



KILKEEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Policy for the Administration of Medication in
Kilkeel Primary School**

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The Board of Governors and staff of Kilkeel Primary School wish to ensure that pupils with medication needs receive appropriate care and support at school. The Principal will accept responsibility in principle for members of the school staff giving or supervising pupils taking prescribed medication during the school day ***where those members of staff have volunteered to do so.***

Please note that parents should keep their children at home if acutely unwell or infectious. After cases of sickness or diarrhoea, children should be kept at home for 48 hours.

Parents are responsible for providing the Principal with comprehensive information regarding the pupil's condition and medication.

Prescribed medication will not be accepted in school without complete written and signed instructions from the parent.

Staff will not give a non-prescribed medicine to a child unless there is specific prior written permission from the parents.

Only reasonable quantities of medication should be supplied to the school (for example, a maximum of four weeks supply at any one time).

Each item of medication must be delivered to the Principal or Authorised Person, in normal circumstances by the parent, **in a secure and labelled container as originally dispensed**. Each item of medication must be clearly labelled with the following information:

- Pupil's Name
- Name of medication
- Dosage
- Frequency of administration
- Date of dispensing
- Storage requirements (if important)
- Expiry date

The school will not accept items of medication in unlabelled containers.

Unless otherwise indicated, all medication to be administered in school will be kept in a secure place, out of the reach of pupils. The exceptions to this are inhalers. For pupils in P1-P3 inhalers will be kept in a secure location by the teacher and should not be kept in school bags; pupils in P4-P7 will be responsible for keeping their own inhalers and for self-administration.

The school will keep records, which they will have available for parents.

If children refuse to take medicines, staff will not force them to do so, and will inform the parents of the refusal, as a matter of urgency, on the same day. If a refusal to take medicines results in an emergency, the school's emergency procedures will be followed.

It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school in writing if the pupil's need for medication has ceased.

It is the parents' responsibility to renew the medication when supplies are running low and to ensure that the medication supplied is within its expiry date.

The school will not make changes to dosages on parental instructions.

School staff will not dispose of medicines. Medicines, which are in use and in date, should be collected by the parent at the end of each term. Date expired medicines or those no longer required for treatment will be returned immediately to the parent for transfer to a community pharmacist for safe disposal.

For each pupil with long term or complex medication needs, the SENCO and Principal, will ensure that a Medication Plan and Protocol is drawn up, in conjunction with the appropriate health professionals.

Where it is appropriate to for so, pupils will be encouraged to administer their own medication, if necessary under staff supervision. Parents will be asked to confirm in writing if they wish their child to carry their medication with them in school.

Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of medication will receive appropriate training / guidance through arrangements made with the School Health Service.

The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a pupil whilst on trips away from the school premises, even if additional arrangements might be required. However, there may be occasions when it may not be possible to include a pupil on a school trip if appropriate supervision cannot be guaranteed.

All staff will be made aware to the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency.

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Request for a School to Administer Medication

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the Principal has agreed that school staff can administer the medicine.

Details of Pupil

Surname: _____ Forename(s): _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Male

Female

Class: _____

Condition or Illness: _____

Medication

Parents must ensure that in date properly labelled medication is supplied.

Name/Type of Medication (*as described on the container*)

Date dispensed: _____

Expiry date: _____

Full Direction for Use

Dosage and method

NB Dosage can only be changed on a Doctor's instructions

Timing: _____

Special precautions:

Are there any side effects that the School need to know about?

Self Administration Yes / No (*delete as appropriate*)

Procedures to take in an Emergency

Contact Details

Name:

Phone No. (home/mobile) _____
(work) _____

Relationship to Pupil _____

Address:

I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to _____ (*agreed member of staff*) and accept that this is a service, which the school is not obliged to undertake. I understand that I must notify the school of any changes in writing.

Signature(s): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Agreement of Principal

I agree that _____ (*name of child*) will receive _____ (*quantity and name of medicine*) every day at _____ (*time(s) medicine to be administered e.g. lunchtime or afternoon break*).

This child will be given/supervised whilst he/she takes their medicine by _____ (*name of staff member*).

This arrangement will continue until _____ (*either end date of course of medicine or until instructed by parents*).

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____
(*The Principal/authorised member of staff*)

The original should be retained on the school file and a copy sent to the parents to confirm the school's agreement to administer medication to the named pupil.

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Request for a Pupil to Carry His/Her Medication

This form must be completed by parents/carers.

If staff have any concerns discuss this request with healthcare professionals.

Details of Pupil

Surname: _____ Forename(s): _____

Address:

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male Female

Class: _____

Condition or Illness:

Medication

Parents must ensure that in date properly labelled medication is supplied.

Name/Type of Medication

Procedures to take in an Emergency

Contact Details

Name:

Phone No. (home/mobile) _____
(work) _____

Relationship to Pupil

Address:

I would like my child to keep his/her medication on him/her for use as necessary.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Relationship to Pupil

Agreement of Principal

I agree that _____ (*name of child*) will be allowed to carry and self-administer his/her medication whilst in school and that this arrangement will continue until _____ (*either end date of course of medicine or until instructed by parents*).

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____
(*The Principal/authorised member of staff*)

The original should be retained on the school file and a copy sent to the parents to confirm the school's agreement to the named pupil carrying his/her own medication