

HEALING
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A Science Academy

Healing School – A Science Academy

Managing Medical Conditions

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Compliance

Policy written with reference to 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions' DofE April 2014. Guidance issued under Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

Key Points

- Pupils with medical conditions at Healing School – A Science Academy should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.
- Where necessary, the SENDCO consults Health & Social Care professionals, pupils and parents to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are effectively supported.
- Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and the school has duties under the Equality Act 2010. Some children may also have special educational needs (SEN) and provision for these children is in accordance with the revised SEN Code of Practice (2014).

Aim

To ensure that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, are properly supported in school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

Objectives

- To support pupils with long-term and complex medical care to manage their condition and keep them well.
- To provide effective support and intervention in emergency circumstances.
- To adapt to an individual's changing needs.
- To effectively support the social and emotional implications associated with medical conditions.

Policy Implementation

Roles and Responsibilities

Principal	-	Mrs M Dewland
Vice Principal	-	Mrs C Gunn
SENDCO	-	Mrs S Pearson
Health & Welfare Assistant	-	Mrs L Allison
Health & Safety Officer	-	Mr T Flarty
School Nurse	-	Ms H Holton

- The Health & Safety Officer ensures that sufficient staff are suitably trained in First Aid, both teachers and support staff, and a list is displayed in the staffroom.
- All relevant staff are made aware of the pupil's condition through the SEN Directory, for long-term conditions, or through risk assessments carried out when the pupil arrives in school.
- School Nurse or appropriate Health Specialist deliver training on supporting particular medical conditions.
- Cover arrangements for the Health & Safety Officer and the Health & Welfare Assistant are in place.
- Risk Assessments are completed for any school activities outside of the normal timetable.
- Individual Care Plans are shared with staff via SIMs.
- The Health & Welfare Assistant keeps detailed records of pupils' conditions and medication, liaising closely with parents as necessary. She undertakes relevant training to support pupils with particular medical conditions such as diabetes, use of epipen, defibrillator training.
- All medical conditions are reported by parents on a medical information form. These forms are also available on the school website.

Individual Care Plans

- An outline of the pupil's Care Plan is shown in the SEN Directory.
- The original, detailed Care Plan is attached to the pupil in SIMs and a copy is held by the Health & Welfare Assistant for ease of reference.
- Individual Care Plans may be initiated in consultation with the parent, by a Healthcare professional or by a member of staff. Plans are drawn up in partnership between the SENDCO, parent and relevant Healthcare professional. The individual pupil is involved whenever appropriate.
- Care Plans are reviewed at least annually, or earlier if evidence is presented that the child's needs have changed.

Managing Medicines on School Premises

- Prescribed medicines are administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so.
- No pupil is given medicine without a completed consent form. All medicines are stored safely in the Health & Welfare Assistant's office.
- Written records are kept of all medicine administered to pupils.
- Medication past its expiry date, or any medication not collected at the end of the academic year, will be taken to a pharmacy to be destroyed.

Emergency Procedures

- Individual Care Plans detail symptoms and emergency procedures.
- In the event a pupil is taken to hospital, the Health & Welfare Assistant stays with the pupil until a parent arrives.

Extra-curricular Trips and Sporting Activities

- The school actively supports pupils with medical conditions to participate in school trips and visits, or in sporting activities.

Nut Allergies

In response to the growing numbers of pupils with severe nut allergies in school:

- Whole nuts are banned from the school site
- Products containing nuts, such as peanut butter sandwiches, must be eaten in the designated food halls or staffroom areas only.
- Staff and pupils are required to wash their hands carefully after eating such foods, to avoid cross-contamination.