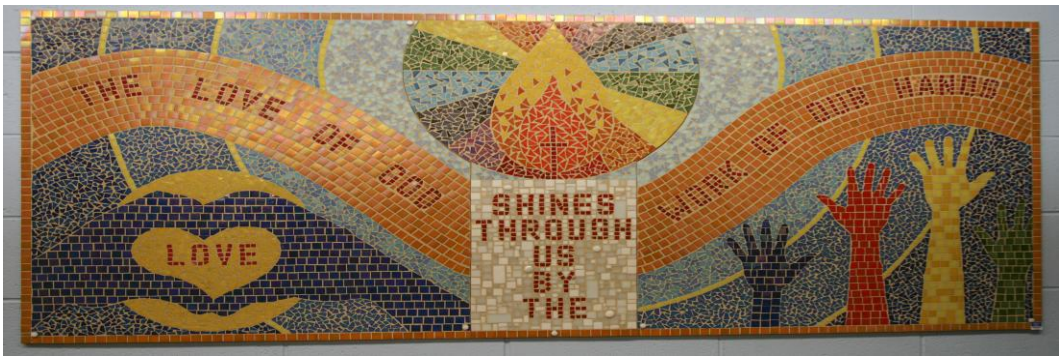
Norley CE Primary School



Medicines Policy

We are a church school where education is nourished through the teachings of Jesus Christ, enabling each child to fulfil their potential and which reflects our commitment to academic excellence.

We want our children to celebrate and appreciate diversity, fostering qualities that encourage every child to have aspiration for a society in which every individual is cherished.

With our Christian belief at its heart, we work in partnership with each other, families, the church, the local and wider community to create a stimulating and caring environment, where everyone is welcomed, nurtured and empowered.

Christian values directly inspire and influence the children to recognise their self-worth and flourish, enabling them to make the right choices that will continue to shape their lives.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
(Matt. 5:14-16)

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Our School takes the health and wellbeing of all our pupils seriously.

Illnesses & Medicines

If your child has been ill, please ensure that they do not return to school until they are fully fit. If your child is taken ill during school, we will contact you as soon as we can. **Please make sure that we are notified of any changes to emergency contact numbers.**

Parents should always administer medicine to their children and are encouraged to ask their child's doctor if it is possible for the timing of doses of any medication be set for outside school hours. If this is not possible then the following procedures apply:

- School will only administer medication prescribed by a medical professional. If possible, and where medicine is required 3 times daily, the medication should be given outside of school hours. School will administer where the dosage is 4 times a day or required at specific times of the day.
- If parents need to come to school to administer medication, they should come to the school office and a member of staff will collect their child from class
- The headteacher provides the overall agreement for any requests for for medication to be administered to a child in school hours before any medication is administered . Medication will only be administered if brought into school by the parent/carer.
- Parents/carers are required to sign a form giving school permission to administer the medicine. Medication is administered by 2 members of staff and staff are to sign this form when they have administered the medication.
- Medication must be in date, labelled with the child's name, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage.
- Medicines are kept in the staff room locked medicines cupboard unless they need to be kept in a refrigerator. In this case the refrigerator in the staff room is used. Any unused medication must be collected by the parent/carer.
- If the child refuses to take their medication, then they will not be forced to do so and parents/carers will be informed.
- No medicines should be brought into the school with a verbal message.
- Over-the-counter medications (cough mixtures, paracetamol, and suspension) should not be administered by the school unless prescribed by a Doctor.
- Aspirin and preparations containing aspirin will never be given to pupils.
- The staff have a record on children in their class with medical needs including asthma. This record is held in registers to ensure all staff, including supply staff are aware of these children.

Asthma

This School is "Asthma Friendly".

- We have a No Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vaping) policy. We acknowledge that cigarette smoke, vapours and chemicals trigger asthma attacks and so avoid them in the school environment.

- Inhalers should be available in school at all times for those children requiring them. They should be clearly labelled, in date and will be readily accessible. They must be taken on school visits, including visits to the swimming baths.
- School have 2 inhalers for emergency use.
- Many children use a plastic spacer to help them take their inhaler more effectively.

Dealing with medication and inhalers

- **Relievers** – These medicines, sometimes called bronchodilators, quickly open up the narrowed airways and help the child's breathing difficulties. Generally, relievers come in blue containers. Reliever inhalers are crucial for the successful management of asthma. Delay in taking reliever treatment, even for a few minutes, can lead to a severe attack and in rare cases has proven fatal. **If a child is not helped by their reliever inhaler, we will phone the emergency services and parents/carers will be informed**.
- **Preventers** – These medicines are taken daily to make the airways less sensitive to the triggers. Generally, preventers come in brown and sometimes white containers.
- A few children with severe asthma may use an electrically powered device called a nebuliser to deliver asthma medicines.

Asthmatic children and Sport

Children with asthma can suffer because many people think that their asthma prohibits them from joining in. The aim of full participation should be the goal for all but the most severely affected pupils with asthma. Taking a dose of reliever or Intal can help prevent exercise-induced asthma.

- Make an opportunity for children who have exercise-induced asthma to take a puff of their inhaler before they start exercise. Teachers should be aware that some children are shy of doing this in public.
- Make sure that children who say they are too wheezy to continue take their reliever inhaler and rest until they feel better.
- Where there are open wounds requiring further medical attention

If an ambulance is called, then the first aider in charge should make arrangements for the ambulance to have access to the injured person. Arrangements should be made to ensure that any child is accompanied in an ambulance by a member of staff until one of the parents or carers is present.

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