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Medicines in School – Emergency Medicines – Homely Remedies

Our school policy for Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs has recently been reviewed and updated in line with the latest guidance from the Department for Education and Department of Health. You may have seen the information published in our recent newsletters or on the school website.

Part of that review included the addition of the use of Emergency Inhalers and Homely Remedies. I would be grateful if you would familiarise yourself with the following particular areas of the policy:

Medicines in School

We will only accept prescribed medicines that are in date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, their dosage and storage.

You may find it useful to ask the pharmacist to provide you with antibiotics, for instance, split into two bottles so that one can stay in school for the duration of the treatment.

Homely Remedies

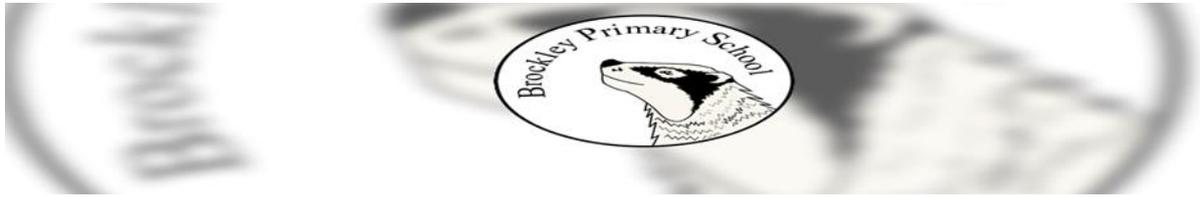
We do not administer non-prescribed medicines brought from home. The School maintains a stock of the following non-prescribed medicines. Every parent will be given the opportunity to sign a consent form, giving permission for the medications listed to be administered as required and only after verbal permission has been sought directly before administration. Keeping homely remedies on site ensures School can keep track of expiry dates and ensure equality for all; no child shall be at a disadvantage if their parent is unable to come into school to administer medication as parents can consent to School taking on this role. Medicines held on site:

- liquid paracetamol (age appropriate)*
- anti-histamine cream*
- sun cream for emergency use only*

We will periodically review the range of homely remedies kept in school. All medicines will be regularly checked (e.g. expiry dates) in line with guidance published.

Please note that these homely remedies are meant for when a child becomes unwell during the school day and enables us to relieve any pain the child might be in, without waiting for or expecting parents to, come into school with liquid paracetamol etc.

Salbutamol Asthma inhaler for emergency use:



An asthma inhaler and spacer is stored in School Office. Only those children who have been diagnosed with asthma and have been prescribed an inhaler will be offered the use of the School inhaler in the case of emergency e.g. lost, forgotten, empty or broken their own inhaler and where written consent has been previously received from parents.

Consent Forms

Attached to this letter are two consent forms for the use of liquid paracetamol and anti-histamine cream. If you would like your child to have access to these Homely Remedies during the school day, then please complete a form for each child and return it to school.

Sun Cream

We strongly recommend that parents apply sun cream before their child comes to school. The administration of sun cream from school will be on an immediate need basis and parents will be contacted at the time.

If you have any queries, or questions relating to supporting your child with their medical needs or medicines in school, please contact us and we will endeavour to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Rodgers

Headteacher