**July 2021 School Nursing Medication Update**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Our Schools medicine policy has been reviewed and some adjustments have been made with consideration given to Covid 19 safety measures over the past year.

As schools prepare for the Summer break please can we politely remind all parents that:

- All medication sent into school must have the prescription label on the box/bottle. This should include your child’s name, the prescribed dose (in mg/mls), the strength of the medication, number of times required daily and an expiry date.

- A ‘permission to give’ form can now be found on the school website. Parents/guardian’s must complete this form and return it to school with the appropriate medication. If the permission to give document is not returned to school, the medication **cannot** be administered. Staff members require this document to safely administer your child’s medication. If your child attends school *without* a permission to give, a staff member will contact you to bring in this document, or to collect your child. The permission to give will allow the staff member to write up the medication safely and as instructed by parents/guardians.

- It is parents/guardians responsibility to ensure the ‘permission to give’ is filled out to the best of their knowledge and must match the prescription on the medication – Staff cannot administer medication if there is a discrepancy between the permission to give and the medication provided.

-If parents are unable to print off the ‘permission to give’ please note we can accept an electronic copy via email. However, we will not take this information over the phone to prevent any errors.

-A new signed permission to give form must accompany every new medication that is sent into school .This is even when the new medication is a repeat of the previous medication .This way it ensures accuracy and safety.

- All medication coming into school must be handed directly to the transport passenger assistant. Please refrain from putting your child’s medication in their school bag.

When the medication is received from transport, a member of staff will sign in the medication and ensure it is kept in a safe place, as identified by the school nursing team and senior management.

- If your child has accessed rescue/as required medication prior to attending school, it is parents/guardians responsibility to inform a member of staff at the beginning of the school day. Equally if your child accesses any additional medications in school time, school staff will inform parents in a timely manner.

- Please can we politely remind parents, the only medication which should be administered in school hours are those which are prescribed four times a day, rescue medications and three times a day medications which are prescribed by the GP for a set time and have been considered ‘exceptional’ by the school nursing team. All other three times a day medications should be administered before and after school by parents.

- Due to the Covid19 pandemic, we will not be administering Paracetamol during school hours for symptoms of feeling unwell or high temperatures. This is to ensure no symptoms of Covid19 are masked by the effect of Paracetamol. If your child presents as unwell in the school day, school staff will contact parents/guardians to collect their child. Equally, in accordance with current government guidance, if your child presents with a persistent cough or temperature at home we ask that you do **not**bring your child to school.

- Should your child require Paracetamol for pain management however, this should be discussed with the School Nursing team and exceptions may be made in exceptional circumstances or if it has been prescribed by a GP or Consultant.

-If there have been any significant health events affecting your child at home prior to them coming into school, please do let school or nursing staff know .This will help us to make the right decisions and offer the right support to your child whilst they are with us in the school day. Sharing information about your child’s health and wellbeing is important to us all.

-If in the event your child is deemed too unwell to remain in school, staff from the nursing or education team will contact you to request they are collected as soon as possible.

In the unfortunate event your child is deemed unwell enough to require paramedic /hospital assessment as priority. Staff will call an ambulance for assistance first and then inform parents immediately after. This would follow an assessment of your child.

Thank you for your continued support, have an enjoyable summer break and please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school nursing team if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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