

Wreningham VC Primary

Policy for Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions

1 Corinthians 12:12, "There is one body but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body."

All policies at Wreningham VC Primary School should be taken as part of the overall strategy of the school and implemented within the context of our vision, aims and values as a Church of England School

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Review of Policy This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or earlier if any changes are indicated at a national or local level.

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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Policy for Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions is to ensure that:

- Pupils, staff and parents understand how our school will support pupils with medical conditions
- Pupils with medical conditions are properly supported to allow them to access the same education as other pupils, including school trips and sporting activities

The Governing Board will implement the policy by:

- Making sure sufficient staff are suitably trained
- Making staff aware of pupil's condition, where appropriate
- Making sure there are cover arrangements to ensure someone is always available to support pupils with medical conditions
- Providing supply teachers with appropriate information about the policy and relevant pupils
- Developing and monitoring individual healthcare plans (IHPs)

This policy meets the school's statutory requirements under section 100 of the [Children and Families Act 2014](#) which places a duty on governing bodies of

maintained schools, proprietors of academies and management committees of PRUs to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions.

This Policy pays due regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance [Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions](#).

2. Roles & Responsibilities

2.1 The Governing Board

The Governing Board must make arrangements to support pupils with medical conditions in school, including making sure that a policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions in school is developed and implemented. They should ensure that sufficient staff have received suitable training and are competent before they take on responsibility to support children with medical conditions.

2.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher will ensure their school's policy is developed and effectively implemented with partners. This includes ensuring that all staff are aware of the policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions and understand their role in its implementation.

The Headteacher will ensure all staff who need to know are aware of the child's condition, ensure that sufficient trained numbers of staff are available to implement the policy and deliver against all individual healthcare plans, including in contingency and emergency situations. This may involve recruiting a member of staff for this purpose.

The Headteacher has overall responsibility for the development of individual healthcare plans, will make sure that school staff are appropriately insured and are aware that they are insured to support pupils in this way. The Headteacher will ensure that contact is made with Norfolk health care professionals (HCP) in cases where further guidance to support the management of the pupil's health need is required. This may include signposting to other HCP or organisations.

2.3 Parents

Parents will provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs. They may in some cases be the first to notify the school that their child has a medical condition. Parents are key partners and should be involved in the development and review of their child's individual healthcare plan and may be involved in its drafting. They should carry out any action they have agreed to as part of its implementation, e.g., provide medicines and equipment and ensure they or another nominated adult are contactable at all times.

Where a child is identified as having complex health needs which may require additional staff funding, or the management of more specialised equipment please consult the NCC Guidance for managing Children and Young People with complex medical care needs in educational settings.

2.4 Pupils

Pupils with medical conditions will often be best placed to provide information about how their condition affects them. They should be fully involved in discussions about their medical support needs and contribute as much as possible to the development of, and comply with, their individual healthcare plan. Other pupils will often be sensitive to the needs of those with medical conditions.

2.5 School Staff

Any member of school staff may be asked to provide support to pupils with medical conditions, including the administering of medicines, although they cannot be required to do so. Although administering medicines is not part of teachers' professional duties, they should take into account the needs of pupils with medical conditions that they teach.

School staff should receive sufficient and suitable training and achieve the necessary level of competency before they take on responsibility to support children with medical conditions. Any member of school staff should know what to do and respond accordingly when they become aware that a pupil with a medical condition needs help.

Staff must not give prescription medicines or undertake healthcare procedures without appropriate training (updated to reflect requirements within individual healthcare plans).

2.6 Norfolk HCP team

The school has access to school nurses and other health practitioners via the Just One Number (0300 300 0123) Single Point of Access: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk. Schools can contact the service for advice and support when a young person has a health condition and needs additional support and advice.

Where a health condition is impacting on school attendance, schools can also refer young people for a Health assessment to help explore the impact of their health needs. Where a child is already open to more specialist/community nursing or medical services, the HCP team may recommend liaison with the specialist service in the first instance. School/community/specialist nursing services may be able to provide advice on developing individual healthcare plans and support associated staff training needs. The Children & Young People's Health Services (Norfolk HCP) website also offers a range of online information and resources for children, young people, families and professionals: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services

2.7 Other Healthcare Professionals

Other healthcare professionals, including GPs, paediatricians and mental health professionals, may communicate with schools when a child has been identified as having a medical condition that will require support at school. They may provide advice on developing individual healthcare plans. Specialist local health teams may be able to provide support in schools for children with particular conditions (e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy).

3. Staff Training & Support

Any member of school staff providing support to a pupil with medical needs should have received suitable training.

This should include references to staff training on:

- the development or review of individual healthcare plans [IHPs]
- an understanding of the specific medical conditions they are being asked to deal with, their implications and preventative measures
- whole-school awareness training so that all staff are aware of the school's policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions and their role in implementing that policy
- relevant healthcare professional should be able to advise on training that will help ensure that all medical conditions affecting pupils in the school are understood fully. This includes preventative and emergency measures so that staff can recognise and act quickly when a problem occurs
- Training for specific conditions may be available via external websites for example: www.asthma.org.uk www.anaphylaxis.org.uk www.epilepsy.org.uk To discuss sources for training for specific health conditions contact the Just One Number (0300 300 0123)
- Awareness of other relevant NCC policies including those for pupils with complex medical care needs/intimate care needs

4. Managing Medicine on School Premises

Medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so.

- no child at Wreningham VC Primary will be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without their parent's written consent – except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, every effort will be made to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality
- the school has clear arrangements in which non-prescription medicines may be administered
- children under 16 will never be given medicine containing aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor
- medication, e.g., for pain relief, will not be administered without first checking maximum dosages and when the previous dose was taken or without first informing parents
- where clinically possible, the school will seek to ensure that parents request that medicines are prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours
- schools will only accept prescribed medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin, which must still be in date, but will generally

be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than in its original container

- all medicines should be stored safely. Children will know where their medicines are at all times and be able to access them immediately. Where relevant, they will know who holds the key to the storage facility. Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens should be always readily available to children and not locked away. This is particularly important to consider when outside of school premises, e.g. on school trips.
- when no longer required, medicines should be returned to the parent to arrange for safe disposal. Sharps boxes should always be used for the disposal of needles and other sharps
- a child who has been prescribed a controlled drug may legally have it in their possession if they are competent to do so but passing it to another child for use is an offence. Monitoring arrangements may be necessary. Schools should otherwise keep controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a pupil securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff should have access. Controlled drugs should be easily accessible in an emergency. A record should be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held
- school staff may administer a controlled drug to the child for whom it has been prescribed. Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions. Schools should keep a record of all medicines administered to individual children, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administered at school should be noted in school
- self-management by pupils; wherever possible, students are allowed to carry their own medicines and relevant devices or can access their medicines for self-medication quickly and easily. Students who can take their medicines themselves or manage procedures may require an appropriate level of supervision. If it is not appropriate for a student to self-manage, then relevant staff will help to administer medicines

4.1 Controlled Drugs

Controlled drugs are prescription medicines that are controlled under the [Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001](#) and subsequent amendments, such as morphine or methadone.

No pupil at Wreningham VC Primary School would be deemed to be competent enough to hold their own controlled medication (KS2 children inhalers are securely stored in their classrooms) and therefore all other controlled drugs including KS1 inhalers are kept in a secure LOCKED cupboard in the office and only office staff and the headteacher/ senior teacher will have access.

Controlled drugs will be easily accessible in an emergency and a record of any doses used and the amount held will be kept.

4.2 Asthma in the classroom

Asthma is a common condition, but its severity varies considerably. The major principle underlying the school guidance is **immediate access for all children to reliever medication**.

Every asthmatic child in KS2 should have their own inhaler, both in school and on school trips. These are stored in the classroom, easily accessible by the teaching staff. Parents should be aware of this. For younger children inhalers are stored in the school office and these pupils are supervised by a First Aider/teacher when taking their asthma medication.

Inhalers and spacer devices should have the children's names clearly marked. In the event of an inhaler being lost parents/carers are asked to bring in a spare which will have the child's name clearly marked.

***Parents should complete an Asthma Record (Care Plan) sheet each year. To ensure inhalers have sufficient puffs left, every time an inhaler is used an asthma slip should go home with the child. The inhaler must be checked termly by the parent/carer.**

5. Record Keeping

Governing bodies will ensure that written records are kept of all medicines administered to children – including medication refusals or errors. See Appendix 1 to 7 for details of how the school will conduct its record keeping.

6. Individual Healthcare Plans

The headteacher has overall responsibility for the development of IHPs for pupils with medical conditions. This has been delegated to the school's SENCO.

Plans will be reviewed at least annually, or earlier if there is evidence that the pupil's needs have changed. Special consideration needs to be given to reviewing the plan when a young person is transitioning to a different setting or reintegrating back into school after a period of absence.

Plans will be developed with the pupil's best interests in mind and will set out:

- What needs to be done
- When
- By whom

Not all pupils with a medical condition will require an IHP. It will be agreed with a healthcare professional and the parents when an IHP would be inappropriate or disproportionate. This will be based on evidence. If there is not a consensus, the headteacher will make the final decision.

Plans will be drawn up in partnership with the school and parents/carers with advice from a relevant healthcare professional, such as a member of the HCP team, a specialist nurse, allied health professional or paediatrician who can best advise on the pupil's specific needs.

The pupil will be involved wherever appropriate. If healthcare professionals cannot offer advice in person they may provide written guidance or information.

IHPs will be linked to, or become part of, any education, health and care (EHC) plan. If a pupil has SEN but does not have a statement or EHC plan, the SEN will be mentioned in the IHP.

The level of detail in the plan will depend on the complexity of the child's condition and how much support is needed.

- The pupil's resulting needs, including medication (dose, side effects and storage) and other treatments, time, facilities, equipment, testing, access to food and drink where this is used to manage their condition, dietary requirements and environmental issues, e.g. crowded corridors, travel time between lessons
- The medical condition, its triggers, signs, symptoms and treatments
- Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs. For example, how absences will be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or additional support in catching up with lessons, counselling sessions
- The level of support needed, including in emergencies. If a pupil is self-managing their medication, this will be clearly stated with appropriate arrangements for monitoring
- Who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of proficiency to provide support for the pupil's medical condition from a healthcare professional, and cover arrangements for when they are unavailable.
- Who in the school needs to be aware of the pupil's condition and the support required.
- Who outside the school needs to be aware of the pupil's condition and the support required (with appropriate consent from the young person and family) – for example school transport provided by local authority
- Arrangements for written permission from parents and the headteacher for medication to be administered by a member of staff, or self-administered by the pupil during school hours.
- Separate arrangements or procedures required for school trips or other school activities outside of the normal school timetable that will ensure the pupil can participate, e.g., risk assessments.
- Where confidentiality issues are raised by the parent/pupil, the designated individuals to be entrusted with information about the pupil's condition.

- What to do in an emergency (including medication administration errors), including who to contact, and contingency arrangements.

7. Emergency Procedures

As part of general risk management processes, all schools should have arrangements in place for dealing with emergencies for all school activities wherever they take place, including on school trips within and outside the UK. This is detailed in the school Educational Visits Policy.

Where a child has an individual healthcare plan, this should clearly define what constitutes an emergency and explain what to do, including ensuring that all relevant staff are aware of emergency symptoms and procedures.

Other pupils in the school should know what to do in general terms, such as informing a teacher immediately if they think help is needed.

If a child needs to be taken to hospital, staff should stay with the child until the parent arrives, or accompany a child taken to hospital by ambulance. Schools need to ensure they understand the local emergency services' cover arrangements and that the correct information is provided for navigation systems. It is important to ensure emergency treatments (for example asthma inhalers/adrenaline auto injectors) are always available – this may include consideration of when pupils are off-site but also accessing multiple areas across a large school site for different parts of their curriculum.

8. Equal Opportunities

The Governing Board will ensure that the school enables pupils with medical conditions to participate in school trips and visits, or in sporting activities, and not prevent them from doing so.

The school will consider what reasonable adjustments need to be made to enable these pupils to participate fully and safely on school trips, visits and sporting activities as detailed in the school's Educational Visits policy.

Risk assessments will be carried out so that planning arrangements take account of any steps needed to ensure that pupils with medical conditions are included. In doing so, pupils, their parents and any relevant healthcare professionals will be consulted.

The school acknowledges the [Equalities Act 2010 and schools](#) and works proactively to support all its pupils.

9. Unacceptable Practice:

Although school staff are encouraged to use their professional discretion and judge each case on its merits with reference to the child's individual healthcare plan, it is not generally acceptable practice to:

- prevent children from easily accessing their inhalers and medication and administering their medication when and where necessary
- assume that every child with the same condition requires the same treatment;

- ignore the views of the child or their parents; or ignore medical evidence or opinion (although this may be challenged)
- send children with medical conditions home frequently for reasons associated with their medical condition or prevent them from staying for normal school activities, including lunch, unless this is specified in their individual healthcare plans
- if the child becomes ill, send them to the school office or medical room unaccompanied or with someone unsuitable
- penalise children for their attendance record if their absences are related to their medical condition, e.g. hospital appointments
- prevent pupils from drinking, eating or taking toilet or other breaks whenever they need to in order to manage their medical condition effectively
- require parents, or otherwise make them feel obliged, to attend school to administer medication or provide medical support to their child, including with toileting issues. No parent should have to give up working because the school is failing to support their child's medical needs.
- prevent children from participating, or create unnecessary barriers to children participating in any aspect of school life, including school trips, e.g. by requiring parents to accompany the child

10. Attendance

A child or young person with a medical condition may have difficulties attending school at certain times. This could be due to planned appointments or surgery, or as a result of an increase in symptoms or deterioration of their overall health condition.

Parents have a responsibility to advise schools of any planned appointments or predicted absence due to surgery/therapeutic intervention. Schools have a responsibility to [code this absence appropriately](#). If a school does not have sufficient information regarding a young person's health condition, and it is impacting on school attendance, they may contact the Just One Number (0300 300 0123) Single Point of Access: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk to request a school nurse attendance health check.

If this process does not identify sufficient information schools can also contact GP's with parental consent, utilising the NCC Joint Protocol between Health Services and Schools. If absence due to a medical condition is noted to be for more than 15 days, schools should consult the [NCC Medical Needs Service](#) for advice and support.

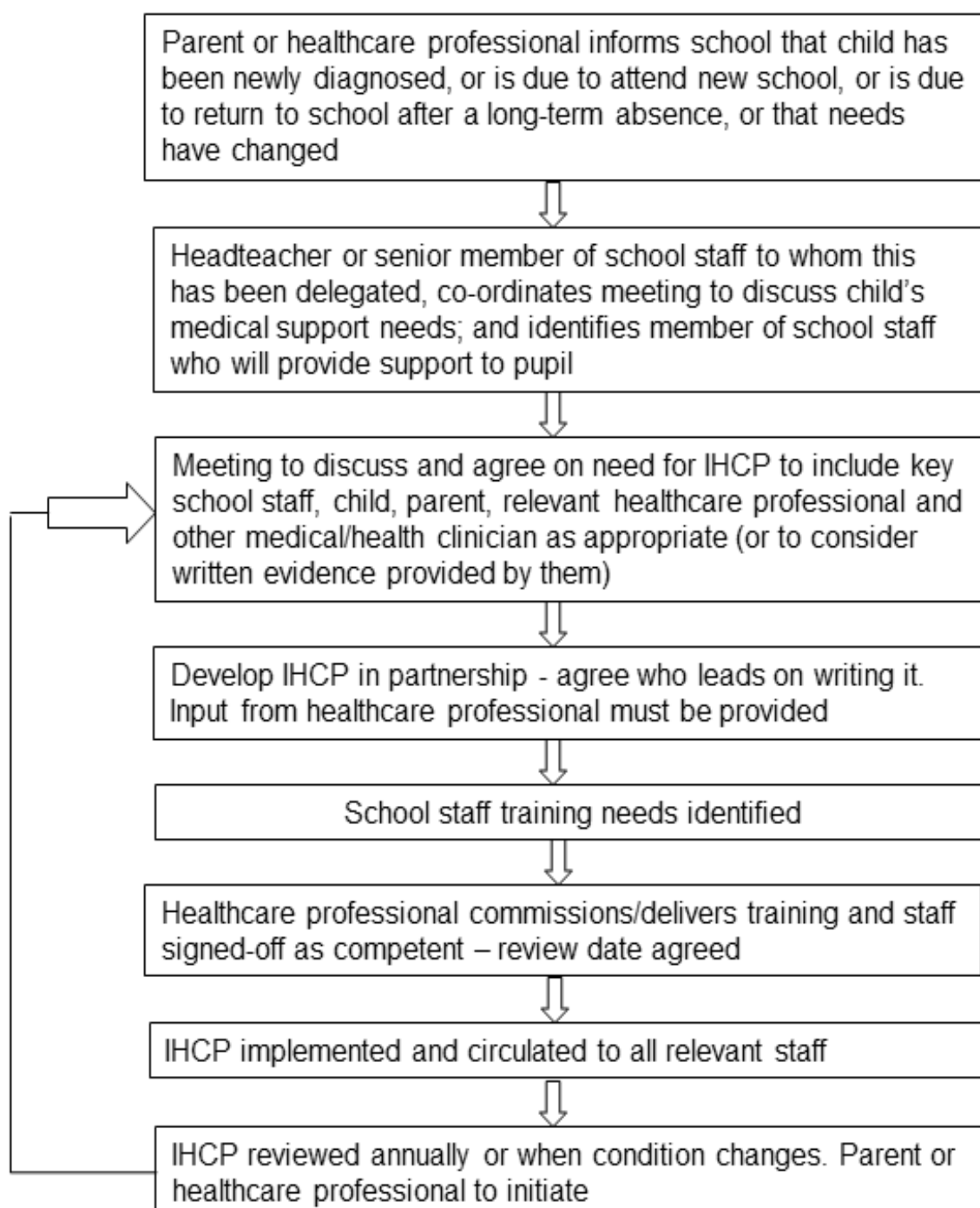
11. Liability & Indemnity

The Governing Board will ensure that the appropriate level of insurance is in place and appropriately reflects the level of risk. Proprietors of academies will ensure that either the appropriate level of insurance is in place or that the academy is a member of the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA).

Complaints - The Governing Board will ensure the school's policy sets out how complaints concerning the support provided to pupils with medical conditions may be made and will be handled.

If any child is unable to attend school for a sustained period of time due to ill health, the school would develop an individual health care plan. This would include how to support ongoing educational needs.

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLANS



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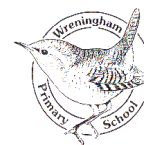
Record of Medicine Administrated to an Individual Child



| Child's Name | Medicine Administered | Time | Date | Initials/Signature |
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PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL SETTING TO ADMINISTER MEDICINE

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form.

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| School | Wreningham VC Primary School |
| Date | |
| Child's Name | |
| Class | |
| Condition/Illness | |
| Expiry Date How long will your child need this for? | |
| Directions How much to give/dosage | |
| Time When to be given | |
| Any other instructions | |
| MEDICINES MUST BE IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER AS DISPENSED BY THE PHARMACY | |
| Daytime Phone Number of parent | |
| <p>The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to school staff administering medicine in accordance with the school policy. I will inform school immediately if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.</p> <p>Where medication has been prescribed for the first time, parents are responsible for administering the first dosage.</p> | |
| Parent's Signature: Print Name: | |

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Asthma Record (Care Plan)



Name

My child's details and contact numbers:

Date of Birth

Parent(s) name(s)

Telephone Home Work
 Mobile

Doctor (GP) name Telephone

Asthma nurse

Known triggers/allergies

Any other medical problems?

My Child's Medication

Reliever medication (usually blue)

| Medication name (e.g. SALBUTAMOL) | Device (e.g. AeroChamber) | Dose (e.g. 1 puff) | When taken (e.g. when wheezy, before exercise) |
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Other Medication

Most preventers can be taken outside of school hours – check with your GP or asthma nurse

| Medication name | How taken/device | Dose | When taken |
|-----------------|---------------------|------|------------|
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Emergency Treatment

In the event of a severe asthma attack I am happy for my child to receive up to 10-20 puffs of a reliever (usually Salbutamol) inhaler via a spacer until they get further medical help.

I will supply a new inhaler at the start of each new academic year ☐ (please tick)

Signed: (Parent) Date

Key points for parents to remember: This record is for your school. Remember to update it if treatment is changed. Remember to check you have enough inhaler doses and that the inhaler is in date and labeled by the pharmacist with your child's name and dosage details.

LETTER INVITING PARENT/CARER TO CONTRIBUTE TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Parent/Carer

Developing an individual healthcare plan for [child's name]

Thank you for informing us of [child's name]'s medical condition. For your information I enclose a copy of the school's policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions.

An individual healthcare plan (IHC) may need to be prepared, setting out what support [child's name] needs and how this will be provided. IHCs are developed in partnership between the school, parents, pupils, and the relevant healthcare professional who can advise on [child's name]'s case. The aim is to ensure that we know how to support [child's name] effectively and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom. Although IHCs are likely to be helpful in the majority of cases, it is possible that [child's name] will not require one. We will need to consider how [child's name]'s medical condition impacts on his/her ability to participate fully in school life, and the level of detail within the plan will depend on the complexity of [child's name]'s condition and the degree of support needed.

A meeting to start the process of developing [child's name]'s IHC has been scheduled for [date]. I hope that this is convenient for you and would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are able to attend. The meeting will involve [the following people]. Please let us know if you would like us to invite another medical practitioner, healthcare professional or specialist. Please provide any other evidence you would like us to consider at the meeting as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend, it would be helpful if you could complete the attached IHC template and return it, together with any relevant evidence, for consideration at the meeting. I [or another member of staff involved in plan development or pupil support] would be happy for you to contact me [them] by email or telephone if this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

PUPIL'S HEALTHCARE PLAN

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Child's name

Class Date of birth

Child's address

Medical diagnosis or condition

Date Review date

Family contact information

Name Phone numbers work

Home mobile

Name Phone numbers work

Home mobile

Clinic/hospital contact

Name Phone number

GP Name

Phone number

Person responsible for providing support in school

Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms, triggers, signs, treatments, facilities, equipment or devices, environmental issues etc

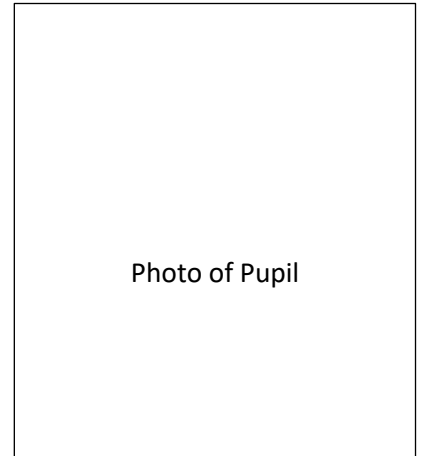
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Name of medication, dose, method of administration, when to be taken, side effects, contra-indications, administered by/self-administered with/without supervision

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Daily care requirements (e.g. before sport/at lunchtime)

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Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs

Arrangements for school visits/trips etc

Any other information

Describe what constitutes an emergency for the child, and the action to take if this occurs

Who is responsible in an emergency (state if different for off-site activities)?

Plan developed with

Staff training needed/undertaken – who, what, when

Parental agreement

I agree that the medical information contained in this form may be shared with individuals involved with the care and education of (insert child's name)

Signed Date / /

Parent or Guardian (or pupil if above age of legal capacity)

