



Health and medical support

The School Health Team carry out medical screening (height, weight, hearing, vision) during your child's Reception year.

If your child is unwell

- If your child is unwell please telephone the school office by 9.30am on the first day of illness.
- The school office will telephone you if your child is absent and school has not been notified.
- After vomiting or diarrhoea children must remain at home for 48 hours to avoid spread of infection.
- If a child becomes unwell in school the school office will telephone parents.
- Please ensure your parent/carer contact details are up to date, and please ensure you provide 2 additional contacts in case of emergency.
- For children with long term disabilities or health issues we will work with parents and medical practitioners to produce a health care plan. This can be arranged with the Headteacher and is used to provide the necessary support your child may need in school.

First aid in school

- A large number of staff are first aid trained, including at least one staff member in every Reception class
- Staff are experienced with dealing with the incidents typically seen in school.
- The local authority recommended first aid procedure for cuts and grazes is to simply wash and if necessary cover.
- If necessary a note is sent home to inform parents of the incident. Depending on the nature of the incident we may additionally telephone home. If a bump to the head is involved a more detailed note will be sent home.
- Parents can decide if they wish to come to school to inspect the injury - in the unlikely event that your child requires emergency treatment during the school day we will contact emergency services and inform parents/carers immediately.

Administration of Medicines

- The school has adopted the local authority Administration of Medicines Policy. For a copy of this please contact the school office.
- Medicines cannot be administered by the school. This applies to prescription and non-prescription medicines (e.g. antibiotics, Calpol, throat lozenges, antihistamines)
- Parents can come into school and administer medication if necessary.

Exceptions to the above:

- Prescribed inhalers for children with asthma – inhalers are stored safely in the child's classroom for easy access as required.
- Administration of antihistamine / Adrenaline Auto Injector (e.g. EpiPen) for children with allergies
- Administration of other medication as required by children with ongoing / long-term medical conditions. If this applies to your child, please speak to the school office in the first instance. An individual healthcare plan can be created to support your child's health as necessary.