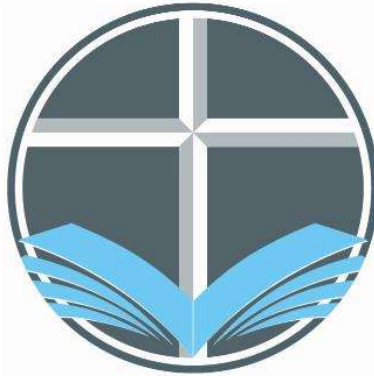
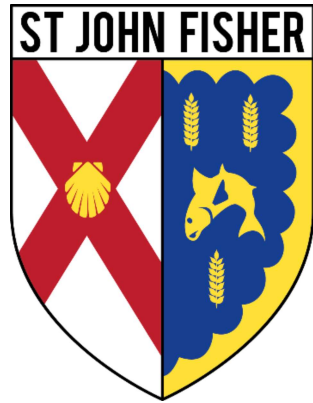
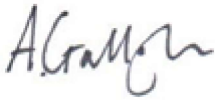
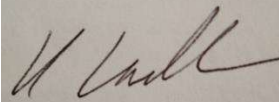


St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust



Administration of Medicines Policy

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Introduction

Children with medical needs have the same rights of admission to our school as other children. Most children will at some time have short-term medical needs, while other children may have longer term medical needs and may require medicines on a long-term basis to keep them well. Other children may require medicines in particular circumstances, such as children with severe allergies.

Aims of this policy

- to explain our procedures for managing prescription medicines which may need to be taken during the school day
- to explain our procedures for managing prescription medicines on school trips
- to outline the roles and responsibilities for the administration of prescription medicines

Legal requirements

There is no legal duty that requires any member of school staff to administer medicines.

Prescribed Medicine

Medicines should only be taken to school when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Staff at St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy will only administer medicines prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber. Medicines will only be accepted in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and should include the prescriber's instructions for administration. It is helpful if medicines are prescribed in dose frequencies which enable it to be taken outside school hours. For example, medicines that need to be taken three times a day could be taken in the morning, after school hours and at bedtime. If a parent wishes to adapt the timing of medicine administration, written confirmation of this must accompany the medication.

Exceptions

Prescribed medicine will not be given:

1. Where medical or technical expertise is required an appropriate training and agreement has not been undertaken
2. Where intimate contact would be necessary.

Children with Asthma

Children who have inhalers should have them available where necessary. Inhalers should be kept in a safe but accessible place. This could either be in the drawer of the teacher's desk or in a child's own tray. Depending on the needs of the individual, inhalers should be taken to all physical activities. Inhalers must be labelled and

include guidelines on administration. Some children will have a written asthma plan which should be available for any staff who are responsible for them.

It is the responsibility of parents to regularly check the condition of inhalers and ensure that they are working and have not been completely discharged.

Non -Prescription Medicines

We are unable to administer medicines that have not been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber.

Storage of Medicines

All medicines should be delivered to the school office by the parent or carer. In no circumstances should medicines be left in a child's possession. Teachers and teaching assistants should not take receipt of any medicines. All medicines should be stored in accordance with product instructions (paying particular attention to temperature).

Medicines will normally be kept in the office fridge and should not be kept in classrooms, with the exception of adrenaline pens and inhalers. All medicines must be stored in the supplied container and be clearly labelled with the name of the child; the name and dose of the medicine and the frequency of administration.

All emergency medicines, such as asthma inhalers and adrenaline pens, should be readily available to children and staff and kept in an agreed place in the classroom or First Aid cupboard. Children may carry their own inhalers, when appropriate.

Disposal of Medicines

Parents are responsible for ensuring that date-expired medicines are returned to the pharmacy for safe disposal. They should collect medicines at the end of the agreed administration time period. A letter or e-mail will be sent home to all parents who have left medicines in the school in July for collection.

If any medicines remain uncollected at the end of the summer term, they will be disposed of at a local pharmacist by a member of the office staff.

Trips and Outings

Children with medical needs are given the same opportunities as other children. Staff may need to consider what reasonable adjustments they might make to enable children with medical needs to participate fully and safely on visits. This may include carrying out a risk assessment for such children. The school visit co-ordinator will be responsible for tabulating medical information for each child and one member of staff will be nominated as having responsibility for the administration of all medication. Roles and responsibilities of parents/carers as outlined below will apply.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parent/Carer*

- Should give sufficient information about their child's medical needs if treatment or special care is required.
- Must deliver all medicines to the school office in person.
- Must complete and sign the parental agreement form.

- Must keep staff informed of changes to prescribed medicines.
- Keep medicines in date - particularly emergency medication, such as adrenaline pens.

Headteacher

- To ensure that the school's policy on the administration of medicines is implemented.
- To ensure that there are members of staff within the school willing to volunteer to administer medication to specific pupils if required.
- To ensure that staff receive support and appropriate training where necessary.
- To share information, as appropriate, about a child's medical needs.
- To ensure that parents are aware of the school's policy on the administration of medicines.
- To ensure that medicines are stored correctly.

Staff

- On receipt of medicines, the child's name; prescribed dose; expiry date and written instructions provided by the prescriber should be checked.
- Ensure that the parent/carer completes a consent form for the administration of medicines following the prescriber's instruction.
- Ensure that a second member of staff is present when medicines are administered.
- Complete the 'administration of medicines' record sheet each time medication is given.
- Ensure that medicines are returned to parents for safe disposal.

Refusal of medicines

If a child refuses to take medicines, staff should not force them to do so, but should note this in the records and inform parents immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible.

Record Keeping

Medicines should be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions. Staff should check that written details include:

- name of the child
- name of the medicine
- dose
- method of administration
- time and frequency of administration
- any side effects
- expiry date

A parental agreement form (see appendix) must be completed and signed by the parent, before medicines can be administered. At the time of administering medicines, the member of staff must complete the medicines record sheet. No medication should be given unless it has been checked by a second adult.

Children with Long Term Medical needs

It is important that the school has sufficient information about the medical condition of any child with long term medical needs. A health care plan will be written for children with long term medical needs, involving the parents and relevant health

professionals.

Confidentiality

The head and staff should always treat medical information confidentially.

The head should agree with the child/parent who else should have access to records and other information about a child.

Staff Training

Training opportunities are identified for staff with responsibilities for administering medicines.

Related Policies

- Health and safety policy,
- Asthmas policy and procedures
- First aid policy
- Equality information and objectives
- Safeguarding
- Special educational needs information report and policy
- Supporting children with medical needs

Monitoring

This policy should be reviewed annually in accordance with national guidance.

*Parents, as defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996, include any person who is not a parent of a child but has parental responsibility for or care of a child. In this context, the phrase 'care of the child' includes any person who is involved in the full-time care of a child on a settled basis, such as a foster parent, but excludes baby sitters, child minders, nannies and school staff.



St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy

Headteacher: Mr A Gallagher

PARENTAL CONSENT TO ADMINISTER MEDICINE

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form.

CHILD FULL NAME	
DATE OF BIRTH	
CLASS/YEAR GROUP	

CONDITION OF ILLNESS:	
NAME OF MEDICINE:	
DOSAGE OF MEDICINE REQUIRED:	
TIME REQUIRED:	
HOW MEDICINE TO BE ADMINISTERED (ear/nasal/mouth etc)	
HOW LONG THE MEDICINE SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED FOR:	

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to school staff administering medicine in accordance with the school policy.

I confirm that this medication has been administered to my child in the past without adverse effect.

I will inform the school immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

DISCLAIMER

I understand that the school staff are acting voluntarily in administering medication to children. The school staff are under no obligation to administer medicine and may refuse to do so at any time. The school staff are not liable for any adverse effect of the child following administration of the medication.

Signed:

Date:.....



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