

## Medical Issues

If your child is unwell, or has been unwell in the night, please do not send them into school.

**If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please do not send them back to school until 48 hours after the last bout.**

If your child becomes unwell at school, we will telephone you, or one of your named contacts, so please ensure that we always have your current contact details.

If your child has an accident at school, we have qualified First Aiders on the staff, who can deal with most problems. However, should anything serious occur, an ambulance will be called and we will inform you immediately.

Please let us know if your child develops a medical condition or if a known condition changes in some way.

If your child suffers from asthma, an inhaler must be kept in school and should be clearly labelled with your child's name. **A form must be completed detailing your child's medication and frequency of use.** Parents will be informed when the expiry date has passed and the inhaler needs to be replaced.

## Administration of Medication in School

No member of staff can be required to administer medication to a child, for obvious legal reasons. However, some staff are prepared to give a learner medicine where it has been prescribed by a Doctor to be taken FOUR times a day. Any medicine that has been prescribed to be taken three times a day can be given at home; in the morning before school; in the afternoon immediately after school and at bedtime.

Non-prescribed medicines, such as Calpol, can only be administered by staff if parents give prior permission.

## Supporting Learners with Medical Needs

### Head Lice

Unfortunately, this is a growing problem in schools. Please do not be alarmed or distressed if you discover your child has head lice as it is very common. The best method of prevention is:

#### Regular checks

Frequent wet-combing with a fine-toothed comb

Long hair tied back to prevent spread

Discourage sharing of hairbrushes and combs.

#### **Medical Services**

From time to time we receive visits from medical professionals. This can also be linked to learner needs on their EHCP. *No learner is ever seen without the parents' permission.*

#### **Height & Weight**

Every year, the Reception & Year 6 children take part in an NHS measurement programme. However, if you do not wish your child to take part, you do have the opportunity to opt out.

#### **Vaccinations**

We also accommodate the administration of the flu vaccination, HPV vaccine and teenage booster vaccinations to the learners eligible.