

BALLYCLARE SECONDARY SCHOOL

MEDICAL POLICY



“Every child, regardless of intellectual ability or social background, should have a rewarding educational experience”

Rationale

Ballyclare Secondary School welcomes and supports children with medical conditions and endeavours to provide them with the same opportunities as other children at school, including extracurricular activities.

The school recognises the restrictions and implications that having a medical condition can have on a child and we aim to provide a safe and secure environment where their medical needs are managed.

Aims

Our aim is to ensure that all children with existing medical conditions:

- Be safe,
- Be healthy,
- Be involved,
- Enjoy school.

The school understands that certain medical conditions are serious and potentially life threatening, particularly if poorly managed.

The school has a full time qualified nurse who will be involved in the management of children with medical conditions and provide care, support and advice where appropriate.

In addition to our school we hold staff training when available. Currently we have eight staff trained as first aiders. This training is reviewed annually.

School responsibilities:

- To provide a safe and secure environment,
- To have adequately trained staff,
- To provide first aid and emergency care if required,
- To inform parent/carer of a child’s deterioration in health,
- To support parents to make informed choices regarding their child’s care.

Parent/carer responsibilities:

- To provide relevant information regarding the child's medical condition/needs,
- To provide prescribed medication and medical supplies if required,
- To provide current next of kin contact details,
- To inform the school of any changes in medical conditions, treatments and medication,
- To comply with school rules and legislation,
- To inform the school of planned medical appointments.

General

If a child becomes unwell in school they will be referred to the school nurse who will assess their needs and provide appropriate care. Should the child require pain relief; paracetamol and ibuprofen can be administered. The school can also provide Chlorphenamine maleate for allergies and throat lozengers. These medications will only be given with parental consent.

Should your child require prescribed medication given in school, they must contact the school nurse and once permitted, all medication should be; clearly labelled with the child's details, in an appropriate container and within date.

Children who present with the following will be sent home as an infection control measure:

- Temperature 38.0c >
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea

The following conditions are more prevalent in children and advice should be adhered to in order to prevent the spread of disease and to minimise discomfort for the child.

- Chickenpox – Isolation for five days from onset of rash
- Measles – Isolation for five days from onset of rash
- Influenza – Isolation until recovered
- Meningitis /meningococcal septicaemia – Isolation until recovered
- Infective conjunctivitis –Isolation for twenty-four hours
- Diarrhoea/Vomiting –Isolation for forty-eight hours from last episode
- Whooping cough – Isolation for five days
- Mumps –Isolation for five days
- Glandular fever – No caution needed
- Scarlet Fever – Isolation for twenty-four hours after starting Antibiotics

This information has been taken from the Public Health Agency 2017.