sharing medical information with any other party.
- This school meets with the child (where appropriate), parent, specialist nurse (where appropriate), and relevant healthcare professional.
- This school keeps an accurate record of all medication administered, including the dose, time, date and supervising staff.
- This school understands the importance of medication being taken and care received as detailed in a child's EHCP or short term medication form.
- This school will make sure that there are several members of staff who have been trained to administer the medication and meet the care needs of an individual child. This school will ensure there are sufficient members of staff trained to cover any absences, staff turnover and other contingencies. The school's governing body has made sure that there is the appropriate level of insurance and liability cover in place.

**To be reviewed in Spring Term 2022**

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