



Northampton School *for Boys*

Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy

Approved by: NSB Trust Board

This policy has been drawn up in accordance with the DfE guidance Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions. In 2014, the duty to support students with medical conditions (Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014) was introduced to govern the way schools teach and care for children and young people with additional health needs. This was followed by the statutory guidance Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (DfE, 2015). The Key for School Leaders model template and advice from NAHT and Forbes Solicitors is also embedded within



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1. Aim of policy

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Pupils, staff and parents understand how our school will support pupils with medical conditions
- Pupils with medical conditions are properly supported to allow them to access the same education as other pupils, including school trips and sporting activities

The governing board will implement this policy by:

- Making sure sufficient staff are suitably trained
- Making staff aware of pupils' conditions, where appropriate
- Making sure there are cover arrangements to ensure someone is always available to support pupils with medical conditions
- Providing supply teachers with appropriate information about the policy and relevant pupils
- Developing and monitoring individual healthcare plans (IHPs)

2 Legislation and statutory responsibilities

This policy meets the requirements under [Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which places a duty on governing boards to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions.



It is also based on the Department for Education (DfE)'s statutory guidance on [supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#).

This policy also complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The governing board

The governing board has ultimate responsibility to make arrangements to support pupils with medical conditions. The governing board will ensure that sufficient staff have received suitable training and are competent before they are responsible for supporting children with medical conditions.

3.2 The headteacher

The headteacher will:

- Make sure all staff are aware of this policy and understand their role in its implementation
- Ensure that there is a sufficient number of trained staff available to implement this policy and deliver against all individual healthcare plans (IHPs), including in contingency and emergency situations
- Ensure that all staff who need to know are aware of a child's condition
- Take overall responsibility for the development of IHPs
- Make sure that school staff are appropriately insured and aware that they are insured to support pupils in this way
- Contact the school nursing service in the case of any pupil who has a medical condition that may require support at school, but who has not yet been brought to the attention of the school nurse
- Ensure that systems are in place for obtaining information about a child's medical needs and that this information is kept up to date

3.3 Staff

Supporting pupils with medical conditions during school hours is not the sole responsibility of one person. Any member of staff may be asked to provide support to pupils with medical conditions, although they will not be required to do so. This includes the administration of medicines.

Those staff who take on the responsibility to support pupils with medical conditions will receive sufficient and suitable training, and will achieve the necessary level of competency before doing so.

Teachers will take into account the needs of pupils with medical conditions that they teach. All staff will know what to do and respond accordingly when they become aware that a pupil with a medical condition needs help.

3.4 Parents

Parents will:

- Provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs
- Be involved in the development and review of their child's IHP and may be involved in its drafting
- Carry out any action they have agreed to as part of the implementation of the IHP, e.g. provide medicines and equipment, and ensure they or another nominated adult are contactable at all times



3.5 Pupils

Pupils with medical conditions will often be best placed to provide information about how their condition affects them. Pupils should be fully involved in discussions about their medical support needs and contribute as much as possible to the development of their IHPs. They are also expected to comply with their IHPs.

Pupils may be competent to manage their own health needs and medicines. The school will discuss individual competencies with parents and ensure the IHCP reflects the pupil's competencies for managing their own medicines and procedures.

Competent pupils will be allowed to carry their own medicines and relevant devices or will have access to their medicines from Main School Reception for self-medication quickly and easily, wherever possible. Pupils who can take their medicines themselves may require an appropriate level of supervision. When it is not appropriate for the pupil to self-manage, staff will help to administer medicines and manage procedures for them.

If a pupil refuses to take their own medicine or refuses to carry out necessary procedures relating to their medical needs, staff will not force them to do so, but will follow the procedure agreed within the pupil's IHCP. The school registrar will be responsible for informing the pupil's parents or carers, so that alternative options can be considered for future situations.

3.6 School nurses and other healthcare professionals

Our school nursing service will notify the school when a pupil has been identified as having a medical condition that will require support in school. This will be before the pupil starts school, wherever possible. They may also support staff to implement a child's IHP.

Healthcare professionals, such as GPs and paediatricians, will liaise with the school's nurses and notify them of any pupils identified as having a medical condition. They may also provide advice on developing IHPs.

4 Equal Opportunities

Our school is clear about the need to actively support pupils with medical conditions to participate in school trips and visits, or in sporting activities, and not prevent them from doing so.

The school will consider what reasonable adjustments need to be made to enable these pupils to participate fully and safely on school trips, visits and sporting activities.

Risk assessments will be carried out so that planning arrangements take account of any steps needed to ensure that pupils with medical conditions are included. In doing so, pupils, their parents and any relevant healthcare professionals will be consulted.

5 Being notified that a child has a medical condition

When the school is notified that a pupil has a medical condition, the process outlined below will be followed to decide whether the pupil requires an IHP.

The school will make every effort to ensure that arrangements are put into place within 2 weeks, or by the beginning of the relevant term for pupils who are new to our school.

See Appendix 1.

6 Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs)

The headteacher has overall responsibility for the development of IHPs for pupils with medical conditions. This has been delegated to the SENCo

Plans will be reviewed at least annually, or earlier if there is evidence that the pupil's needs have changed.

Plans will be developed with the pupil's best interests in mind and will set out:

- What needs to be done
- When
- By whom

Not all pupils with a medical condition will require an IHP. It will be agreed with a healthcare professional and the parents when an IHP would be inappropriate or disproportionate. This will be based on evidence. If there is no consensus, the headteacher will make the final decision.

Plans will be drawn up in partnership with the school, parents and a relevant healthcare professional, such as the school nurse, specialist or paediatrician, who can best advise on the pupil's specific needs. The pupil will be involved wherever appropriate.

Stage 1 – Gathering the information

- The Headteacher, senior member of staff, or SENCO co-ordinates a meeting between the school, healthcare professional and parent to discuss the medical support needs of the pupil
- Pupils should be involved when possible
- The meeting should ascertain whether an IHCP is appropriate, as not all pupils will require one
- All parties should agree, based on the evidence, as to whether an IHCP would be suitable. However, the Headteacher is best placed to take the final view if consensus cannot be reached
- The decision should be based on:
 - Whether there is a high risk that emergency intervention will be needed
 - Whether the medical condition is long-term and/or complex
 - Whether the pupil is returning to school following a period of hospital education or alternative provision (including home tuition)
 - Whether medical conditions are likely to fluctuate

A member of the school staff should be identified as being the person who will provide support to the pupil.

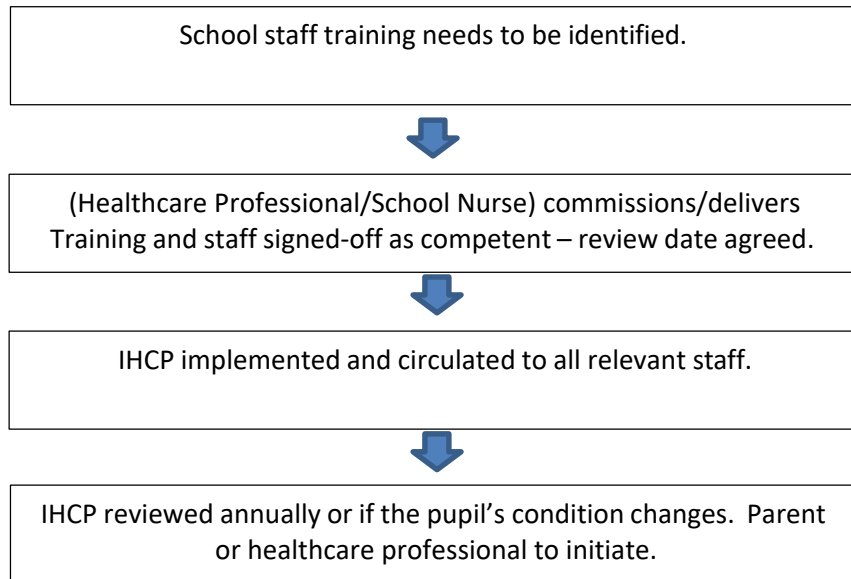
Stage 2: Developing an IHCP

The purpose of an IHCP is to capture steps which the school will take to help the pupil manage their condition and overcome any potential barriers to getting the most from their education.

Once the decision has been made to create an IHCP the outlined process should be followed: See appendix [A] for the school's IHCP.

Develop IHCP in partnership – agree who leads on writing it. Input
From healthcare professional must be provided.





IHPs will be linked to, or become part of, any education, health and care (EHC) plan. If a pupil has SEN but does not have an EHC plan, the SEN will be mentioned in the IHP.

The level of detail in the plan will depend on the complexity of the child's condition and how much support is needed. The governing board and the SENCo will consider the following when deciding what information to record on IHPs:

- The medical condition, its triggers, signs, symptoms and treatments
- The pupil's resulting needs, including medication (dose, side effects and storage) and other treatments, time, facilities, equipment, testing, access to food and drink where this is used to manage their condition, dietary requirements and environmental issues, e.g. crowded corridors, travel time between lessons
- Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs. For example, how absences will be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or additional support in catching up with lessons, counselling sessions
- The level of support needed, including in emergencies. If a pupil is self-managing their medication, this will be clearly stated with appropriate arrangements for monitoring
- Who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of proficiency to provide support for the pupil's medical condition from a healthcare professional, and cover arrangements for when they are unavailable
- Who in the school needs to be aware of the pupil's condition and the support required
- Arrangements for written permission from parents and the headteacher for medication to be administered by a member of staff, or self-administered by the pupil during school hours
- Separate arrangements or procedures required for school trips or other school activities outside of the normal school timetable that will ensure the pupil can participate, e.g. risk assessments
- Where confidentiality issues are raised by the parent/pupil, the designated individuals to be entrusted with information about the pupil's condition
- What to do in an emergency, including who to contact, and contingency arrangements

7 Managing Medicines

Prescription and non-prescription medicines will only be administered at school:

- When it would be detrimental to the pupil's health or school attendance not to do so and
- Where we have parents' written consent

The only exception to this is where the medicine has been prescribed to the pupil without the knowledge of the parents.

Pupils under 16 will not be given medicine containing aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor.

Anyone giving a pupil any medication (for example, for pain relief) will first check maximum dosages and when the previous dosage was taken. Parents will always be informed.

The school will only accept prescribed medicines that are:

- In-date
- Labelled
- Provided in the original container, as dispensed by the pharmacist, and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage

The school will accept insulin that is inside an insulin pen or pump rather than its original container, but it must be in date.

All medicines will be stored safely. Pupils will be informed about where their medicines are at all times and be able to access them immediately. Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens will always be readily available to pupils and not locked away.

Medicines will be returned to parents to arrange for safe disposal when no longer required.

7.1 Controlled drugs

[Controlled drugs](#) are prescription medicines that are controlled under the [Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001](#) and subsequent amendments, such as morphine or methadone.

A pupil who has been prescribed a controlled drug may have it in their possession if they are competent to do so, but they must not pass it to another pupil to use. All other controlled drugs are kept in a secure cupboard in the school office and only named staff have access.

Controlled drugs will be easily accessible in an emergency and a record of any doses used and the amount held will be kept.

7.2 Pupils managing their own needs

Pupils who are competent will be encouraged to take responsibility for managing their own medicines and procedures. This will be discussed with parents and it will be reflected in their IHPs.

Pupils will be allowed to carry their own medicines and relevant devices wherever possible. Staff will not force a pupil to take a medicine or carry out a necessary procedure if they refuse, but will follow the procedure agreed in the IHP and inform parents so that an alternative option can be considered, if necessary.

7.3 Unacceptable practice



School staff should use their discretion and judge each case individually with reference to the pupil's IHP, but it is generally not acceptable to:

- Prevent pupils from easily accessing their inhalers and medication, and administering their medication when and where necessary
- Assume that every pupil with the same condition requires the same treatment
- Ignore the views of the pupil or their parents
- Ignore medical evidence or opinion (although this may be challenged)
- Send children with medical conditions home frequently for reasons associated with their medical condition or prevent them from staying for normal school activities, including lunch, unless this is specified in their IHPs
- If the pupil becomes ill, send them to the school office or medical room unaccompanied or with someone unsuitable
- Penalise pupils for their attendance record if their absences are related to their medical condition, e.g. hospital appointments
- Prevent pupils from drinking, eating or taking toilet or other breaks whenever they need to in order to manage their medical condition effectively
- Require parents, or otherwise make them feel obliged, to attend school to administer medication or provide medical support to their pupil, including with toileting issues. No parent should have to give up working because the school is failing to support their child's medical needs
- Prevent pupils from participating, or create unnecessary barriers to pupils participating in any aspect of school life, including school trips, e.g. by requiring parents to accompany their child
- Administer, or ask pupils to administer, medicine in school toilets

8 Emergency procedures

Staff will follow the school's normal emergency procedures (for example, calling 999). All pupils' IHPs will clearly set out what constitutes an emergency and will explain what to do.

If a pupil needs to be taken to hospital, staff will stay with the pupil until the parent arrives, or accompany the pupil to hospital by ambulance.

9 Training

Staff who are responsible for supporting pupils with medical needs will receive suitable and sufficient training to do so.

The training will be identified during the development or review of IHPs. Staff who provide support to pupils with medical conditions will be included in meetings where this is discussed.

The relevant healthcare professionals will lead on identifying the type and level of training required and will agree this with SENCo and Head First Aider. Training will be kept up to date.

Training will:

- Be sufficient to ensure that staff are competent and have confidence in their ability to support the pupils
- Fulfil the requirements in the IHPs
- Help staff to have an understanding of the specific medical conditions they are being asked to deal with, their implications and preventative measures



Healthcare professionals will provide confirmation of the proficiency of staff in a medical procedure, or in providing medication.

All staff will receive training so that they are aware of this policy and understand their role in implementing it, for example, with preventative and emergency measures so they can recognise and act quickly when a problem occurs. This will be provided for new staff during their induction.

10 Record Keeping

The governing board will ensure that written records are kept of all medicine administered to pupils for as long as these pupils are at the school. Parents will be informed if their pupil has been unwell at school.

IHPs are kept in a readily accessible place which all staff are aware of.

11 Liability and indemnity

The governing board will ensure that the appropriate level of insurance is in place and appropriately reflects the school's level of risk.

We will ensure that we are a member of the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA).

12 Complaints

Parents with a complaint about their child's medical condition should discuss these directly with the First Aider or SENCO in the first instance. If the SENCO/First Aider cannot resolve the matter, they will direct parents to the school's complaints procedure.

The school will review annually the Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy and their support arrangements. The outcome of this review will inform the School Improvement Plan

13 Monitoring Arrangements

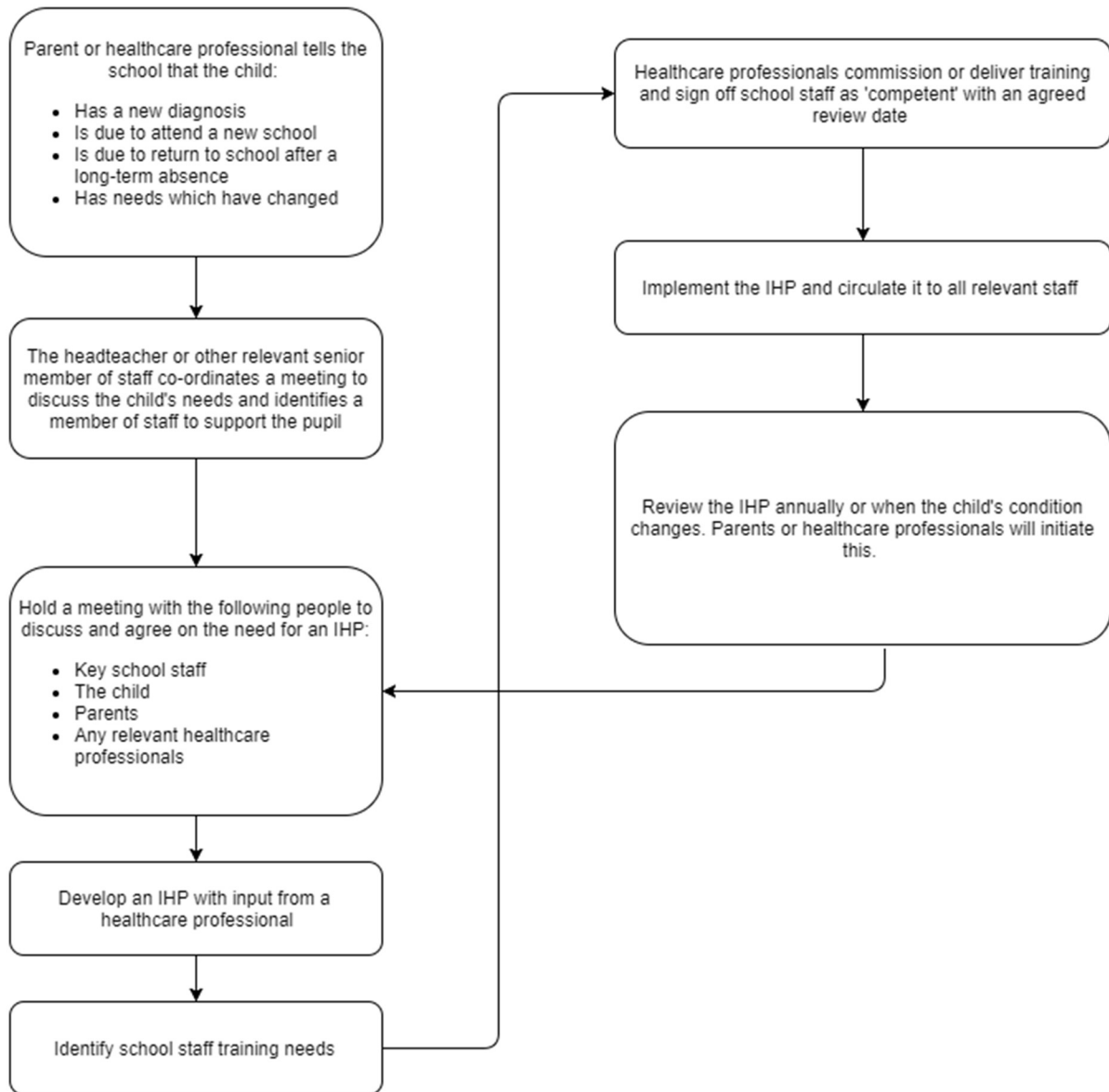
This policy will be reviewed and approved by the governing board every year.

14 Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Complaints
- Equality information and objectives
- Health and safety
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Special educational needs information report and policy

Appendix 1: Being notified a child has a medical condition



Designated governor for SEND
 Designated senior lead for SEND
 Designated SENCo
 Physical Difficulties team

Mary Kay
 Matt Kneeshaw
 Emily Spencer
 Paul Lagdon
 Matthew Wharton

Related Policies include Child Protection, Equality, and Behaviour.



Appendix A: Individual Healthcare Plan:

Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP)

School	
Pupil Name & Address	
Date of Birth	
Class	
Medical Diagnosis	
Triggers	
Who Needs to Know About the Pupil's Condition & What constitutes an Emergency	
Action to Be Taken in Emergency and by whom	
Follow Up Care	
Family Contacts Names Telephone Numbers	
Clinic/Hospital Contacts Name Number	
GP Name Number	
Description of medical needs and signs and symptoms	
Daily Care Requirements	
Who is Responsible for Daily Care	
Transport Arrangements <i>If the pupil has life-threatening condition, specific transport healthcare plans will be carried on vehicles</i>	
School Trip Support/Activities Outside School Hours (e.g. risk assessments, who is responsible in an emergency)	



Form Distributed To	

Date _____

Review date _____

This will be reviewed at least annually or earlier if the pupil's needs change

[Arrangements that will be made in relation to the pupil travelling to and from School. If the pupil has life-threatening condition, specific transport healthcare plans will be carried on vehicles]



Appendix B: Record of regular medicine administered to an individual pupil:

Record of regular medicine administered to an individual pupil

Name of school _____

Name of pupil _____

Date of medicine provided by parent/carer ____/____/____

Group/class/form _____

Name and strength of medicine _____

Quantity returned home and date _____

Dose and time medicine to be given _____

Staff signature _____

Signature of parent _____

Date	____/____/____	____/____/____	____/____/____
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			
Observations/comments			
Date	____/____/____	____/____/____	____/____/____
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			
Observations/comments			



Date	__/__/__	__/__/__	__/__/__
Time given			
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Staff initials			
Observations/comments			
Date	__/__/__	__/__/__	__/__/__
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Appendix C: Parental agreement for school to administer medicine.

Parental agreement for Northampton School *for Boys* to administer medicine
(One form to be completed for each medicine)

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form.

Name of pupil _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Medical condition or illness _____

Medicine: To be in original container with label as dispensed by the pharmacy

Name/type and strength of medicine (as described on the container)

Date commenced ____/____/____ Dosage and method _____

Time to be given _____

Special precautions _____

Are there any side effects that the School should know about? _____

Self-administration Yes/No (delete as appropriate)

Procedures to take in an emergency _____

Parent/Carer Contact Details:

Name _____

Daytime telephone no. _____

Relationship to child _____

I understand that I must deliver the medicine safely to the main School Reception
The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to appropriately trained school staff administering medicine in accordance with the school policy. I will inform the school immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Parent/carer's signature
Print Name
Date