Booker Avenue Infant School

Policy for Children with Medical Conditions, including the Administration of Medicines and First Aid Policy

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Policy Statement

Booker Avenue Infant School is an inclusive community that welcomes and supports pupils with medical conditions. We understand that pupils can suffer from long term, short term, chronic and acute illnesses and will provide for all pupils without exception or discrimination. This includes both physical and mental health conditions.

Booker Avenue Infant School provides all pupils with any medical condition the same opportunities as others at school, enabling them to play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

We will help to ensure they can:

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**

Booker Avenue Infant School makes sure all staff understand their duty of care to children and young people in the event of an emergency.

This school understands that certain medical conditions are serious and potentially life threatening, particularly if poorly managed or misunderstood.

We recognise the importance of medication and care being taken as directed by healthcare professionals and parents. All pupils with medical conditions will have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) written as soon as possible after diagnosis and reviewed at least annually or more often if necessary.

Staff receive training on the impact medical conditions can have on pupils. This school ensures that staff receive appropriate first aid training and have easy access to first aid equipment.

The main first aid boxes are located outside the hall at the first aid point. Portable first aid kits are used by Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants and taken on any off site visits. This school ensures this policy is applied across the curriculum, including PE and educational visits.

The named members of school staff responsible for this policy, including the administering of medicines and first aid and its implementation is Mrs Lynne Brown – Headteacher.

Policy Framework

The policy framework describes the essential criteria for how the school can meet the needs of children with long term and short term medical conditions and those suffering from unexpected illness or injury at school.

1) This school is an inclusive community that supports and welcomes pupils with medical conditions. Booker Avenue Infant School is welcoming and supportive of pupils with medical conditions. It provides children with medical conditions with the same opportunities and access to activities (both school based and out of school) as other pupils.
No child will be denied admission or prevented from taking up a place in this school because arrangements for their medical condition have not been made.
This school will listen to the views of pupils and parents. Pupils and parents feel confident in the care they receive from this school and the level of care that meets their needs.
This school will ensure all pupils joining at normal transition times will have arrangements in place to manage their medical condition by the beginning of that term. Any pupil joining the school mid-term will have arrangements in place within no longer than two weeks.
Staff understand the medical conditions of pupils at this school and that they may be serious, adversely affect a child's quality of life and impact on their ability to learn. The whole school and local health community understand and support the medical conditions policy.
This school understands that all children with the same medical condition will not have the same needs.
The school recognises that duties in the Children and Families Act 2014 (England only) and the Equality Act (England, Wales and Scotland) relate to children with disability or medical conditions is anticipatory.
This school understands that some children who have medical conditions may also have disabilities and / or special educational needs and this policy may be read in conjunction with the school's SEND policy and the SEND code of practice.

2) This school's medical conditions policy is drawn up in consultation with local key stakeholders within both the school and health settings. Stakeholders include parents, pupils, school nurse, school staff, governors, the local authority and relevant local health services.

3) The medical conditions policy is supported by a clear communication plan for staff, parents and other key stakeholders to ensure its full implementation. Pupils, parents, relevant local healthcare staff, and other external stakeholders are informed of and reminded about the medical conditions policy through clear communication channels. The policy will be available on the school's website for public view and all staff will be reminded of the policy and how it is implemented at induction and on an annual basis.

4) All staff understand and are trained in what to do in an emergency at school. All school staff, including temporary or supply staff (and volunteers if and when appropriate), are aware of the medical conditions at this school and understand their duty of care to pupils in an emergency.
Staff receive training in what to do in an emergency and this is refreshed at regular intervals.
All staff should be familiar with normal procedures for avoiding infection and follow basic hygiene procedures. Staff have access to protective clothing and suitable disposal equipment to safely deal with spillages of blood or other bodily fluids, including the changing of dressings.
All children with a medical condition at this school have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP), which explains what help they will need in an emergency.
The IHP will accompany a pupil should they need to attend hospital. Parental permission will be sought and recorded in the IHP for sharing the IHP with emergency care settings.

IHPs should be developed in the context of assessing and managing risks to the pupil's education, health and social wellbeing.
IHPs should consider; the medical condition, its trigger, signs, symptoms and treatment. The pupil's resulting needs, including medication (its side-effects and storage) and other treatments, dose, time, facilities, equipment, testing, dietary requirements and environmental issues.
Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs, for example how absences will be managed, rest periods or additional support including counselling. Also the level of support needed, including in emergencies.
If a child is self-managing their own medication, this should be clearly stated with arrangements for monitoring.
Who will provide support for the pupil, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of their proficiency to provide support for the pupil's medical needs from a healthcare professional.
Who in school needs to be aware of the child's condition and the support required by the pupil.
Written permission from parents and the head teacher for medication to be administered.
Separate arrangements or procedures are required for school trips or other school activities outside the normal school timetable that will ensure the pupil can participate, e.g. risk assessments.
Arrangements for travel to and from school and what should be done if an emergency arises.
Where confidentiality issues are raised by the parent or pupil, the designated individuals to be entrusted with information about the child's condition.
What to do in an emergency, including who to contact and contingency arrangements

5) All staff understand and are trained in the school's general emergency procedures.
All staff, including temporary or supply staff, know what action to take in an emergency and receive updates at regular intervals
Training is provided at the start of each academic year, and as required throughout the year, and policies and procedures are discussed with temporary and supply staff.
Training needs will be identified and discussed at least annually as part of the school's appraisal process.
The induction of new staff will include training for supporting pupils with medical needs. Any member of staff providing support to a pupil with medical needs will have received suitable training.
If a pupil needs to attend hospital, a member of staff will stay with them until a parent or legal guardian arrives, or accompany a child taken to hospital by ambulance. A member of staff must not take a pupil to hospital in their own car.

6) This school has clear guidance on providing care and support and administering medication and first aid at school. Booker Avenue Infant school understands the importance of medication being taken and care received as detailed in the pupil's IHP. 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.
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 a child under 16 without a parent's written consent except in exceptional circumstances.

Medication may only be administered if prescribed by a healthcare professional. Medicines bought 'over the counter' may not be administered.
Parents are permitted to come into school during school hours to administer a single dose of analgesic medicine such as paracetamol or ibuprofen if they feel it is necessary. Medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to the pupil's health not to do so and where it is not clinically possible to arrange doses to be taken solely outside of school hours.
Children at this school will not administer their own medication, unless they have received appropriate training and it is the wish of the pupil and their parent.
This will be recorded on their IHP.
A member of staff must be present to supervise and be prepared to intervene if necessary to ensure the child's health and safety are not compromised.
If a pupil refuses to take their medication or carry out a necessary procedure, staff should not force them to do so, but follow the procedure agreed in the IHP. Parents will be informed.
This school will make sure that a trained member of staff is available to accompany a pupil with a medical condition on an off-site educational visit and the needs of the pupil, 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.

7) This school has clear guidance on the storage of medication and equipment at school. Booker Avenue Infant School makes sure that all staff understand what constitutes an emergency for an individual child and makes sure that emergency medication / equipment is readily available wherever the child is in the school and on off-site activities, and is not locked away.
Pupils may carry their emergency medication / equipment with them if this is appropriate or know where and how to access it.
An individual risk assessment will be completed before any child is allowed to self-medicate. 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 locked First Aid cabinet in the Photocopying Room or the staffroom fridge if required to be stored at a controlled temperature. These are not accessible to the general public.
Staff at this school can administer a controlled drug to a pupil once they have had specialist training. It is legal for a child who is competent to carry their own controlled drug, but it is an offence for them to pass it to anyone else to use.
This school will store medication that is in date and labelled in its original container. The exceptions to this are insulin and adrenalin (Epi-Pen), which although must still be in date, will generally be supplied in an injector pen or pump. The pen or pump will be labelled.
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.
This school will check all medication held in school on at least a half termly basis and all medicines which will expire before the end of the following month will be returned to parents and replacements requested.
School will dispose of needles and other sharps in line with local policies. Sharps boxes will be held securely at school and will accompany a child on off- site visits. They are collected and disposed of in line with local authority procedures.

8) 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 uses an IHP to record the support an individual pupil needs around their medical condition. The IHP is developed with the parent, school staff, specialist nurse (where appropriate) and relevant healthcare services.
The school has a centralised register of IHPs, and an identified member of staff who has responsibility for this register.
IHPs are reviewed regularly, at least every year or whenever the pupil's needs change. This school makes sure that the pupil's confidentiality is protected and seeks permission from parents before sharing medical information with any other party.
This school meets with the pupil (where appropriate), parent, specialist nurse (where appropriate), and relevant healthcare services prior to any extended day visit to discuss and make a plan for any extra care requirements that may be needed. This is recorded on the pupil's IHP which will accompany them on the visit.
This school keeps an accurate record book of all medication administered, including the dose, time, date and the supervising staff. This book is stored next to the First Aid Cabinet. This school makes sure that all staff providing support to a pupil receive suitable training and ongoing support, to make sure they have the confidence to provide the necessary support and that they fulfil the requirements set out in the pupil's IHP.
This support should be provided by the specialist nurse / school nurse / other suitably qualified healthcare professional and / or the parent.
Additionally the Welfare Officer has informal meetings on a regular/daily basis with the parents of children she administers medication to. This ensures both the school and parents are aware of medication given and relevant issues involving the pupil are shared.
The school keeps an up to date record of all training undertaken and by whom.

9) This school ensures that the whole school environment is inclusive and favourable to pupils with medical conditions. This includes the physical environment, as well as sporting and educational activities. Booker Avenue Infant School is committed to providing a physical environment accessible to pupils with medical conditions and pupils are consulted to ensure this accessibility.
This school is also committed to an accessible environment for out of school activities. School makes sure the needs of pupils with medical conditions are adequately considered to ensure their involvement in structured and unstructured activities, including extended school activities.
Staff are aware of the potential social problems that pupils with medical conditions may experience and use this knowledge, alongside the school's anti-bullying policy, to help prevent and deal with any problems. They use opportunities such as PSHE and science lessons to raise awareness of medical conditions to help promote a positive environment. This school understands the importance of all pupils taking part in physical activity and that all relevant staff make appropriate adjustments to physical activity sessions to make sure they are accessible to all pupils. This includes out of school clubs and team sports.
This school understands that all relevant staff are aware that pupils should not be forced to take part in activities if they are unwell. They should also be aware of pupils who have been advised to avoid / take special precautions during activity, and the potential triggers for a pupil's condition when exercising and how to minimise these. The School makes sure that pupils have the appropriate medication / equipment / food available during physical activity. The School makes sure that pupils with medical conditions can participate fully in all aspects of the curriculum and enjoy the same opportunities at school as any other child, and that appropriate adjustments and extra support are provided.
All school staff understand that frequent absences, or symptoms, such as limited concentration and frequent tiredness, may be due to a pupil's medical condition.
This school will not penalise pupils for their attendance if their absence relates to their medical condition. Following absence, reintegration back into school will be properly supported so pupils with

medical conditions fully engage with learning and do not fall behind when they are unable to attend. Short term absences, including those for medical appointments are effectively managed as per the school's attendance policy.
This school will refer pupils with medical conditions who are finding it difficult to keep up educationally to the SENDCo who will liaise with the pupil, parent and the pupil's healthcare professional.
Pupils at this school learn what to do in an emergency.
This school makes sure that a risk assessment is carried out before any out of school educational visit. The needs of pupils with medical conditions are considered during this process and plans are put in place for any additional medication, equipment or support that may be required.

10) This school is aware of the common triggers that can make common medical conditions worse or can bring on an emergency. This school is actively working towards reducing or eliminating these health and safety risks.
This school is committed to identifying and reducing triggers both at school and on out of school visits. School staff have been given training and written information on medical conditions which includes avoiding / reducing exposure to common triggers.
It has a list of the triggers for pupils with medical conditions at this school, has a trigger reduction schedule and is actively working towards reducing / eliminating these health and safety risks.
The IHP details an individual pupil's triggers and details how to make sure the pupil remains safe during the whole school day and on out of school activities.
Risk Assessments are carried out on all out of school activities, taking into account the needs of pupils with medical conditions. This school reviews all medical emergencies and incidents to see how they could be avoided, and changes school policy according to these reviews.

11) Each member of the school and health community knows their roles and responsibilities in maintaining and implementing an effective medical conditions policy. Booker Avenue Infant School works in partnership with all relevant parties including the pupil (where appropriate), parent, governing body, staff, employers and healthcare professionals to ensure that the policy is planned, implemented and maintained successfully. The governing body should ensure parents are aware of the school's complaints policy and procedures should they be dissatisfied with the support provided to their child.

12) The medical conditions policy is regularly reviewed, evaluated and updated Updates are produced every year.
In evaluating the policy, this school seeks feedback from stakeholders including pupils, parents, school healthcare professionals, specialist nurses and other relevant healthcare professionals, school staff, local emergency care services, governors and the school employer. The views of pupils with medical conditions are central to the evaluation process. The Governors of Booker Avenue Infant School acknowledge that, in law, neither the Headteacher or any other member of staff has any legal or contractual obligation to administer medication to children in school.