



BEVENDEAN ILLNESS AND MEDICINE POLICY

All parents are asked to complete a medical form, before their child starts school, detailing the child's previous medical history, medical conditions, allergies etc and to include contact numbers for parents and the names and numbers of two local emergency contacts. Any subsequent additions or alterations to this information whilst the child attends Bevendean should be communicated to the office

It is particularly important that the school is provided with a full briefing (and appropriate medicine) on those diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or who suffer from asthma, diabetes or any other chronic condition that might be serious. Parents will also be given a Care Plan form to be completed giving all relevant details including emergency telephone numbers.

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. If it is necessary, for your child to have a dose at school, 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. All medicines should be clearly labelled with the child's name and class and provided in the original pharmacy labelled packaging.

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 about a week whilst the spots are weeping or blistering. Children may return to school only once all the blisters have crusted over.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Parents should inform the school if their child is diagnosed with a notifiable disease. Some examples are German measles (Rubella), Meningitis, Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Scarlet Fever or Mumps.

HEAD LICE

Head lice is an endemic problem to a greater or lesser degree in all schools. 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. A weekly check at home is recommended. Guidelines are available on the school website at www.daneshillschool.co.uk/Medical-Care

WARTS AND VERUCCAS

These are caused by a 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 swim/water socks must be worn if infected.

CONJUNCTIVITIS

This is often contagious and must be seen by a doctor before returning to school. Staff will not administer treatment to children. If treatment is needed during the day parents are welcome to come in to school and administer 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 or 48 hours of prescribed antibiotic treatment given, 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. Parents are responsible for ensuring any medication/inhales/adrenaline auto-injectors are kept in date.

INHALERS, ADRENALINE AUTO-INJECTORS (AAIs) AND MEDIC ALERT

Children who require inhalers or AAIs 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 on the school website and in the Bevendean 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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