



FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FEDERATION

PARKEND PRIMARY & YORKLEY PRIMARY

Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy

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"This policy has been reviewed in light of the DfE's March 2026 consultation on supporting pupils with medical conditions and allergies. The governing board will review and update this policy once the final statutory guidance is published."

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Statement of intent

The governing board at The Forest of Dean Community Federation has a duty to ensure arrangements are in place to support pupils with medical conditions. The aim of this policy is to ensure that all pupils with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, receive appropriate support to allow them to play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy, have full access to education (including school trips and PE), and achieve their academic potential.

The school believes it is important that parents of pupils with medical conditions feel confident that the school provides effective support for their children's medical conditions, and that pupils feel safe in the school environment.

Some pupils with medical conditions may be classed as disabled under the definition set out in the Equality Act 2010. The school has a duty to comply with the Act in all such cases.

In addition, some pupils with medical conditions may also have SEND and have an EHC plan collating their health, social and SEND provision. For these pupils, the school's compliance with the DfE's 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years' and the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy will ensure compliance with legal duties.

To ensure that the needs of our pupils with medical conditions are fully understood and effectively supported, we consult with health and social care professionals, pupils and their parents.

• Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Children Act 1989
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 1996
- Education Act 2002
- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Medicines Act 1968
- Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended)
- The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 (as amended)
- Department of Health (2017) 'Guidance on the use of adrenaline auto-injectors in schools'
- DfE & Department of Health (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0–25 years'
- DfE (2017) 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'
- DfE (2022) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2022) 'First aid in schools,
- The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 (Natasha's Law)
- The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017
- DfE (2018) Mental health and behaviour in schools

• Roles and responsibilities

The governing board will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that arrangements are in place to support pupils with medical conditions.
- Ensuring that pupils with medical conditions can access and enjoy the same opportunities as any other pupil at the school.
- Ensuring that, following long-term or frequent absence, pupils with medical conditions are reintegrated effectively.
- Instilling confidence in parents and pupils in the school's ability to provide effective support.
- Ensuring that all members of staff are properly trained to provide the necessary support and are able to access information and other teaching support materials as needed.
- Ensuring that no prospective pupils are denied admission to the school because arrangements for their medical conditions have not been made.
- Ensuring that pupils' health is not put at unnecessary risk. As a result, the school may temporarily limit attendance, in line with public health guidance, where a pupil has an infectious disease and attendance would pose a risk to the pupil or others. This does not affect admissions decisions.
- Ensuring that policies, plans, procedures and systems are properly and effectively implemented.
- Ensuring that the school's policy clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the arrangements they make to support pupils and sets out the procedures to be followed whenever a school is notified that a pupil has a medical condition.

- Ensuring that plans are reviewed at least annually, or earlier if evidence is presented that the child's needs have changed.

The Executive Headteacher will be responsible for:

- The overall implementation of this policy.
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of this policy and understand their role in its implementation.
- Ensuring that a sufficient number of staff are trained and available to implement this policy and deliver against all IHPs, including in emergency situations.
- Considering recruitment needs for the specific purpose of ensuring pupils with medical conditions are properly supported.

Parents will be responsible for:

- Notifying the school if their child has a medical condition.
- Providing the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs. Working closely and positively with the school.
- Being involved in the development and review of their child's IHP.
- Carrying out any agreed actions contained in the IHP.
- Ensuring that they, or another nominated adult, are contactable at all times.

Pupils will be responsible for:

- Being fully involved in discussions about their medical support needs, where applicable. Pupil voice will be considered when reviewing the effectiveness of medical support.
- Contributing to the development of their IHP, if they have one, where applicable.
- Being sensitive to the needs of pupils with medical conditions.

School staff will be responsible for:

- Providing support to pupils with medical conditions, where requested, including the administering of medicines.
- While individual staff members are not required to administer medication, the school will ensure that sufficient trained staff are available at all times to meet pupils' medical needs.
- Taking into account the needs of pupils with medical conditions in their lessons when deciding whether or not to volunteer to administer medication.
- Receiving sufficient training and achieve the required level of competency before taking responsibility for supporting pupils with medical conditions.
- Knowing what to do and responding accordingly when they become aware that a pupil with a medical condition needs help.

• Admissions

Admissions will be managed in line with the school's Admissions Policy.

No child will be denied admission to the school or prevented from taking up a school place because arrangements for their medical condition have not been made; a child may only be refused admission where this is lawful under the School Admissions Code, for example where admitting the child would pose a serious and demonstrable risk to the health and safety of the child or others, and no reasonable adjustments can be made.

• Notification procedure

When either school is notified that a pupil has a medical condition that requires support in school, the school will arrange a meeting with parents, healthcare professionals and the pupil, with a view to discussing the necessity of an IHP, outlined in detail in the [IHPs](#) section of this policy.

The school will not wait for a formal diagnosis before providing support to pupils. Where a pupil's medical condition is unclear, or where there is a difference of opinion concerning what support is required, a judgement will be made by the Executive Headteacher based on all available evidence, including medical evidence and consultation with parents.

For a pupil starting at the school in a September uptake, arrangements will be put in place prior to their introduction and informed by their previous institution. Where a pupil joins the school mid-term or a new diagnosis is received, arrangements will be put in place as soon as responsibly possible.

• Staff training and support

Any staff member providing support to a pupil with medical conditions will receive suitable training. Staff will not undertake healthcare procedures or administer medication without appropriate training.

A first-aid certificate will not constitute appropriate training for supporting pupils with medical conditions.

Through training, staff will have the requisite competency and confidence to support pupils with medical conditions and fulfil the requirements set out in IHPs. Staff will understand the medical conditions they are asked to support, their implications, and any preventative measures that must be taken.

Where relevant, whole-school awareness training will be carried out at least annually for all staff, and included in the induction of new staff members. Whole-school medical awareness training is delivered through NHS or other suitable healthcare providers and updated regularly.

- <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing/awareness-sessions/> is used at the time of writing this policy.

Training could be commissioned by the SENDCo and provided by the following bodies:

- Commercial training provider
- The school nurse / specialist paediatric nursing teams
- GP consultant
- The parents of pupils with medical conditions

The parents of pupils with medical conditions will be consulted for specific advice and their views are sought where necessary, but they will not be used as a sole trainer.

• IHPs

The school, healthcare professionals and parents agree, based on evidence, whether an IHP will be required for a pupil, or whether it would be inappropriate or disproportionate to their level of need. If no consensus can be reached, the Executive Headteacher will make the final decision. Reasonable adjustments will be determined by the school in consultation with parents and healthcare professionals and will be based on clinical evidence, proportionality, and the effective use of school resources.

The school, parents and a relevant healthcare professional will work in partnership to create and review IHPs. Where appropriate, the pupil will also be involved in the process.

IHPs will include the following information:

- The medical condition, along with its triggers, symptoms, signs and treatments
- The pupil's needs, including medication (dosages, side effects and storage), other treatments, facilities, equipment, access to food and drink (where this is used to manage a condition), dietary requirements, and environmental issues
- The support needed for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs
- The level of support needed, including in emergencies
- Who will provide the necessary support, including details of the expectations of the role and the training needs required, as well as who will confirm the supporting staff member's proficiency to carry out the role effectively
- Cover arrangements for when the named supporting staff member is unavailable
- Who needs to be made aware of the pupil's condition and the support required
- Arrangements for obtaining written permission from parents and the Executive Headteacher for medicine to be administered by school staff or self-administered by the pupil
- Separate arrangements or procedures required during school trips and activities
- Where confidentiality issues are raised by the parents or pupil, the designated individual to be entrusted with information about the pupil's medical condition
- What to do in an emergency, including contact details and contingency arrangements

Where a pupil has an emergency healthcare plan prepared by their lead clinician, this will be used to inform the IHP.

IHPs will be easily accessible to those who need to refer to them, but confidentiality will be preserved.

Where a pupil has an EHC plan, the IHP will be linked to it or become part of it. Where a child has SEND but does not have a statement or EHC plan, their SEND will be mentioned in their IHP.

Where a child is returning from a period of hospital education, alternative provision or home tuition, the school will work with the LA and education provider to ensure that their IHP identifies the support the child will need to reintegrate.

All IHPs will be reviewed at least annually, or earlier if evidence is presented that the child's needs have changed.

• Managing medicines

In accordance with the school's procedures, medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a pupil's health or school attendance not to do so.

Pupils will not be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without their parents' written consent.

Non-prescription medicines may be administered in the following situations:

- When it would be detrimental to the pupil's health not to do so
- When instructed by a medical professional

No pupil will be given medicine containing aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor. Pain relief medicines will not be administered without first checking when the previous dose was taken, and the maximum dosage allowed.

Parents will be informed any time medication is administered that is not agreed in an IHP.

Each school will only accept medicines that are in-date, labelled, in their original container, and contain instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The only exception to this is insulin, which must still be in-date, but is available in an insulin pen or pump, rather than its original container.

All medicines will be stored safely. Pupils will be informed where their medicines are and how they are accessed. When medicines are no longer required, they will be returned to parents for safe disposal.

Sharps boxes will be used for the disposal of needles and other sharps.

Controlled drugs will be stored in a non-portable container and only named staff members will have access; however, these drugs can be easily accessed in an emergency. A record will be kept of the amount of controlled drugs held and any doses administered. Staff may administer a controlled drug to a pupil for whom it has been prescribed, in accordance with the prescriber's instructions.

Each school will hold asthma inhalers for emergency use. Emergency inhalers will be used in accordance with DfE guidance and where parental consent has been provided, or in an emergency where acting in the child's best interests. The inhalers will be stored in each classroom, and a spare in the medical cabinet in the school office(s).

Records will be kept of all medicines administered to individual pupils, stating what, how and how much medicine was administered, when, and by whom. Where applicable, a record of side effects presented will also be held.

• Non-prescription medicines

The federation is aware that pupils may, at some point, suffer from minor illnesses and ailments of a short-term nature, and that in these circumstances, health professionals are likely to advise parents to purchase over the counter medicines, for example, paracetamol and antihistamines.

Both schools work on the premise that parents have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide schools and settings with detailed information about their child's medical condition as and when any illness or ailment arises.

To support full attendance the school will consider making arrangements to facilitate the administration of non-prescription medicines following parental request and consent.

Pupils and parents will not be expected to obtain a prescription for over-the-counter medicines as this could impact on their attendance and adversely affect the availability of appointments with local health services due to the imposition of non-urgent appointments being made.

If a pupil is deemed too unwell to be in school, they will be advised to stay at home or parents will be contacted and asked to take them home.

When making arrangements for the administration of non-prescription medicines the school will exercise the same level of care and caution, following the same processes, protocols and procedures as those in place for the administration of prescription medicines.

Each school will also ensure that the following requirements are met when agreeing to administer non-prescription medicines:

- Non-prescription medicines will not be administered for longer than is recommended. For example, most pain relief medicines, such as ibuprofen and paracetamol, will be recommended for three days use before medical advice should be sought. Aspirin not be administered unless prescribed.
- Parents will be asked to bring the medicine in, on at least the first occasion, to enable the appropriate paperwork to be signed by the parent and for a check to be made of the medication details.
- Non-prescription medicines must be supplied in their original container, have instructions for administration, dosage and storage, and be in date. The name of the child will be written on the container by an adult.
- Only authorised staff will be able to administer non-prescription medicines.

• Allergens, anaphylaxis and adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs)

The protocol includes the following, on which this guidance provides advice:

Parents are required to provide their school with up-to-date information relating to their children's allergies, as well as the necessary action to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction, such as any medication required.

Staff members receive appropriate training and support relevant to their level of responsibility, in order to assist pupils with managing their allergies.

The administration of adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) and the treatment of anaphylaxis will be carried out in accordance with the school's Allergen and Anaphylaxis training. Where a pupil has been prescribed an AAI, this will be written into their IHP.

A Register of Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs) will be kept of all the pupils who have been prescribed an AAI to use in the event of anaphylaxis.

First Aiders will be trained on how to administer an AAI, and the sequence of events to follow when doing so. AAIs may be administered by appropriately trained staff, which may include first aiders.

Where a pupil is, or appears to be, having a severe allergic reaction, the emergency services will be contacted even if an AAI device has already been administered.

In the event that an AAI is used, the pupil's parents will be notified that an AAI has been administered and informed whether this was the pupil's or the school's device. Where any AAIs are used, the following information will be recorded on the Adrenaline Auto-Injector (AAI) Record:

- Where and when the reaction took place
- How much medication was given and by whom

The dose administered will be in line with the pupil's prescribed adrenaline auto-injector and the manufacturer's instructions

AAIs will not be reused and will be disposed of according to manufacturer's guidelines following use.

• Record keeping

Medical and medication records will be retained and disposed of in accordance with the school's Records Management and Data Protection policies. Proper record keeping will protect both staff and pupils, and provide evidence that agreed procedures have been followed.

• Emergency procedures

In the event of an emergency the school will seek assistance from the emergency services. If a pupil needs to be taken to hospital, a member of staff will remain with the child until their parents arrive.

In addition to the information provided within this policy please refer to our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

• Day trips, residential visits and sporting activities

Pupils with medical conditions will be supported to participate in school trips, sporting activities and residential visits.

Prior to an activity taking place, the school will conduct a risk assessment to identify what reasonable adjustments should be taken to enable pupils with medical conditions to participate. In addition to a risk assessment, advice will be sought from pupils, parents and relevant medical professionals. The school will arrange for adjustments to be made for all pupils to participate, except where evidence from a clinician, e.g. a GP, indicates that this is not possible.

• Complaints

Parents or pupils wishing to make a complaint concerning the support provided to pupils with medical conditions are required to speak to the school in the first instance. If they are not satisfied with the school's response, they may make a formal complaint via the school's complaints procedures, as outlined in the Complaints Procedures Policy.

• Defibrillators

Both our schools have an automated external defibrillator (AED). The AED will be stored in the main office at each school.

All staff members are made aware of the AED's location and what to do in an emergency. Training is provided through an INSET.

• Monitoring and review

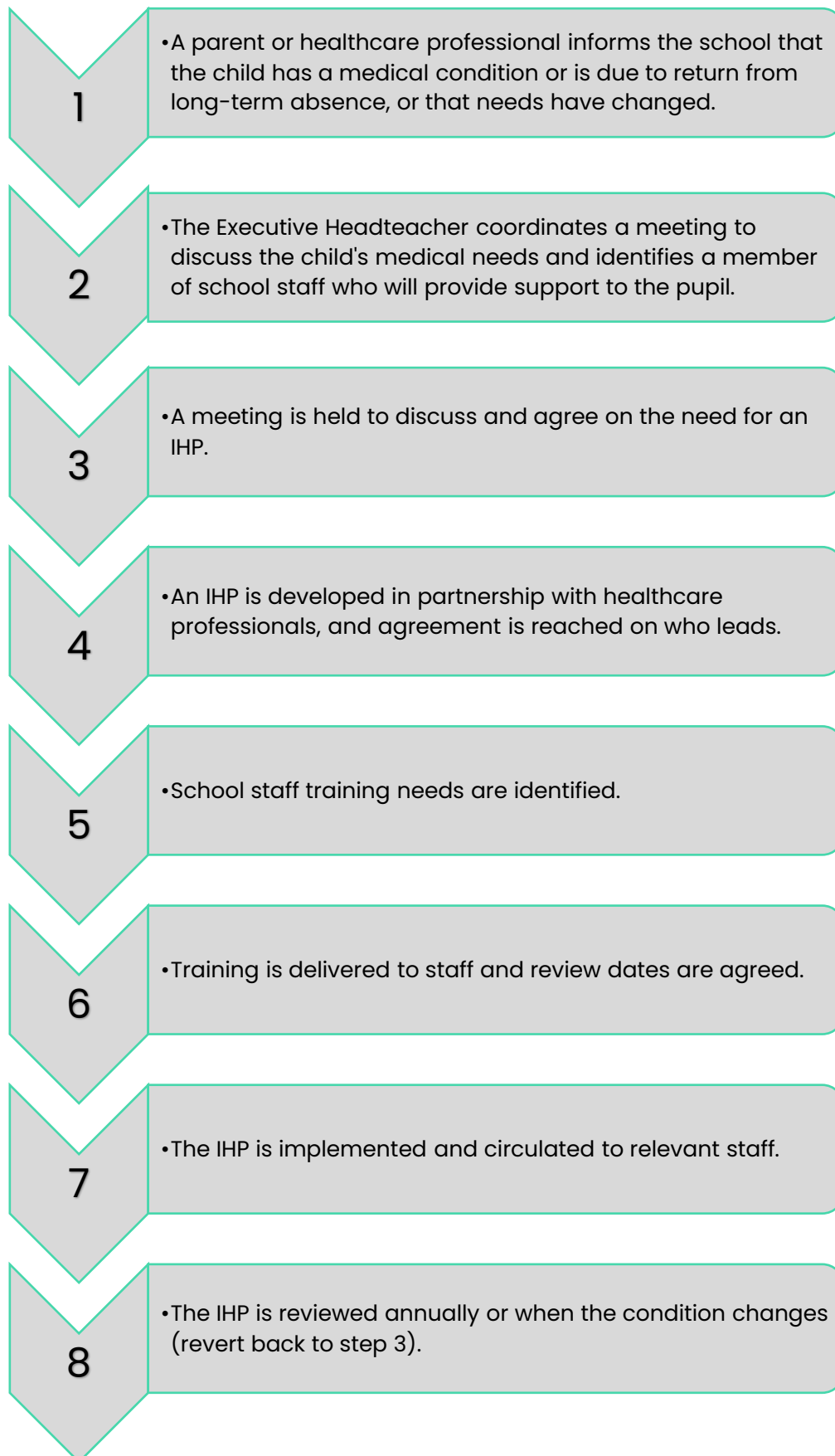
This policy has been reviewed against the current statutory guidance (DfE, 2015). The governing board will review and update it following publication of any revised statutory guidance.”

• Links to other policies

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Educational Visits
- Attendance Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions
- First Aid
- Pupil Equality Statement
- Intimate Care Policy

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a) Individual Healthcare Plan Implementation Procedure



b) Example Individual Healthcare Plan

- Pupil's details

Pupil's name	
Group/class/form	
Date of birth	
Pupil's address	
Medical diagnosis or condition	
Date	
Review date	

- Family contact information

Name	
Relationship to pupil	
Phone number	
Name	
Relationship to pupil	
Phone number	
Relationship to pupil	

- Hospital contact

Name	
Phone number	

- Pupil's GP

Name	
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Phone number

Who is responsible for providing support in school?

Pupil's medical needs and details of symptoms, signs, triggers, treatments, facilities, equipment or devices and environmental issues

Name of medication, dose and method of administration

Daily care requirements

Arrangements for school visits and trips

Other information

Describe what constitutes an emergency, and the action to take if this occurs

Responsible person in an emergency, state if different for off-site activities

Plan developed with

Staff training needed or undertaken – who, what, when:

c) Parental Agreement for the School to Administer Medicine

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form.

- **Administration of medication form**

Name of pupil	
Year Group / Class	
Date	
Medical condition or illness	

- **Medicine**

Name of medicine	
Expiry date	
Dosage and method	
Timing	
Special precautions and instruction	
Side effects	
Self-administration yes/no	
Procedures for an emergency	

Please note medicines must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy – the only exception to this is insulin, which may be available in an insulin pen or pump rather than its original container.

- **Contact details**

Name	
Telephone number	
Relationship to pupil	

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent for school staff to administer medicine in accordance with the relevant policies. I will inform the school immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication, or if the medicine is stopped.

Signature _____ Date _____

d) Record of Medicine Administered to an Individual Pupil

Name of pupil	
Date medicine provided by parents	
Quantity received	
Name and strength of medicine	
Expiry date	
Quantity returned	
Dose and frequency of medicine	
Staff signature	
Parent signature	

Date				
Time given				
Dose given				
Name of staff member				
Staff signature				

Date				
Time given				
Dose given				
Name of staff member				
Staff signature				

f) Contacting Emergency Services

To be stored by the phone in the school office

Request an ambulance – dial 999, ask for an ambulance and be ready with the information below.

Speak clearly and slowly, and be ready to repeat information if asked.

- The telephone number: **Parkend – 01594 562407**

Yorkley – 01594 562201

- Your name.
- Your location as follows:

Parkend Primary School

Yorkley Road

Lydney

GL15 4HL

Yorkley Primary School

Lydney Road

Yorkley

GL15 4RR

What Three Words

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What Three Words:

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- The exact location of the individual within the school.
- The name of the individual and a brief description of their symptoms.
- The best entrance to use and where the crew will be met and taken to the individual.