**Managing Medications in School**

At Yarm Primary School we are happy to support parents in ensuring that children who require medications during school time on a temporary or permanent basis can play a full and active role in school life. To manage this we have a policy in place around storing and dispensing medicines.

Some key points:

* Medication can only be given out to children if school have a completed medication form
* Appropriate storage is available for medication
* Children with a diagnosis of **asthma** must have a completed asthma form
* **Inhalers** will be kept with the child at all times – emergency inhalers are available in school and parents need to fill in a form to allow your child access to these
* **Epi-pens** will be kept by the class teacher who will ensure that they are easily available to the pupil who they are registered with
* Where possible parents should give the required doses of medication at home
* All medications provided to school must be labelled with the child’s name, date of birth and expiry date – **prescription medication should not be dispensed into a separate container**
* It is the parent’s responsibility to make sure that medication in school is within its expiry date
* Medication must be handed to the office by the parent/carer at the start of the school day/term
* Parents are responsible for collecting any medication from the school office at the end of the school day/term – medication will not be sent home with children
* Forms mentioned above are available to download from the school website or hard copies are available in the school office

School hold **Calpol Paracetamol** Infant and 6+ as well as **Piriton** in school. These medications are available to all children. If your child is complaining of an ailment and school feel that they would benefit from being given a dose of either of these medications then we will phone you to discuss this and get verbal consent.

It is now a requirement that we have **written consent** as well as verbal consent in this instance and so we would ask that parents/carers of all children across school fill in the below slip.

I, parent/carer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child to be given

* Calpol Paracetamol age appropriate dosage as stated on packaging
* Piriton age appropriate dosage as stated on packaging

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***The school will still require verbal consent from parents before giving either of these medicines***