

ST OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

**With Christ at the centre of our community,
our mission is to live, love and learn as Jesus taught us.**



ST OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Medicines

Staff have no legal or contractual duty to administer medicine. Therefore, if your child needs to take medicine, please arrange for this to take place out of school hours. However, if this is not possible, parents are asked to contact the school office in order to arrange a convenient time for parents or carers to call in and administer the medicine themselves. The reasons for this request are as follows:

1. There is no suitable storage place for medicine in school.
2. There is always a risk that a double dose could be given, or a dose forgotten.
3. The medicine could remain in school overnight.

Please note that school staff are not permitted to administer medicines.

Exceptions to the above are long-term medications, which mainly involve children who are asthmatic. If your child suffers from an on-going medical need e.g. asthma, nut allergy, etc. please ensure that all the appropriate information is clearly printed on the 'Medical Conditions/Food Allergy' form together with a photograph of your child. Please provide 2 inhalers which will be kept securely in school. An asthma card will also be issued for you to complete and return to school. The 'Medical Condition/Food Allergy' forms are available from the school website or the office. This information will then be displayed in the school staff room in case of emergency. Please remember to contact us regularly to up-date or cancel your child's medical details. It is a parental responsibility to ensure medication is up-to-date. All medication and inhalers are sent home at the end of the school year. Parents are responsible for returning it to school in September.

Medical

If your child is sick or has an accident in school, we will need to contact you. To enable us to keep contact addresses and telephone numbers up to date, please notify the school ASAP of ANY changes.

If your child has a persistent cough or develops a rash, please consult your Doctor, as these may be infectious.

The Health Protection Agency has drawn up the following list of minimal isolation periods, but in severe cases, longer periods may be recommended by your GP.

Disease	Period of Exclusion
Chickenpox	Until all vesticles have crusted over.
Conjunctivitis	Consult your local pharmacy before attending school.
Flu	Until recovered.
German Measles (Rubella)	4 days from onset of rash.
Head Lice	A common problem in school, please check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family as necessary. Pupils may attend school once treated.
Impetigo	Until skin has dried and healed and there are no open sores or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.
Measles	4 days from onset of rash.
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling.
Scarlet Fever antibiotics.	24 hours after commencing
Sickness or diarrhoea	48 hours from the last episode.
Slapped cheek	None once rash has developed
Threadworm	Consult your local pharmacy before attending school.
Tonsillitis	Until recovered from virus.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	48 hours from commencing antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.

It is parent's responsibility to ensure that your child is well enough to come in to school.

