

MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY

AIM/PURPOSE

Trinity is an inclusive community which aims to support students with medical conditions and to provide a safe, secure and caring environment for them.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The medical conditions policy has been drawn up on the basis of information from the Medical Conditions School Partnership and, specifically, Asthma UK. There are six conditions that require specific intervention; anaphylaxis, asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, epilepsy or sickle cell. The school has added sickle cell to the list of specific conditions in response to local need.

This policy is dependent on full disclosure of need, accurate recording and prompt action when necessary.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AT TRINITY CE HIGH SCHOOL

1. In the case of any medical emergency

All adults should act promptly in the best interest of the students. Students should be escorted to the Student Services office or help requested. Parents will be informed promptly of any medical emergency. Accessing paramedic support is **not** dependent on parental permission. A pupil with one of the six named conditions or who is carrying a medical information card and complains of feeling unwell should always be referred to Student Services Office.

A child with breathing difficulties; shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty speaking, must not be left alone. If, having taken a reliever inhaler repeatedly over five minutes and there being no improvement or, if in any doubt, an ambulance should be called, regardless of parental opinion over the phone. Where necessary, the school will provide an adult to accompany a student being taken to hospital in the absence of the parent.

2. Parents and Students

Parents are to inform school of all known medical conditions, in particular where students suffer from any of the six named conditions. In this case a Care Plan should be completed, and updated as necessary.

3. The school

The school will record all known medical conditions on the information management system and set the electronic Medical Needs “flag” to indicate that there is information available to staff.

Care Plans will be maintained in an electronic format and attached to student records in the same manner as educational support plans, thus being available to staff.

Staff will receive an introduction to this policy as part of their induction training. An annual reminder of the policy so as to understand what to do in an emergency for the most common serious medical conditions will take place as part of the staff INSET. Individual students with Care Plans and any specific action required will be identified through the “alert” list. Staff will also be made aware of qualified first aiders.

Student Services staff and all first aiders will receive regular refresher training for

dealing with each of the conditions named above and others. Medical incidents and the action taken by all staff will be recorded. Guidance on the storage and administration of medication at school is provided for staff involved.

The school does its best to ensure that the environment is inclusive and favourable to students with medical conditions. This includes the physical environment as well as social, sporting and educational activities. Also, the school is aware of the common triggers that can make common medical conditions worse or can bring on an emergency. The school is working towards reducing or eliminating risks.

4. Individual Staff

All staff have a responsibility to be aware of this policy and to implement it.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The policy is the responsibility of the Governors' Personnel Committee and will be evaluated and updated in liaison with the Deputy Head (Student Support) and ratified by the Full Governing Body.

Revised in the school year 2015-2016

APPENDIX OF USEFUL ADDRESSES

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