

Addendum to Medication Policy - COVID-19



In light of the situation regarding COVID-19 – Coronavirus, this Addendum is in line with Government guidance and should be used alongside the current Medication Policy NOT as a separate document.

The school will ensure there are adequate numbers of trained staff wearing PPE to administer first aid at all times of the day (including EYFS first aid). At all times children and staff movements are to be kept at a minimum to reduce the risk of transmission

Temperature checks and hand washing

All children and adults to have their temperature taken using contactless thermometers to enable temperatures to be measured before entering school. All those with raised temperatures (above 37.8 Celsius) to return home and follow NHS guidelines. Regular handwashing protocols to be followed.

Testing

The school is signed up for testing for staff showing Coronavirus symptoms. This will include members of their household. Children and their families also have access to testing. All staff and children in school will have access to a test if they display symptoms. If the test is negative, the infected person can return and the household end self-isolation. Parents/carers/staff to notify school if self-isolating.

PPE

PPE including face shields, disposable gloves and aprons must be worn by staff when administering first aid. First aid should be administered in well ventilated areas where possible - Training / guidance given to first aid staff on best practise and use of PPE.

Healthcare Plans

Annual reviews of Healthcare Plans will continue and will be posted home for parents/carers to review and return to the school. Any updates to Healthcare Plans, aside from annual reviews, should be directed to Mrs Strizovic.

Someone becomes unwell

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection.

Should a child display symptoms of an illness other than those described above (e.g. sickness), they should be moved to the dedicated medical station outside their class for initial treatment and assessment. If the symptoms do not quickly negate the child should be taken to main reception until the parent carer and/or emergency services arrive.

Dealing with body fluids

Where clearing up of body fluids is required, the staff member must wear appropriate PPE. This will include disposable gloves, disposable apron and fluid resistant surgical facemask and eye protection or face shield. PPE and waste disposal protocols to be followed (double bag waste). Handwashing protocols to be followed.