

Ladywood Primary School



Supporting Children with a Medical Need Policy

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Rationale

At Ladywood Primary School we ensure that access to education is not reduced for pupils who have a medical need.

Identification

Children with a medical need are identified upon admission to our nursery or school. A register is kept of all children highlighting their medical condition thus ensuring all members of staff are aware of their requirements. In addition transition sheets completed at the end of the school year state which children in each class have medical conditions that their new class teacher needs to be aware of.

Pupils with Asthma

Every effort is made to encourage and help children who suffer from Asthma to fully participate in all aspects of school life. Children take charge of, have immediate access to, and use their inhaler independently from an early age. Children are encouraged to fully participate in PE and sporting activities.

If a child has an Asthma attack at school, staff will ensure that the reliever inhaler (blue) is taken immediately and that the dose is repeated every few minutes. Staff will assist by remaining calm, reassure the child and listen to them while encouraging them to breathe slowly and deeply. School will inform parents of the attack. In an emergency situation medical advice will be sought and an ambulance called.

Please see Asthma Information Pack produced following training from the Asthma Nurses.

Headlice

No child will be inspected for or excluded because of headlice. The school will distribute a leaflet designed by the School Health Service periodically. The leaflet details facts about headlice and shows parents and carers how to detect and treat them.

Incontinence

The school accepts the Authority's Policy that admission to nursery or school cannot be refused on the basis of a child not being toilet trained. The school will deal with accidents as part of their duty of care for the child. In repeated occurrences staff will advise parents and carers and request their support.

Non-prescribed Medicines

Non-prescribed medicines will not be administered to any pupil under any circumstances by school staff. If children are acutely unwell they must be kept at home until they are fit to return to school.

Prescribed Medicines

In circumstances where it is necessary for a pupil to take ongoing daily medication during the school day the Headteacher will inform the appropriate staff and request volunteers to administer the prescribed medication. Parental consent form AM1 (A-Z Manual) will be completed and any medication will be clearly marked with the child's name and dosage and will be locked in the safe. Each time a pupil is given medication the person administering it will make a record on form AM2. Short Term prescribed medication must be administered by a parent/carer.

Food Allergies/intolerances

The staff at Ladywood make every effort to support pupils with food allergies and intolerances. Meetings are arranged between the parents, school staff and the school catering team where necessary and school meals are adjusted accordingly ie the use of gluten free products as oppose to ones containing gluten. Similar appropriate alternative products are purchased for pupil with allergies/intolerances for breakfast and snacks within the school day.

Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy

No children in school suffer from the above conditions. Should a child be diagnosed at a later date the Headteacher will inform both the Authority and all the staff at school. Staff will follow the Authority's guidance kept in the A-Z Manual.

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