

Medical Care Policy-

Supporting all pupils including those with medical conditions



Overview

Mersey Park Primary places the utmost importance on the care, safety, well-being, and health of all pupils and staff, with particular attention to those with known medical conditions. This policy provides clear guidance on the actions to be taken when a pupil is admitted to school with an identified medical condition, or when any child or adult becomes unwell or is involved in an accident, either on school premises or during school activities.

It should be read in conjunction with the school's Medicines Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Intimate Care Policy, Educational Visits Policy, and the Department for Education's statutory guidance: *'Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions'* (DfE, December 2015).

Objectives:

1. To ensure that all pupils, including those with identified medical conditions, receive safe, effective, and appropriate care whenever they are in school or participating in any school-related activity. This includes responding promptly and professionally when a pupil or member of staff becomes unwell or is involved in an accident.
2. To ensure that all staff are aware of, understand and consistently follow the most recent Department for Education guidance, *Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions* (DfE, December 2015), and that appropriate training is provided for all staff—particularly those responsible for the care of pupils with medical needs.

Strategies:

1. Where a pupil is admitted to school with a medical condition, the school will liaise with parents, carers, relevant medical, clinical and other appropriate authorities to ensure that the child's individual needs are met and that they are given full access to the education provided for all pupils.
2. The officer staff or SENCo's will make teachers and others who care for a pupil with a medical condition, aware of the medical condition and its needs and levels of care and support that are to be provided.
3. Appropriate training will be provided for all staff and particularly for those with the care of pupils with medical conditions in line with DfE guidance (Sept 2014).
4. If any pupil including those with known medical conditions, is unwell in class or has an accident in school, the headteacher and/or first aider (or if the situation occurs out of school – the teacher in charge) will assess

the pupil and decide on the appropriate action which may include giving care and first aid or calling for an emergency ambulance if a pupil is seriously unwell or injured or their known medical condition is causing concern.

5. In the event of a serious medical emergency requiring hospital treatment, an ambulance should be called immediately and the patient should be cared for by staff until medical help arrives.
6. In the event of a child in Nursery or Foundation 2 having an accident in school, staff should always seek the help and support of a Paediatric Trained First Aider who will then treat the child appropriately.
7. A pupil's parents will be contacted as soon as possible, whenever there is a medical emergency or if a pupil receives first aid treatment or has an accident. Where appropriate, the school will ask the parent/carer to attend to support the pupil. Parents must always be notified if a child has a head injury, however minor it may appear at the time.
8. If in an accident or medical emergency, bodily fluids need clearing up the site staff will be called to deal with the matter.
9. Medical Tracker (online used for recording accidents and other medical emergencies) must be completed by the member of staff who is present at the scene of an accident or medical emergency.
10. If the injured person is a member of staff, they are responsible themselves for completing the form.
11. If an accident or medical emergency occurs off the school premises the member of staff present should complete Medical Tracker as soon as possible after returning to School.
12. The teacher in charge of any outing off the school premises has the responsibility for being acquainted with any specific medical needs or conditions of the pupils in his/her charge and have appropriate training in how to care for the child's subsequent medical needs.
13. Risk assessments must be carried out for all pupils especially those with known medical conditions on each trip.
14. In the event that an accident occurs out of school and the family cannot be contacted, at least one member of staff should accompany the person to hospital. In no circumstances should any students be left unattended as a result of a member of staff accompanying the injured person to hospital; in this instance, an ambulance should be called.
15. Staff planning educational visits or journeys, should consider the level of First Aid cover that will be required and the specific support needed by pupils with known medical conditions.
16. A designated teacher will be given overall responsibility for the care of pupils with known and identified medical conditions
17. A designated governor will be nominated to oversee this policy and to report annually to the governing body on its effectiveness

Conclusion:

This policy will ensure that where a child has a medical condition or where a child or adult is unwell or has an accident in school or on a school occasion, they are appropriately supported and cared for. It will ensure that the school does all that it reasonably can to give all pupils including those with a known medical condition full access to the education provided.

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