

St Mary's R.C. Primary School and ELC.

Learning Together,



Creating our Future



Policy on:

Issuing Medication and Medical Conditions

Rationale:



LEARNING TOGETHER, CREATING OUR FUTURE

Vision – **Safe, Respect**

HGIOS – 3.1,

GTC Standards – 1.1, 1.2

- Promoting health and wellbeing of self, colleagues and the children and young people in my care.
- Some children and young people may have a barrier to wellbeing and learning associated with a range of circumstances such as the learning environment, family circumstances, disability or health need, and social and emotional factors.

Aims:

To adhere to Falkirk Council's Guidelines for the Administration of Medicines in Schools

To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all pupils, staff, and visitors by providing effective management, support, and response measures for all medical conditions, including emergency and long-term care needs.

School Staff

It is the head teacher's decision whether or not to allow prescribed medicines into the school, but schools are generally happy to allow this if the correct paperwork is completed.

The school will arrange meetings with families of children who have specific medical conditions and need regular support in school eg. diabetes.

Medicines Administration

Parents who wish school staff to give medicines should bring the medication to school and fill in the appropriate form (MED1). It is also possible to complete another form (MED4) which allows pupils to carry and administer medication themselves, for example inhalers. Prescribed medication should be clearly marked with your child's name, date prescribed, how often it has to be taken and for how long.

Medically Prescribed Diets

Parents/Carers with a child(ren) on a medically prescribed diet should contact the school office in order to obtain and complete a prescribed diet referral and declaration form. The Schools Meals Service will only accommodate a child(ren) with a medical referral diagnosed by a medical professional.

Parents should:

Make the school aware of their child's medical needs before the child starts nursery or school.

Supply the correct prescribed medication for their child and to complete the necessary paperwork. (Med1 or Med4)

First doses of any medication must be given at home.

Medication must be handed in at the main office and not sent to school with a child.

Nut Free Policy

Our school has adopted a nut-free policy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, particularly those with severe nut allergies. Even a small trace of nuts can cause a serious and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. As a school community, we have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for every child.

What does this mean?

- Please do not send your child to school with any products containing nuts.
- This includes peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. almonds, cashews, walnuts), and any food items that list nuts as an ingredient (e.g. some cereal bars, chocolate spreads, or baked goods).
- We also ask that you check labels carefully when preparing packed lunches or snacks. We understand this may require some adjustment, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

If you are unsure whether a food item is suitable, please feel free to contact the school office for guidance. Thank you for your continued support.

References:

How Good is Our School?

[How good is our school? \(4th edition\) \(education.gov.scot\)](https://www.education.gov.scot/)

GTC Standards –

[Professional Standards | General Teaching Council for Scotland \(gtcs.org.uk\)](https://www.gtcs.org.uk/)