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Important changes to our Medication Policy

Administration of Medicines Parents/carers should come into school to discuss any concerns or issues they have regarding the administration of medicine. We will work together to ensure that children with medical needs are not disadvantaged. 1. We do not allow children to bring medication into school except as covered by the Local Authority guidelines and the relevant codes of practice. 2. We do not keep any medication for distribution to children, e.g. paracetamol. We do, of course, have first aid kits.

The responsibility for ensuring that children with medication needs receive the correct “treatment” rests ultimately with their parents/carers, or with a young person capable of self-administering his or her own medication (asthma inhalers). Parents and doctors should decide how best to meet each child’s requirements. Carefully designed prescribing can sometimes reduce the need for medicine to be taken during school hours or to help avoid unnecessary taking of medicines at school, parents should: 1. Be aware that a three times daily dosage can usually be spaced evenly throughout the day and taken in the morning, after school hours and at bedtime; 2. Ask the prescriber if it is possible to adjust the medication to enable it to be taken outside the school day.

Where this cannot be arranged, parents/guardians should come to school to administer the medicine. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.