



Supporting Pupils at School With Medical Conditions Policy Covid-19 Addendum September 2020

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The Supporting Pupils at School With Medical Conditions Policy remains relevant during this period of response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

When involved in supporting pupils with medical conditions, additional care must be taken to adhere to strict hygiene measures of handwashing and cleaning surfaces where appropriate.

Please refer to the Administration of Medicine on School Premises Policy and Addendum for more details on managing medicines.

Where a member of staff is named on an individual healthcare plan, the member of staff supporting the child should, wherever possible, be from the same 'bubble'. Where social distancing cannot be maintained for a sustained period of time or where staff might come in contact with bodily fluids, the member of staff will have access to appropriate PPE (face mask, visor, disposable gloves, plastic apron as appropriate) specifically identified to support the child with the individual healthcare plan. When using PPE staff must follow guidance on donning and doffing PPE:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877658/Quick_guide_to_donning_doffing_standard_PPE_health_and_social_care_poster_.pdf

These posters are on display around the school.

Details of which PPE to use and additional risk mitigation measures to have in place will be detailed in the child's individual healthcare plan, where appropriate. Where appropriate, additional advice will be sought from health professionals in partnership with parents/carers. The individual healthcare plan will be shared with all named staff and will also be available to all staff for reference. Details of actions to take to provide emergency care will also be outlined on the individual healthcare plan.

Individual risk assessments will be completed in partnership with staff, parents/carers and pupils to ensure the safety of all involved:

- Where supporting a pupil with a medical condition poses an additional risk to the member(s) of staff supporting the child.
- Where a pupil being in school poses an additional risk to the pupil due to their medical condition.

The Gypsy Hill Federation recognises that there are some pupils who continue to be advised by medical specialists not to be in school due to the very significant risk of covid-19 to them. Where this is the case, the SENDCo, the Senior Leadership Team and the class teacher will work with parents/carers and the pupil to ensure appropriate provision is in place so that the pupil has access to full educational provision.

In its contingency planning, the Gypsy Hill Federation is considering the impact that a local lockdown might have on pupils with medical conditions if schools remain open only to pupils who are not being advised to shield. Contingency planning will ensure that appropriate provision is in place so that all pupils access full educational provision.

The Gypsy Hill Federation recognises that parents of pupils with some medical conditions might have significant anxieties about their child's return to school and their child's attendance at school if there is a rise in cases. The SENDCo and members of the Senior Leadership Team will work in partnership with the parent and pupil to support them to feel safe in school. Adjustments, where appropriate, will be made and it is recognised that a flexible approach will

need to be taken with our most medically vulnerable pupils to ensure they access full educational provision.

Members of staff will have regard for the wider school risk assessment and public health guidance at all times when working with pupils with medical conditions.