

Summary of WSCC Medicines Policy September 2017

Prescription medication all prescription medication will be administered with parental consent.

Non-prescription - If the relevant symptoms develop during the school day the school will administer the following non-prescription medications:

- paracetamol (to pupils of all ages)
- ibuprofen (pupils age 12 and over) NB Pupils under 12 will require a note from GP
- antihistamine,

All other non-prescription medications will only be administered providing:

- The parent/guardian confirms daily the time the medication was last administered (to ensure correct time has elapsed between doses)
- medication is licensed as suitable for the pupil's age;
- medication is suitable for the pupil i.e. if a child is asthmatic the medication is suitable for that condition;
- administration is required more than 3 to 4 times per day; therefore medication needs to be administered during the school day.
- medication is supplied by the parent or guardian in the original packaging with the manufacturer's instructions and/or patient leaflet
- and accompanied by parental/guardian consent

The school will NOT administer non-prescription medication:

- as a preventative, i.e. in case the pupil develops symptoms during the school day; except as detailed above.
- if the pupil is taking other prescribed or non-prescribed medication, i.e. only one non-prescription medication will be administered at a time;
- for more than 48 hours – parents will be advised if symptoms persist to contact their Doctor;
- A request to administer the same or a different non-prescription medication that is for the same/initial condition will not be repeated for 2 weeks after the initial episode; and not for more than 2 episodes per term - it will be assumed that the prolonged expression of symptoms requires medical intervention, and parents/guardians will be advised to contact their Doctor.
- Skin creams and lotions will only be administered in accordance with the Schools Intimate Care Policy and procedures.
- Medication that is sucked i.e. coughs sweets or lozenges, will not be administered by the school.
- if parents/guardians have forgotten to administer non-prescription medication that is required before school – requests to administer will be at the discretion of the school and considered on an individual basis.

Emergency medication - Schools should have 2 inhalers for each pupil diagnosed with asthma and 2 auto-injectors for pupils with anaphylaxis. The school will hold a sufficient number of emergency inhalers and if there are not 2 auto-injectors on site for each pupil they will hold an emergency auto-injector.

Training - Staff will be trained to administer medication and specialist training will be undertaken for medication with specific requirements for administration i.e. auto-injectors.

