



# **OULTON C.E. FIRST SCHOOL**

## **-Illness & Medicine Policy (V2)-**

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## 1 General Policy Statement

1.1 The Governors have adopted the Guidelines issued by Staffordshire County Council in relation to Medication in Schools. These guidelines are more comprehensive and detailed than this policy statement and should be referred to for more information.

1.2 Children who are generally unwell should not be in school and should not return to school until they are fit to participate in the curriculum as normal (sickness/diarrhoea must not return within 48 hours of the last occurrence).

1.3 Parents are responsible for any medicines their children may need (the school may support the administration of some medicines on request see 2.2 below).

1.4 In the event of an illness occurring during the school day; the school will make every effort to contact the parents, or a designated carer, with the view to the child going home. Parents are responsible for providing the school with emergency contact numbers and for updating these as necessary. Parents must be ready and willing to remove an ill child or make arrangements for care elsewhere.

1.5 If a child's health needs are likely to affect their normal participation in school life, then it is the responsibility of the parents to inform the school of this fact. This should be done on the admission form when applying to the school, or for subsequent developments, by letter.

1.6 All staff are expected to be responsible for the care of the children's health in the school. As such staff would be expected to exhibit the same level of response as would be expected of a careful and prudent parent in similar circumstances. The school has three designated First Aiders for dealing with accidental injury. Any case of a child's illness should be reported to the Office manager. Where it is suspected that a child will need urgent medical attention, for an illness or accident, an ambulance should be summoned on 999 and the Head of School informed.

1.7 The Health and Safety committee of the Governing Body, together with the Head of School, are responsible for ensuring that this Policy and Guidelines are implemented and adhered to.

1.8 All supply staff and visitors who will be working with children must be issued with a copy of details of children with specific ongoing medical needs and any procedures or plans in place to cover those needs.

## 2 Specific Policies and Procedures

### 2.1 ILLNESS IN SCHOOL

A child will be allowed to attend school whilst unwell if suffering from a chronic illness and on advice from the School Health Service would benefit from leading as normal and happy life as possible.

Care plans are to be put in place for children with medical conditions that require them to have medicine kept in school or have certain conditions i.e. epilepsy

## 2.2 MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Prescribed medicines will be administered in school on the following conditions:

A pupil medication request form has been submitted.

The Doctor prescribing has cleared the child to return to school.

Clear instructions about administering the medicine are given and the medicine is clearly labelled.

- \* No medicine can be given without the parent's consent via a pupil medication form.
- \* Medicines brought to school must be given to the school office by the parent on arrival. On no account should children keep medicine with them in bags or classrooms.
- \* ONLY prescribed medicine can be administered.

## 2.3 ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

- \* All absences must be reported to the school office by 9:30am on each day of absence.

## 2.4 PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRED BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL

- \* Sickness/diarrhoea - 48 hours from the last episode
- \* Chickenpox - 5 days from the onset of the rash and until the spots have scabbed over
- \* German measles - 6 days from onset of rash
- \* Impetigo - 48 after commencing antibiotics and lesions have scabbed
- \* Mumps - 5 days from onset of swelling