



Lea Endowed CE Primary Medicine Policy

'LET EVERYONE SHINE'

At Lea Endowed Church of England School we provide an excellent education for our children. We follow God's example, by loving Him, and each other, in all that we do. Our whole school family is encouraged to achieve their full, God given potential and shine in their own special way.

"Let your light shine."

Matthew 5:16

Lea Endowed CE Primary School is committed to reducing the barriers to sharing in school life and learning for all its pupils. Our 'Managing Medicines' policy sets out the steps which we take to ensure full access to learning for all our children who have medical needs and are able to attend school.

So that children who require medicines receive the support they need, and that we work within approved guidelines, we follow guidance from the DfE publication, "Supporting Pupils at school with medical conditions" – DfE- Department of Health September 2014.

If medicine must be administered during the school day, parents / carers must provide full written information about their child's medical needs – a form is available to complete.

If a child is responsible enough to carry a particular medicine eg an inhaler, permission from a parent/carer is required.

Regarding prescription medicines, please note:

- Parents / carers should if possible administer dosages outside of the school day eg if there are three dosages per day, one first thing, one on return home and one at bedtime.
- We will only accept medicines which are essential; that is, where it would be detrimental to the child's health not to have the medicine during the school day.
- We will not administer medicines that have not been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber, unless it is done as part of an individual Health Care Plan. We can inform parents of this policy.
- Medicines should always be provided in the original container.
- Staff never give a non-prescribed medicine to a child unless there is specific prior written or recorded verbal permission on the school phone system, from the parents / carers.

Some children with medical conditions may have disabilities. Some may also have special educational needs (SEN) and may have a statement, or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision.

For children with SEN, this guidance should be read in conjunction with the SEND code of practice.

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