

SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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Introduction

- The Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on The Wensum Trust as a proprietor of academies to make arrangements for supporting pupils in Wensum Trust academies with medical conditions. In meeting this duty, The Wensum Trust must have regard to current **DFE** guidance.
- Where children have a disability, the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 will also apply.
- Where children have an identified special need, the SEN Code of Practice will also apply.
- All children have a right to access the full curriculum (including academy trips and physical education) adapted to their medical needs and to receive the on-going support, medicines or care that they require at academy to help them manage their condition and keep them well and the Wensum Trust shall ensure that arrangements in place in its academies to support pupils with medical conditions.
- The Wensum Trust recognises that medical conditions may impact social and emotional development as well as having educational implications.
- Trust academies require that its academy leaders consult and build relationships with healthcare professionals and other agencies and in order to effectively support pupils with medical conditions.

Roles and Responsibilities

The named person responsible for children with medical conditions in Arden Grove Infant and Nursery School is Kirsty Gant.

This person is responsible for:

- developing, monitoring and reviewing individual healthcare plans (as per Appendix 1)
- informing relevant staff of any medical condition
- arranging appropriate training for identified staff
- ensuring that staff are aware of the need to communicate necessary information about medical conditions to supply staff and where appropriate, taking the lead in communicating this information
- assisting with risk assessment for academy visits and other activities outside of the normal timetable
- working together with parents/carers, pupils, healthcare professionals and other agencies

The Wensum Trust is responsible for:

- determining the academy's general policy and ensuring that arrangements are in place to support children with medical conditions

The Local Advisory Board is responsible for:

- approving and reviewing any local additions/variations to this Policy (Appendix 3)
- reviewing the local operation of this policy on an annual basis

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- overseeing the management and provision of support for children with medical conditions including ensuring that individual healthcare plans are reviewed at least annually
- ensuring that sufficient trained numbers of staff are available to implement the policy and deliver individual healthcare plans, including to cover absence and staff turnover
- ensuring that academy staff are appropriately insured and are aware that they are insured
- reporting annually to the Local Advisory Board on the effectiveness of implementation of this policy

Teachers and Support Staff are responsible for:

- the day to day management of the medical conditions of children they work with, in line with training received and as set out in individual healthcare plans
- working with the named person and ensuring that risk assessments are carried out for academy visits and other activities outside of the normal timetable
- providing information about medical conditions to supply staff who will be covering their role where the need for supply staff is known in advance

NB. Any teacher or support staff member may be asked to provide support to a child with a medical condition, including administering medicines. However, no member of staff can be required to provide this support

Administering medicines

Written consent from parents/carers must be received before administering any medicine to a child at an academy.

Medicines will only be accepted for administration if they are:

1. In-date
 2. Labelled
 3. Provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. i.e. through prescription.
- the exception to this is insulin, which must be in date, but will generally be available inside an insulin pen or pump, rather than in its original container
 - medicines should be stored safely. Children should know where their medicines are at all times
 - written records will be kept of all medicines administered to children
 - pupils who are competent to manage their own health needs and medicines, after discussion with parents/carers will be allowed to carry their own medicines and relevant devices or will be allowed to access their medicines for self-medication

Any additional requirements specific to Arden Grove Infant and Nursery School are set out in Appendix 3

Action in case of emergencies:

A copy of this information will be displayed in the staff workroom (see Appendix 2).

- Request an ambulance — dial 999 and be ready with the information below. Speak slowly and clearly and be ready to repeat information if asked.
 1. The academy's telephone number: **01603 404553**
 2. Your name
 3. Your location: **Arden Grove Infant and Nursery School, Cottinghams Drive, Hellesdon, NR6 6QA**
 4. Provide the exact location of the patient within the academy
 5. Provide the name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms
 6. Inform ambulance control of the best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient

- contact the parents/carers to inform them of the situation
- a member of staff should stay with the pupil until the parent/carer arrives. If a parent/carer does not arrive before the pupil is transported to hospital, a member of staff should accompany the child in the ambulance

Activities beyond the curriculum:

- reasonable adjustments will be made to enable pupils with medical needs to participate fully and safely in day trips, residential visits, sporting activities and other activities beyond the usual curriculum
- The Headteacher is responsible for assessing if the appropriate medical arrangements and deployment of staff can be made to facilitate the pupil taking part in the arranged trip/visit/activity etc. In some cases the parent/carer may be requested to assist with the medical care if the pupil has complex needs. The final decision as to participation will be that of the Headteacher.
- when carrying out risk assessments, parents/carers, pupils and healthcare professionals will be consulted where appropriate

Unacceptable Practice:

The following items are not generally acceptable practice with regard to children with medical conditions, although the academy will use discretion to respond to each individual case in the most appropriate manner:

- preventing children from easily accessing their inhalers and medication and administering their medication when and where necessary
- assuming that every child with the same condition requires the same treatment
- ignore the views of the child or their parents/carers; or ignore medical evidence or opinion, (although this may be challenged)
- sending children with medical conditions home frequently or prevent them from staying for normal academy activities, including lunch, unless this is specified in their individual healthcare plans
- if the child becomes ill, sending them to the academy office or medical room unaccompanied or with someone unsuitable
- penalising children for their attendance record if their absences are related to their medical condition e.g. hospital appointments
- preventing pupils from drinking, eating or taking toilet or other breaks whenever they need to in order to manage their medical condition effectively
- requiring parents/carers, or otherwise making them feel obliged, to attend academy to administer medication or provide medical support to their child, including with toileting issues. No parent/carer should have to give up working because the academy is failing to support their child's medical needs
- preventing children from participating, or create unnecessary barriers to children participating in any aspect of academy life, including academy trips, e.g. by requiring parents/carers to accompany the child

Complaints:

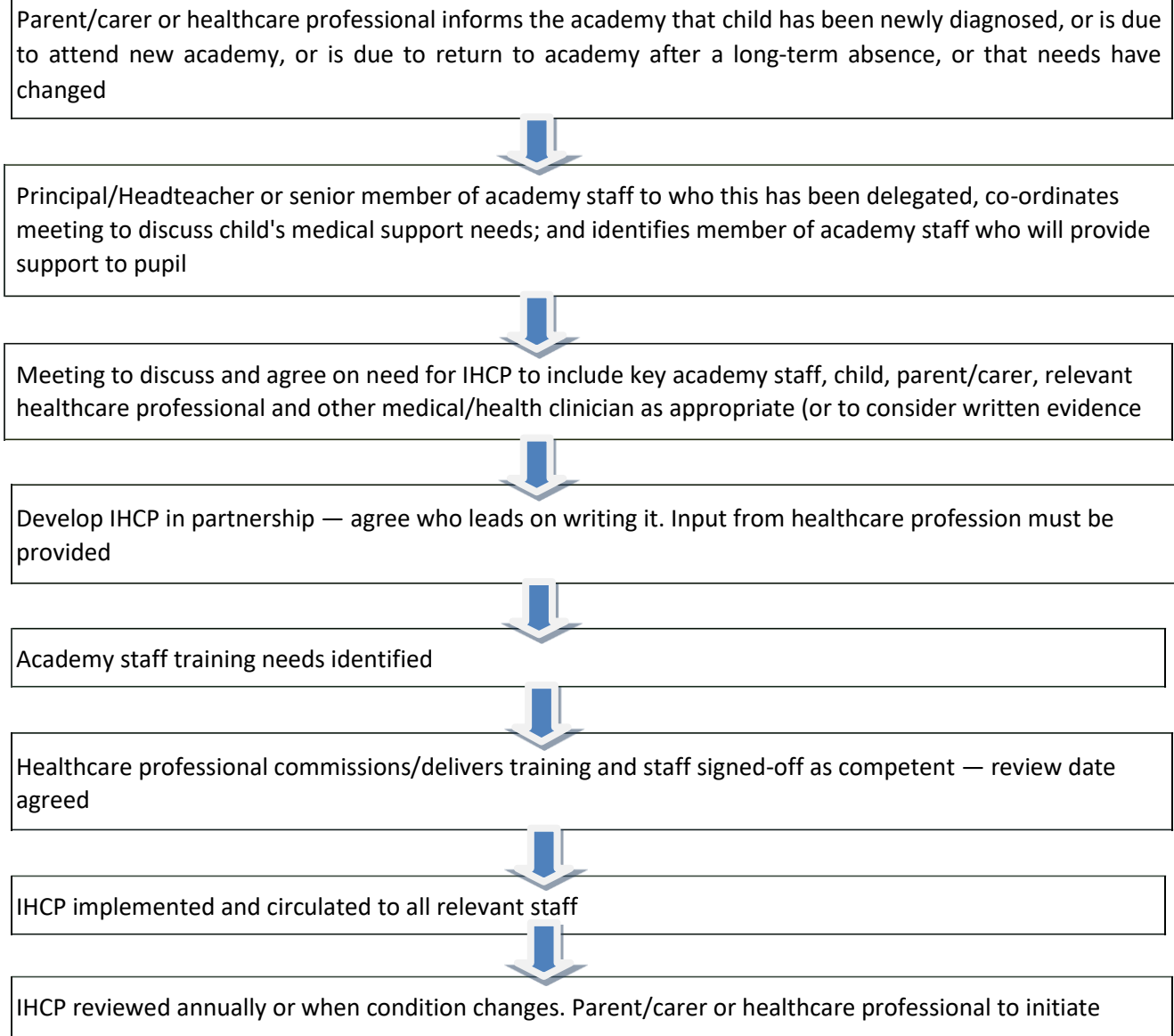
- an individual wishing to make a complaint about actions regarding the academy's actions in supporting a child with medical conditions should discuss this with the academy in the first instance
- if the issue is not resolved, then a formal complaint may be made, following the complaints procedure as set out in our complaints policy

Monitoring and review

The Trust will review this policy every 3 years and assess its effectiveness and implementation. Any deficiencies identified shall be corrected and used to inform review of the policy, which will be promoted and implemented throughout the Trust.

The Chief Executive Officer will report on the effectiveness of the policy to the Trust Board as appropriate.

Appendix 1: Process for developing Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCP)



The academy will use their own recording mechanism for an IHCP and a copy of the form may be included at Appendix 3'

Appendix 2: Action in case of an emergency poster

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- 1. The academy's telephone number: 01603 404553**
 2. Your name
 3. Your location: **Arden Grove Infant and Nursery School, Cottinghams Drive, Hellesdon, NR6 6QA**
 4. Provide the name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms.
 5. Inform ambulance control of the best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient.
- Contact the parents/carers to inform them of the situation.
 - A member of staff should stay with the pupil until the parent/carer arrives. If a parent/carer does not arrive before the pupil is transported to hospital, a member of staff should accompany the child in the ambulance.

Appendix 3: Local adaptations/ requirements (if any)

Arden Grove Infant & Nursery School

Local adaptations/ requirements (if any)

Administering Medicines:

This outlines the procedure for administering medicine to pupils:

- Medicines will only be administered if they have been prescribed by a doctor or some other authorised person. Medicines should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions for administration and dosage. We will not accept medicines that are out of date nor make changes to dosages on the parents/carers instructions. It is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure medication is in date.
- Medicine administration, by any member of staff, is undertaken purely on a voluntary basis and individual decisions will be respected. Appropriate training will be provided before voluntary staff members can administer any medicine.

Role of the Designated person/s	Staff who have volunteered to administer or supervise the taking of medicines will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake appropriate training Be up to date with care plans for those children with specific medical needs or emergency medications such as asthma inhalers or epipens.
Role of Parent/Carer	Parents/Carers must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written permission to administer medicine by completing the medical consent form. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> child's name, child's date of birth parent/carer contact information GP name and contact details name of medicine and details of prescribed dosage signature to confirm consent. Sufficient medical information on their child's medical condition, which includes: The medication in it's original, named and labelled container Sufficient medicine for the dosage to be given in school
Administration of Prescribed Medicine	Staff who have volunteered to administer or supervise the taking of medicines will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of Care Plans, which may require emergency action Read & check the Medical Consent forms before administering or supervising medication Check the medicine belongs to the named pupil and is within the expiry date Confirm the dosage and frequency on each occasion Ensure appropriate hygiene measures are taken Record when the medicine was given and complete the relevant form Return medicine to locked fridge Record when a child refuses to take medication and contact parent/carer to inform them of this
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All medicines are kept in a secure place (medical room) accessed only by relevant staff. There is a separate, locked fridge for medication that needs to be kept cool.
Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriately trained staff will attend the visit and be responsible for administering and necessary medication.
Sporting Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will have immediate access to asthma inhalers in school, during sporting activities during sporting activities within school hours and after school clubs. A trained staff member will be responsible to ensure the access to this and the supervision of or administration of any relevant medication.

(To be reviewed and approved annually by the Local Governing Body)

Appendix 4: Medical documents

Dear Parent/Carer,

Name..... Date.....

Your child has a problem with his/her breathing today for which they needed to use their reliever inhaler.

Number of puffs.....

Time.....

Wheezing

Coughing

Breathless

Yours Sincerely,

Emergency Treatment

In the event of a severe asthma I am happy for my child to receive up to 10-20 puffs of their reliever (usually Salbutamol) inhaler via a spacer until they get further medical help.

Signed: (Parent) Date

Key points for parents to remember:

This record is for your school. Remember to update it if treatment is changed. Remember to check you have enough inhaler doses and that the inhaler is in date and labeled by the pharmacist with your child's name and dosage details.

The section below is to be completed by school staff

Has this child got a healthcare plan for any other condition?

Yes ☐ (discuss with school nursing staff)

No ☐

Asthma record checked by asthma link person (Name)

Any concerns to be discussed with school health advisor/school nurse:

Record of discussion: Signature/Date:-

Asthma Record (Care Plan)

Surname

First Name

My child's details and contact numbers:

Date of Birth

Parent(s) name(s)

Telephone Home Work

Mobile

Doctor (GP) name

Doctor (GP) telephone

Asthma nurse

Known triggers/allergies

Any other medical problems?

My Child's Medication

Reliever medication (usually blue)

Medication name (e.g. SALBUTAMOL)	Device (e.g. diskhaler)	Dose (e.g. 1 blister)	When taken (e.g. when wheezy, before exercise)

Other Medication

Most preventers can be taken outside of school hours - check with your GP or asthma nurse

Medication name	How taken/device	Dose	When taken

ARDEN GROVE INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL



REQUEST FOR SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the Headteacher/s have agreed that school staff can administer the medication.

DETAILS OF PUPIL

Surname			
Forename(s)		Class	
DOB		Male/Female	M / F
Address			
Condition			

MEDICATION

Name of medicine (as described on			
Date prescribed			
Duration of course			
Dosage and method			
Timing		Self administered	Y / N
Side effects from medication?			
Procedures to take in an emergency			
Please provide details of your GP:	GP Name		
	Surgery		
	Telephone Number		
Is your child on any other medication at home? If yes please provide details below (in the event of an emergency, paramedics may need this information quickly from staff. If this changes please let us know)			

NB: Medicines must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	
Daytime telephone no.	
Relationship to child	
Address (if different to child)	
I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to: The office	

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing. I give consent to school staff administering medicine (First Aider) in accordance with the school policy and accept that this is a service which the school is not obliged to undertake. I confirm that my child's Doctor has stated that he/she considers it is necessary for the medication to be taken during school hours. 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(s)	(Parent/Guardian)
Date	

STAFF TO COMPLETE DETAILS BELOW WHEN MEDICINES ADMINISTERED

NAME	
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