

NJA Managing Medicines in School Policy
Updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic - May 2020

This policy has been updated in light of the current restrictions in place due to COVID-19. A risk assessment is in place. This has been shared with all staff. The risk assessment outlines new procedures, which are a temporary update to this policy. If parents or carers need to attend school (if contacted to do so), they must comply with the COVID-19 visitor procedures in place.

Any child or member of staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 while in school will be cared for in an isolated area by a member of staff wearing PPE, until they are collected by Parents / Carers. In this case, all staff and children within the teaching group will be informed and will be asked to self-isolate for two weeks, in line with the current COVID-19 risk assessment.

Parents and carers will be asked to remain vigilant and NOT send their child to school if they or a member of their households are displaying symptoms of COVID-19. They should contact the school office immediately if this is the case.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

The school makes sure all staff understand their duty of care to children and young people in the event of an emergency.

All staff feel confident in knowing what to do in an emergency and need to ensure social distancing and adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.

This school understands that certain medical conditions are serious and potentially life threatening, particularly if poorly managed or misunderstood.

This school understands the importance of medication and care being taken as directed by healthcare professionals and recent COVID-19 legislation.

All staff understand the medical conditions that affect pupils at this school. Staff receive training on the impact medical conditions can have on pupils and risks in light of COVID 19.

The named member of school staff responsible for this medical conditions policy and its implementation is the Inclusion Leader, **Mrs Bywater**. She will ensure the following:

- Health Care plans already in place for children attending school will be reviewed in terms of establishing whether care needs can be met in line with the school's COVID-19 risk assessment.
- This school will listen to the views of pupils and parents.
- Pupils and parents will feel confident in the care they receive from this school and the level of that care meets their needs in light of COVID-19 guidelines.
- All staff understand their duty of care to children and young people and know what to do in the event of an emergency whilst ensuring COVID-19 guidelines are undertaken.
- This school understands that all children with the same medical condition will not have the same needs and will work on a case by case basis.
- All staff understand and are trained in what to do in an emergency for children with medical conditions at this school.

- All school staff, including temporary or supply staff, are aware of the medical conditions at this school and understand their duty of care to pupils in an emergency and are aware of COVID 19 risk assessments in place.

During the period of current restrictions due to COVID-19, the administering of medicine will be reviewed on a case by case basis in order to comply with the current risk assessment in place.

Appendix added **May 2020**