

# Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

## Supporting Students with Medical Needs Policy

<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	<b>Supporting Students with Medical Needs</b>
<b>STATUS:</b>	<b>Statutory</b>
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<b>Achievement and Behaviour Committee</b>
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### 1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE POLICY

Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School recognises that students with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to the curriculum including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equalities Act 2010.

Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School wishes to ensure that pupils with medical conditions receive appropriate care and support at school. This policy has been developed in line with the Department for Education's guidance released in September 2014 – "Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions".

### 2. KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 2.1 The Local Authority (LA) is responsible for:

- Promoting cooperation between relevant partners and stakeholders regarding supporting pupils with medical conditions;
- Providing support, advice and guidance to schools and their staff;
- Making alternative arrangements for the education of pupils who need to be out of school for fifteen days or more due to a medical condition.

## **2.2 The Governing Body is responsible for:**

- The overall implementation of the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy and procedures at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School;
- Ensuring that the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds including, but not limited to: ethnicity/national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation;
- Handling complaints regarding this policy as outlined in the school's Complaints Policy;
- Ensuring that all pupils with medical conditions are able to participate fully in all aspects of school life;
- Ensuring that relevant training provided by the LA is delivered to staff members who take on responsibility to support children with medical conditions;
- Guaranteeing that information and teaching support materials regarding supporting pupils with medical conditions are available to members of staff with responsibilities under this policy;
- Keeping written records of any and all medicines administered to individual pupils and across the school population;
- Ensuring the level of insurance in place reflects the level of risk.

## **2.3 The Headteacher is responsible for:**

- The management of the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy and procedures;
- Making staff aware of this policy;
- Ensuring a sufficient number of trained members of staff are available to implement the policy and deliver IHCPs in normal, contingency and emergency situations;
- If necessary, facilitating the recruitment of a member of staff for the purpose of delivering the promises made in this policy;
- Ensuring the correct level of insurance is in place for teachers who support pupils in line with this policy.

## **2.4 The Welfare Officer is responsible for:**

- The day-to-day implementation of the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy and procedures;
- Taking appropriate steps to support children with medical conditions;
- Liaising with healthcare professionals regarding the training required for staff;
- Making staff who need to know aware of a child's medical condition;
- Developing Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCPs);
- Administering medication
- Contacting the school nursing service in the case of any child who has a medical condition.

### **2.5 Staff members are responsible for:**

- Taking appropriate steps to support children with medical conditions;
- Where necessary, making reasonable adjustments to include pupils with medical conditions into lessons;
- Administering medication, if they have agreed to undertake that responsibility;
- Undertaking training to achieve the necessary competency for supporting pupils with medical conditions, if they have agreed to undertake that responsibility;
- Familiarising themselves with procedures detailing how to respond when they become aware that a pupil with a medical condition needs help.

### **2.6 School nurses are responsible for:**

- Notifying the school when a child has been identified with requiring support in school due to a medical condition;
- Liaising locally with lead clinicians on appropriate support.

### **2.7 Parents and carers are responsible for:**

- Keeping the school informed about changes to emergency contact details;
- Keeping the school informed about any changes to their child/children's health;
- Completing a parental agreement for school to administer medicine form before bringing medication into school;
- Providing the school with the medication their child requires and keeping it up to date;
- Collecting any leftover medicine at the end of the course or year;
- Discussing medications with their child/children prior to requesting that a staff member administers the medication;
- Where necessary, developing an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHCP) for their child in collaboration with the Welfare Officer, other staff members and healthcare professionals.

## **3. DEFINITIONS**

- "Medication" is defined as any prescribed or over the counter medicine.
- "Prescription medication" is defined as any drug or device prescribed by a doctor.
- A "staff member" is defined as any member of staff employed at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, including teachers.

#### **4. TRAINING OF STAFF**

- Teachers and support staff will receive training on the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy as part of their new starter induction.
- Teachers and support staff will receive regular and ongoing training as part of their development.
- Teachers and support staff who undertake responsibilities under this policy will receive specific training relating to this role.
- No staff member may administer prescription medicines or undertake any healthcare procedures without undergoing training specific to the responsibility.
- No staff member may administer drugs by injection unless they have received training in this responsibility.
- The Welfare Officer will keep a record of training undertaken and a list of teachers qualified to undertake responsibilities under this policy.

#### **5. THE ROLE OF THE CHILD**

- Children who are competent will be encouraged to take responsibility for managing their own medicines and procedures.
- Where possible, pupils will be allowed to carry their own medicines and devices. Where this is not possible, their medicines will be located in an easily accessible location.
- If pupils refuse to take medication or to carry out a necessary procedure, parents will be informed so that alternative options can be explored.
- Where appropriate, pupils will be encouraged to take their own medication under the supervision of a teacher.

#### **6. INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLANS**

- Where necessary, an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHCP) will be developed in collaboration with the pupil, parents/carers, Executive Principal, Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and medical professionals.
- IHCPs will be easily accessible whilst preserving confidentiality.
- IHCPs will be reviewed at least annually or when a child's medical circumstances change, whichever is sooner.
- Where a pupil has an Education, Health and Care plan or special needs statement, the IHCP will be linked to it or become part of it.
- Where a child is returning from a period of hospital education or alternative provision or home tuition, we will work with the LA and education provider to ensure that the IHCP identifies the support the child needs to reintegrate.

## **7. MEDICINES**

- Where possible, it is preferable for medicines to be prescribed in frequencies that allow the pupil to take them outside of school hours.
- If this is not possible, prior to staff members administering any medication, the parents/carers of the child must complete and sign a parental agreement for a school to administer medicine form.
- No child will be given any prescription or non-prescription medicines without written parental consent except in exceptional circumstances.
- Where a pupil is prescribed medication without their parents'/carers' knowledge, every effort will be made to encourage the pupil to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality.
- No child under 16 years of age will be given medication containing aspirin without a doctor's prescription.
- Medicines **MUST** be in date, labelled, and provided in the original container (except in the case of insulin which may come in a pen or pump) with dosage instructions. Medicines which do not meet these criteria will not be administered.
- A maximum of four weeks supply of the medication may be provided to the school at one time.
- Controlled drugs may only be taken on school premises by the individual to whom they have been prescribed. Passing such drugs to others is an offence which will be dealt with under our Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- Medications will be stored in the Medical Room.
- Any medications left over at the end of the course will be returned to the child's parents.
- Written records will be kept of any medication administered to children.
- Pupils will never be prevented from accessing their medication.
- Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School cannot be held responsible for side effects that occur when medication is taken correctly.

## **8. EMERGENCIES**

- Medical emergencies will be dealt with under the school's emergency procedures.
- Where an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHCP) is in place, it should detail:
  - What constitutes an emergency
  - What to do in an emergency
- Pupils will be informed in general terms of what to do in an emergency such as telling a teacher.
- If a pupil needs to be taken to hospital, a member of staff will remain with the child until their parents arrive.

## **9. AVOIDING UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICE**

Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School understands that the following behaviour is unacceptable:

- Assuming that pupils with the same condition require the same treatment.
- Ignoring the views of the pupil and/or their parents.
- Ignoring medical evidence or opinion.
- Sending pupils home frequently or preventing them from taking part in activities at school
- Sending the pupil to the medical room or school office alone if they become ill.
- Penalising pupils with medical conditions for their attendance record where the absences relate to their condition.
- Making parents feel obliged or forcing parents to attend school to administer medication or provide medical support, including toilet issues.
- Creating barriers to children participating in school life, including school trips.
- Refusing to allow pupils to eat, drink or use the toilet when they need to in order to manage their condition.

## **10.INSURANCE**

- Teachers who undertake responsibilities within this policy are covered by the school's insurance.
- Full written insurance policy documents are available to be viewed by members of staff who are providing support to pupils with medical conditions. Those who wish to see the documents should contact the Business Manager.

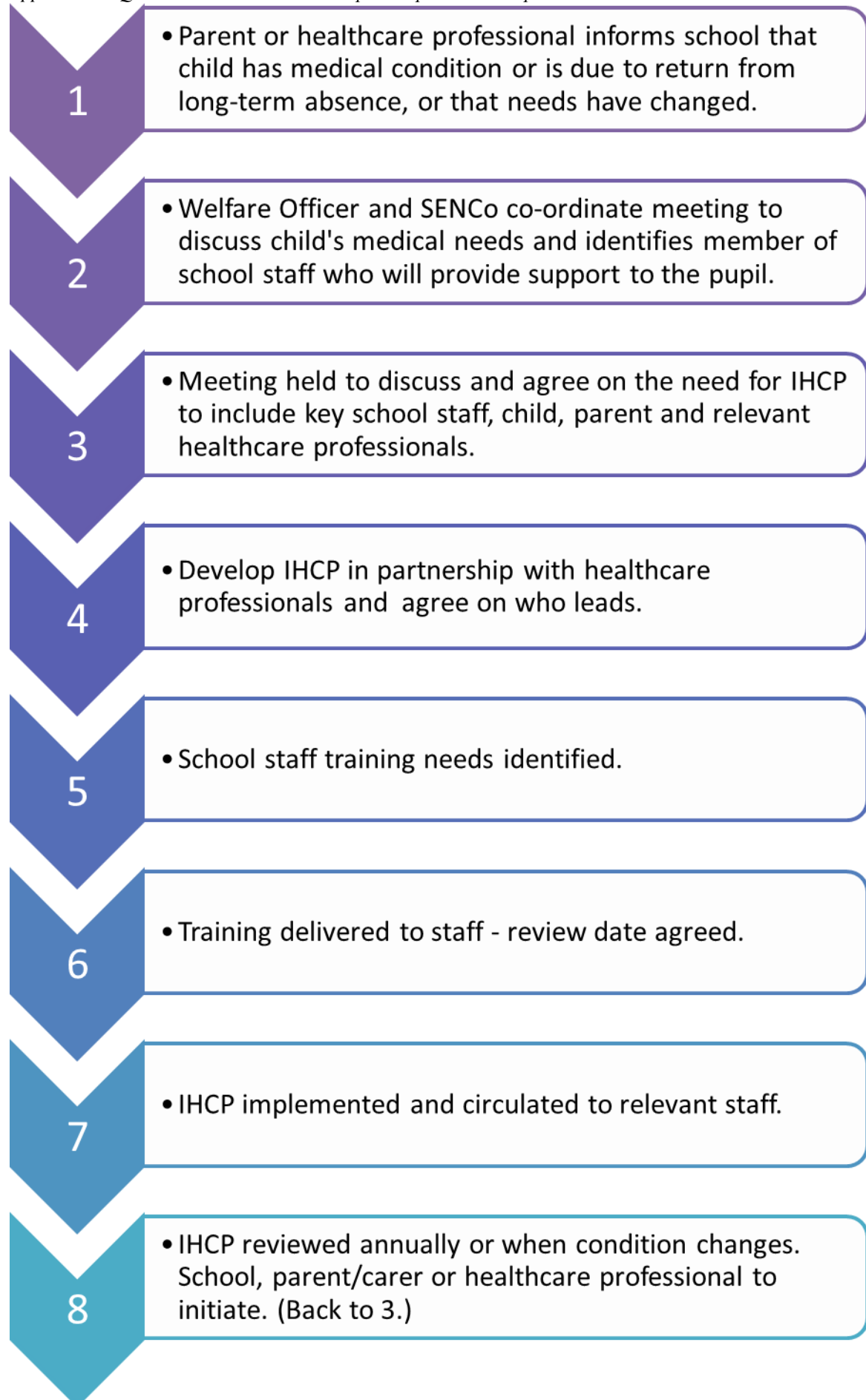
## **11.COMPLAINTS**

The details of how to make a complaint can be found in the school's Complaints Policy.

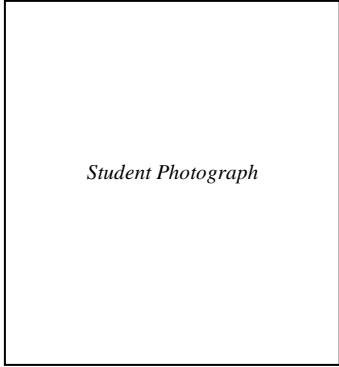
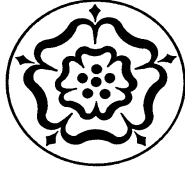
## **12.REVIEW DATE**

September 2015

Appendix 1 – QEGS' Individual healthcare plan implementation procedure



**Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School**  
**Individual Health Care Plan**



Child's name  
 Tutor group  
 Date of birth  
 Child's address  
 Medical diagnosis or condition  
 Date  
 Review date


**Family Contact Information**

Name  
 Phone no. (work)  
 (home)  
 (mobile)  
 Name  
 Relationship to child  
 Phone no. (work)  
 (home)  
 (mobile)


**Clinic/Hospital Contact**

Name  
 Phone no.


**G.P.**

Name  
 Phone no.


Who is responsible for providing support in school

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Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms, triggers, signs, treatments, facilities, equipment or devices, environmental issues etc.

Name of medication, dose, method of administration, when to be taken, side effects, contra-indications, administered by/self-administered with/without supervision.

Daily care requirements

Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs

Arrangements for school visits/trips etc.

Other information

Describe what constitutes an emergency, and the action to take if this occurs

Who is responsible in an emergency (*state if different for off-site activities*)

Plan developed with

Staff training needed/undertaken – who, what, when

Form copied to



# Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

## Medicine Administering Form

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form. For more information, please see our policy on supporting students with medical conditions.

Date for review to be initiated by	
Name of child	
Date of birth	
Tutor group	
Medical condition or illness	

### Medicine

Name/type of medicine (as described on the container)	
Expiry date	
Dosage and method	
Timing	
Special precautions/other instructions	
Are there any side effects that the school/setting needs to know about?	
Self-administration – y/n	
Procedures to take in an emergency	

**NB: Medicines must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy**

### Contact Details

Name	
Daytime telephone no.	
Relationship to child	
Address	
I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to	

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School staff administering medicine in accordance with the school's policy. I will inform the school immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School**  
Record of Medicine Administered Form



Name of child	
Date medicine provided by parent	
Tutor group	
Quantity received	
Name and strength of medicine	
Expiry date	
Quantity returned	
Dose and frequency of medicine	

Staff signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

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### Contacting Emergency Services



**Request an ambulance - dial 999, ask for an ambulance and be ready with the information below.**

**Speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat information if asked.**

- Your telephone number – **020 8449 2984**
- Your name.
- Your location as follows: **Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, High Street, Barnet, EN5 5RR**
- The exact location of the patient within the school.
- The name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms.
- The best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient.

Put a completed copy of this form by the phone.