

Medication in School

Hi, my name is **Natalie Anslow** and I am the Medical Lead for Moat Farm Infant and Nursery School.



Children with serious medical conditions

If your child has a serious medical condition such as Diabetes, Epilepsy, Sickle Cell Anaemia or severe allergies then they will need a care plan in place before they can attend school. You should be able to obtain a care plan from your GP or specialist doctor. School can also refer children to the school nursing team who can draw up a care plan.

Your child **will not** be able to attend school if they have not got the necessary medication with them e.g. EpiPen, diabetes treatment.

Medication in school

If your child needs to have emergency medication such as EpiPen's or asthma inhalers in school then you will need to fill in a form from the school office or on the school website to consent to school staff administering this. You will also need to fill in a form if you require your child to have prescribed or non-prescribed medication in school. Forms can be found on the 'parent's page' under 'medication in school'. Please email these to natalie.skidmore@mfi.school. You can also get a form from the school office. **School will be unable to administer any medication unless these forms have been filled in beforehand.**

Prescribed medication

All prescription medication must come into school in the original, labelled, child proof container from the chemist. Where a child requires two types of medication each should be in a separate container and a form will need to be filled in for each medication. On arrival at school all medication should be handed to the school office. The medication should be clearly labelled with:

- Your child's name.
- The name and strength of the medication.
- The dosage and when the medication should be given.
- The expiry date.
- Any special storage arrangements.
- The date the medication has been issued by a chemist

Non-prescribed medication

Non-prescribed medication should be limited to a 24-hour period and not exceed 48 hours. If symptoms persist seek medical advice. When non-prescribed medicine is brought into school it should be in date and should be clearly labelled with:

- Your child's name.
- The dosage and when the medication should be given.

The manufacturer dose should match the dosage advised by parents and the information leaflet must be with the medicine.

School procedures

Parents will need to sign the school's medication form each day to say they have been told about medicine being administered. If medicine is handed back to parents you will also need to sign the medication form to say you have received it. If medicine has finished whilst in school the medicine will be returned to parents for disposal.

Out of date medication

It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that any medication in school is in date and new medication is bought in to replace any out of date medication. It is also the parent's responsibility to ensure that school have an adequate supply of medication

Asthma

If you have disclosed your child has asthma on the school forms they must have a reliever inhaler (usually blue) and a spacer in school.

Change in information

Parents are responsible to inform school of any changes to health care plans or medical needs in **writing from a GP or medical professional**. Parents can direct any additional information, letters or health guidance to Mrs Anslow to ensure that the necessary records are altered quickly and the necessary information is disseminated. **Verbal messages will not be accepted.**

First Aid in School

School have a number of staff trained in First Aid. If your child has an accident in school you will be informed of this at the end of the day and asked to sign the first aid book. The first aid book will be filled in however minor the accident may be as some bumps or grazes could develop after the incident. You will also receive an accident slip. Children who have had a head bump will also be wearing a bumped head sticker. If your child has had a more serious accident such as a head bump or nasty graze a telephone call will be made home to discuss this with you and any further action that may be needed.

Mrs Anslow is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 until 4:00. You can contact Mrs Anslow by:

- Asking your child's class teacher
- Phoning school and asking for Mrs Anslow
- Email Mrs Anslow

Tel: 0121 552 1885 Email: natalie.skidmore@mfi.school