



Supporting students with Medical Needs.

Aim of The Langley Academy Trust

To provide an outstanding education for every child in the trust through high aspirations and through the principles of quality learning using curiosity, exploration and discovery

The Langley Academy Trust will ensure that those with medical conditions receive the appropriate care and support, in line with Children and Families Act 2014, during their time with the trust. We aim to ensure that all children with medical conditions, relating to physical or mental health, are adequately supported so that they can lead a full role in academy life and access the same opportunities as their peers.

The policy follows the guidance laid out in the DFE's guidance, 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions', September 2014.

Responsibilities

Students/pupils will:

- Where possible, take responsibility for managing their own medicines/procedures. Where this is not possible, or a child refuses, parents will be contacted and alternatives discussed.
- Where possible, carry their own medicines/devices. If this is not possible the academy will store them in a suitable, accessible location.

Parents/carers will:

- Ensure that their child is fit to attend school.
- Inform school of any changes to medical conditions.
- Provide the academy with the adequate information about the child's condition and support the school as needed.
- Complete a consent for allowing the school to administer medicine if appropriate and before the medicine is brought onto site.
- Support, as appropriate, the SENDCO in developing the Individual Healthcare Plan (IHCP) for the child, liaising with staff and healthcare professionals as appropriate.

The Academy will:

- Ensure the appropriate arrangements are in place to support children with medical needs. This may involve making reasonable adjustments to facilitate inclusion in lessons.
- Inform the relevant staff of a child's medical condition.

- Ensure that IHCPs are put in place as needed, monitored and reviewed at least annually.
- Ensure children absent due to a medical condition are supported with their reintegration into the academy.
- Ensure that all accidents are recorded and reported.
- Accompany children who are hospitalised until a parent/family member arrives. Hospitalisation, from school, resulting in further treatment will be reported to the Finance Director and Link Governor.

Staff training

- The Trust will ensure that the appropriate amount of staff members are suitably trained and available to implement the policy and to support those children with medical needs.
- First Aiders will be trained to carry out this policy.
- First aiders will be trained to report accidents properly.

Medicines in the academy

- It is preferable for medicines to be prescribed so that children take them outside of the academy day.
- Where medicines have to be taken on site parents/carers must first complete and sign a parental agreement for a school to administer medicine. No child will be given medicine without this form, unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Medication containing aspirin will not be given to any child under the age of 16 without prescription from a doctor.
- Where a pupil is prescribed medication without the knowledge of parents/carers, academy staff will encourage the student to involve the parent while respecting their right to confidentiality.
- Written records will be kept when any medicine is administered.
- Medicines must be in date, labelled, provided in the original container/pen/pump with clear dosage instructions. If these criteria are not met the academy will not take responsibility for the medicine.

Trips and visits

The Trust will make every effort to support children with medical needs to participate in sporting events, trips and visits. Teachers must be aware and informed of how a medical need might impact on participation. There must be enough flexibility for all children to participate, including where reasonable adjustment is needed, unless indicated otherwise by a medical professional.

Parents/carer must ensure that the appropriate staff member is fully informed of medical needs and relevant medical procedures.

Liability and indemnity.

The Trust insurance arrangements cover staff providing support to children with medical conditions.

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