



## BEVENDEAN ILLNESS AND MEDICINE POLICY

**Please ensure that the school has a completed medical form for your child before your child starts at school** as it is important to identify children with special health needs. These guidelines are issued for your information and are not necessarily a comprehensive list of all issues; if you would like clarification on any further points, please contact the school.

### ABSENCE

In the case of absence through illness, the school should be informed by telephone (Bevendean - answer machine - 01372 843770) on the first day of absence. If any special restrictions apply on return to school (e.g. games, swimming etc) a note from the parents to the form teacher is required.

### MEDICINES

Only prescribed medicines will be accepted in school. In most cases medicines are prescribed three times daily: breakfast time, tea time and bedtime, making a lunchtime dose unnecessary. However, if it is necessary, please leave your child's medication in the Bevendean office where there is a lockable dedicated medicine fridge. In addition, parents are required to complete an 'Administration of Medicines in School' form. Over the counter medicines will not be accepted.

### SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

Children who have been sick and/or have had diarrhoea should be kept at home for a period of 48 hours following the last episode of the illness.

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (eg Chicken Pox)

Children should be kept at home for approximately a week whilst the spots are weeping or blistering and cannot return to school until all the spots have crusted over. On their return to school, swimming will not be permitted until the scabs or crusts have completely healed.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (eg German Measles, Meningitis etc)

Please inform the school if your child has had a notifiable disease.

### HEAD LICE

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for checking their children's hair. The school no longer sends letters home if a case of head lice is confirmed. Advice on prevention and treatment (combing/conditioning is encouraged, even if your child is not affected) is available to all parents. Copies of these Guidelines are available on the school website.

## **WARTS AND VERUCCAS**

These are caused by a virus and children need to build up their own immunity to the virus. Swimming (with a sock) is acceptable, except in the case of bleeding or weeping warts. However, children should not share towels, so please ensure your child has his/her own swimming kit available as often as we ask for it. If concerned, please consult your doctor. It is school policy that verucca socks must be worn if infected.

## **CONJUNCTIVITIS**

This is very contagious and must be seen and treatment initiated by a doctor before returning to school. Staff will not administer ointment to children. If treatment is needed during the day parents are welcome to come in to school and apply it for their child. In some cases discomfort is extreme and the child should remain at home until the irritation subsides. Children should not swim until the condition is completely resolved (usually 4 to 5 days) and the eyes are no longer red.

## **THREADWORM**

We will make parents aware if a case of threadworm is reported in your child's class. The main symptom of threadworm infection is local itching, particularly at night. If infestation is suspected, please consult your pharmacist.

## **IMPETIGO**

This is a very contagious skin infection and must be seen and treated by a doctor. Lesions should be crusted and healed before your child is allowed to come to school.

## **ASTHMA, DIABETES, EPILEPSY, ANAPHYLAXIS**

It is the school policy to follow the guidelines given by the relevant association. Parents of children diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or who suffer from asthma, diabetes or any other chronic condition that might be serious will be asked to complete a Care Plan form giving all relevant details including emergency contact telephone numbers.

## **INHALERS, EPIPENS AND MEDIC ALERT**

Children who require inhalers or epipens should always have a spare one in school which the teacher will keep in the classroom. The school recognises the value of Medic Alert bracelets. Please inform the school if your child wears one.

## **INJURIES AND ILLNESSES OCCURRING IN SCHOOL**

The school has a policy on the procedures taken when injuries and illnesses occur in school. This can be seen in Mrs Samson's office.

## **GENERAL CONCERN**

The school will undertake to inform parents wherever there is concern over any aspect of your child's health.

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