



MEDICAL INFORMATION

At TEACH Trust we aim to ensure that all children attend school whenever they could possibly do so. We wish to provide for children who have medical conditions or require medication to fully participate in education and seek to ensure that no child receives less than their entitlement. We also seek to ensure that school staff are not placed in vulnerable positions and that no harm comes to any child. Although the full TEACH Medical/First Aid Policy can be accessed on the schools and TEACH websites, we wish to inform you of some key areas:

Emergency Contact Details

It is essential that the school has the most up to date contact details on their records, including names of emergency contacts, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and GP information. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THIS INFORMATION.** It is also essential that the person/s nominated as emergency contact is contactable in case of emergency.

Medical Officers and First Aiders

Each school has a designated Medical Officer. All Medical Officers have completed the First Aid at Work, Paediatric First Aid and Catastrophic Bleeding training. Additional First Aiders have also received training and are certified in First Aid at Work, Paediatric First Aid, Catastrophic Bleeding and the use of CPR. The School also provides basic knowledge to all staff in the treatment of conditions such as anaphylaxis, diabetes and asthma. The Medical Officers can provide advice, support and guidance and can be contacted on:

Canford Heath Infant School	Victoria Denton	01202 380015 Ext 200
Canford Heath Junior School	Nicky Fallesen	01202 676393 Ext 302
Ad Astra Infant School	Jo Cox	01202 602113 Ext 101
Haymoor Junior School	Izzy Welch	01202 659290 Ext 404

Children with Specific Medical Conditions

Some pupils have specific medical requirements (e.g. Asthma, allergies, and diabetes). It is the responsibility of their parents/carers to notify the school of any special medical needs or requirements and any changes in their child's condition or treatment. The school will, in consultation with parents/carers and health professionals (if necessary), complete an Individual Health Care Plan for the child. Children with specific medical needs are highlighted to staff through Medical Folders held in each year base area, and the Medical/First Aid Office, containing copies of any Individual Health Care Plans. Class Teachers are provided with a list and details of any child in their class with a medical condition. Children with acute allergies or 'high risk' medical conditions will be provided with a 'medical' identification band to wear daily on their wrist so that they can be promptly identified by all staff in an emergency situation.

Administering Medication

We will support children to attend school through administering both prescribed and non-prescribed medication, in school hours, if you grant us permission to do so. There is no legal duty for staff to administer medicine, it is entirely voluntary. In order that the Medical Officer or First Aider can administer medicine a **Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine form MUST be completed by the parent and agreed by the Head of School prior to medicine being administered where practicable. All medication must be delivered to, and collected by, the parent from the School Office. THE SCHOOL WILL NOT HAND MEDICATION BACK TO A PUPIL TO BRING HOME.**

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Children are required to attend school when they are well enough to do so.

Children who experience sickness which is unrelated to a sickness/diarrhoea bug or virus, for example, sickness due to high temperature, migraine, coughing/croup, asthma, food allergy, IBS, sun stroke and the like, **DO NOT NEED TO REMAIN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR 48 HOURS.** After they have been sick or have diarrhoea, they can return to school the following day.

However, it is recommended to ensure infection control, that **children who clearly have an infectious sickness/diarrhoea bug or virus will need to remain at home for 48 hours** after the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. Parents may contact the School Medical Officer for advice on their situation. The Medical Officer may also contact parents to offer guidance and support.

Head Lice

Head lice are not a serious health problem and rarely cause anything more than an itchy scalp. Head lice are not associated with poor hygiene; they are not selective and do not have a preference for clean or dirty hair. Good checking and care of hair by parents/carers is the best way to control head lice. **THERE IS NO NEED FOR A CHILD WHO HAS HEAD LICE TO STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL.** Treatment should be started on the day the head lice are identified. If head lice is identified on the child while they are in school their parent will be notified, however, the child will not be sent home.