



Learning and Caring Together

Medical Information for parents

Medicines

It is not the responsibility of the school to give medication and MK Local Authority advise against doing so. We do realise however, that it is difficult for some parents to take their children home or to visit them at the school at lunchtimes and therefore we are prepared to help in this way.

If your child has been prescribed medicine 3 times a day, it is possible for you to give it to them in the morning, when they arrive home from school and at bedtime. It would not therefore be necessary to send it into school for us to administer.

We are only allowed to administer prescribed medicine i.e. medicine that has a pharmacist's label on the bottle/packet with the child's name on it. You also need to fill in and sign a consent form for us to administer the medicine to your child – these are available from the school office.

If your child needs Calpol or Ibuprofen liquid, you need to either have it prescribed by a doctor or you must come in and administer it to your child.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please do not send your child into school if they have been sick or had diarrhoea the day or night before. The Health Protection Agency advises that children should be kept at home for 48 hours after cases of vomiting and diarrhoea to avoid the 'bug' being spread around the children and staff of the school.

Protection from the Sun

Please ensure that when summer finally arrives that your child has a named sunhat. Sunscreen should be applied before school, but also if your child is able to apply it you can send in a named sunscreen to be kept in the classroom. Please remember that staff are not allowed to apply it to children, so start training your child now!

Hay Fever

If your child suffers from hay fever, please remember that the school is only allowed to administer prescription medicines/eye drops, and not ones that are bought over the counter. We also need written permission to give prescription medicines/eye drops – please see the school office and ensure that any medicines are given in to the medical room and not in children's bags, pockets etc.

Head Lice

At this time of year, it is advisable to check your child's head regularly for signs of head lice. The easiest and quickest way to do this is to purchase a comb from your local pharmacy and comb through your child's hair while the hair is still wet with conditioner. If you do this on a regular, weekly basis you should remove the head lice before they have a chance to breed.

We also suggest that if your child has long hair, it is tied back each day into a ponytail, plaits etc. so there is less hair dangling for a head louse to attach itself to.

It is school policy that if live head lice are seen on your child's head, you will be contacted and asked to take your child home for treatment. Once your child has been treated, they are welcome to return to school.

Allergies

If your child has any allergies, this will be recorded on Pages 3 and 4 of the Pupil Registration Form. If your child has a serious allergic reaction which requires an Epipen, please notify us as soon as possible in order for a healthcare plan to be completed by the School Nursing Team. It is extremely important that you keep us updated with any changes to your child's health.

Asthma/Inhalers

If your child uses an inhaler this will be detailed on the Pupil Registration form in the Asthma Information section.

On the first day of school, please provide the school with your child's inhaler in the box, with the prescription label attached and this will be kept at school. It is the parents' responsibility to make a note of the expiry date.

Please make sure that you have filled in a medical consent form, available from the School Office, so that we can administer your child's inhaler should the need arise.

Medical/Dental/Opticians Appointments

Please make sure you let the school office know if your child has an appointment so that we can make sure they are ready for collection. We will also need you to provide a copy of the letter/appointment card.

If you know your child is going to need any hospital or dental treatment, it is always advisable to let the school know so that we can help allay any fears or problems that may arise at school.

And, finally, if your child is unwell and will not be in school, please telephone the school office or use the form on the school website on the first morning of sickness.

If we do not hear from you, the School Office will contact you, in order to check on the safety of your child and to find out why your child is not in school.