

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
FIRST AID AND MEDICINES POLICY 2021-2022.

Co-ordinator: R. Hughes

Next review date: Autumn 2022 or as necessary

**The qualified First aiders are: *R Hughes *M. Campbell, *S Rickett, *K. Thompson-Jones
R Hughes, A Wilson & K Thwaite are Paediatric First aid trained.**

**The following staff members have received a first aid at work certificate:
E Williams, A. Reilly, P. Fields, S.Garnett, A Worrod , A Halpin**

Staff will attend refresher training as the first aid certificates expire .

First Aid boxes are situated in the following locations:-

1. Outside caretaker's room.
2. Junior corridor, near toilet door
3. Kitchen
4. Right hand side staff toilet.

There is a travelling First Aid Kit for visits and other expeditions outside school. Staff now carry a first aid waistbag, when on duty, since the COVID regulations were implemented.

Mrs S Rickett is responsible for topping up the boxes, but staff must inform her when they use resources, if the stock runs low.

Parents have prime responsibility for their child's health and must inform school of their child's medical needs. Once received, medical needs will be relayed to relevant staff. If a long term need has been identified by the parent, this information will be relayed to relevant staff and will be recorded on the pupil record. All pupils with a medical need will have a school Individual Health Care Plan, reviewed annually.

Accident Procedure

For accidents resulting in injuries of a minor nature, members of staff should refer children to a first aider, who will deal with them as they occur. Other people dealing with minor injuries should render assistance only as far as knowledge and skills permit. An accident form for each injury should be completed in the office; and placed into the accident forms file. The admin assistant will file these away monthly for storage and they must be kept on site permanently.

Children who bump heads will be given a standardised bumped head letter, which are available in the office. This is because of the dangers of concussion and compression, which are not always immediate. Teachers should ensure these are sent home. For a more severe bump to the head, staff must monitor the child every half hour and record observations on the back of the accident form.

For more serious injuries, CWAC should be informed via PRIME (online accident reporting). A copy of the form will be retained in the school office. A first aider should assess the injuries concerned and refer on to family / hospital if necessary. Each case will be dealt with on merits, based on the first aiders' assessment, with parents informed at the very earliest opportunity by phone/text.

All forms are on the CWAC Health and Safety intranet.

An ambulance will be summoned if serious injuries are deemed to occur which require urgent attention. Parents will be informed of all serious injuries. A healthcare passport will be sent with the child to A&E. We try to give verbal reports, even for minor accidents.

Medicines

Children may self-administer their own relievers for the treatment of asthma, in the presence of staff, once appropriate asthma cards have been completed and signed by parents.

Following new guidance, school will hold a salbutamol inhaler & spacers on the premises/trips for emergency purposes and will administer as required. Parents will need to sign the appropriate form authorising this action. See separate asthma policy.

Parents may come to school during the school day to administer **non prescribed medicine** for mild conditions e.g. cough medicine, calpol or, in accordance with the use of over the counter medicines guidance, parents can sign a form authorising staff to administer Non-prescribed (OTC) medicines. Parents must provide the medicine in a bottle bearing the pupils name. (NOTE; WE WILL NOT ADMINISTER CALPOL DURING THE PANDEMIC, AS IT MASKS COVID SYMPTOMS).

Ideally, parents should be asked to ensure medicine is prescribed in doses which can be administered out of school hours. However, if this is not possible and there is a written arrangement with parents, Mr Hughes (Headteacher), Mrs Mills (SBM) or Mrs Wilson will administer medicines as per the written arrangements. Mrs Mills and Mrs Wilson are suitably qualified to manage medicines in school (CWAC May 2015 & Sept 18). Mrs Mills and Mrs Wilson are the nominated staff members to ensure medicine is dispensed at the correct time, all other school staff know that only the office staff will administer medication.

All medicine **must** be handed in at the school office, where parents can complete the request for school to administer the medicine. The nominated staff will ensure that medicine is administered as per the written agreement with parents. Two members of staff will be present for the administration of the medication, and the child will be asked to verify his/her name at the time of administration. Medication must be in its original bottle which clearly describes the contents, dosage and child's name in full. If parents authorise a pupil to self-administer medication (i.e cream,) then the admin team will ensure the medication is given to the pupil at the correct time. If, for any reason, medicine is administered at a different time, parents will be notified.

Once medication has been administered, both members of staff involved in the administration will record details on the reverse side of the original request to administer the medicine and sign accordingly.

Generally medication will be stored in the fridge in the staff room. Controlled drugs will be locked in the safe in the admin cupboard.

Diabetes – see separate policy

Defibrillators -A Zoll AED plus defibrillator is on the school premises, located in the reception area. The machine and spare pads are checked on a regular basis. All school staff have received training in the use of the machine. The pads and machine are checked annually, to see it is working and if materials are 'in date'.

Residential trips We follow Cheshire West and Chester Educational Visits Policy and inform centres of children with medicines beforehand, using the relevant forms in the policy.

Specific medical needs and Risk assessments

Risk assessments will be carried out for any complex or specific medical needs. Staff working with such pupils will be briefed in detail on the requirements and associated risks. Risk assessments are also in place for staff health where necessary eg, maternity risk assessment.