

KNOCKAVOE SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTRE

Administration of **Medication Policy** 2022-2024

Ratification

Position	Signed	Date
Principal	Sharon Causchy	31/3/22.
Chair of Board of Governors	Pune Neill	31/3/22

Date of Review: ____Mark 2024.



Introduction

The Principal, Board of Governors and staff of Knockavoe School wish to ensure that pupils with medical needs receive appropriate care and support at school. As a rights Respecting School, pupil's needs will be met in a dignified, respectful manner- "You have a right to good health. You should have professional care and medicines when sick" (Article 24)

Most pupils will at some time have a medical condition that may affect their participation in school activities. This can be grouped in 3 categories

- 1. Pupils requiring **short term** medication for acute conditions.
- 2. Pupils with long term or complex medication needs.
- 3. Pupils who may very rarely require medication to be given in an emergency
 - Pupils with no known medical condition and the medical emergency arises "out of the blue"
 - Pupils with a known medical condition and Medication Plan is needed for a medical emergency.

The Principal will deal sympathetically with each request, from parents/carers for medication to be administered. Ensuring that parents' cultural and religious views are always respected.

The Principal accepts responsibility, in principle, for members of the school staff giving or supervising pupils taking prescribed medication during the school day where those members of staff have volunteered to do so. The Education Authority (Western), indemnify all staff who undertake any aspect of the Policy on Administrating Medication, if it is in line with Knockavoe School Policy which has been drawn up with the guidance document 'Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs SPMN Feb 2008'

Please Note: There is no legal duty that requires school staff to administer medication; this is a voluntary role and this Policy does not intend to alter in any way the right for staff to not volunteer. (Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs SPMN Feb 2008)

Key Principles

- 1. Parents should keep their children at home if acutely unwell or infections (SPMN Feb 2008)
- 2. Parents are responsible for providing the Principal with comprehensive information regarding the pupils condition and medication by providing a copy of the **Pupils Care Plan** or an **AM1 Form** (Appendix 1)
- 3. The school will endeavour to keep parents/carers fully informed of their child's medical condition and needs throughout the day.
- 4. Prescribed medication will not be accepted in school or administered without written and signed instructions from Medical Professionals on a M1 Form and Parent/Carer consent **AM2 Form** (Appendix 2)
- 5. Trained members of staff will be required to check expiry dates, dosage, frequency of administration and two trained staff members will always administer and sign off all medicines using an AM4 Form (Appendix 4)
- 6. In the event of a Medical Emergency, all staff must ensure that protocols are followed to ensure the safety of the pupils.
- 7. Staff within individual classrooms should split morning and lunch breaks to ensure the safety of the pupils.

Roles and Responsibilities

It is important that responsibility for pupils' health and safety is clearly defined and that each person involved with pupils who need medication are aware of what is expected of them. A partnership approach with close cooperation among schools, parents, health professionals and other agencies is important in providing a **supportive environment** for pupils with these needs to enable them to participate fully in school activities.

Parents/Carers

Please note: The term parent/s is used to refer to parents, carers and legal guardians.

Parents are responsible for:

- Making sure their child is well enough for school if acutely unwell or infectious they should remain at home
 - If a child comes to school showing signs of being unwell, parents will be contacted so that their child can be taken home as soon as possible
 - A child should remain from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea to prevent cross infection.
- Where possible medicine should be timed for administration outside of school hours.
- Providing the Principal with the original written medical evidence from the Consultant / GP / CCN detailing the treatment or care needed in school. Agreement will then be made with the principal.
- Providing a completed Knockavoe Prescription, AM2 Form, with the details of the dose and when the medication is to be administered. Ensure any changes in medication or condition are notified promptly and a new prescription form is completed, Knockavoe Staff **cannot** make changes to a pupil's prescription form.
- Providing sufficient medication and ensuring it is correctly labelled. Labels must correspond with the prescription form. Pupils cannot attend school if their medicine is not available or **they are out of date.**
- Delivering their child's medication to school and signing the school checklist (Appendix 9). Medication cannot travel on school Transport.
- Disposing of their child's unused or out of date medication.
- Collecting their child's medication at the end of the school year.



Principal/Vice Principal

The Principal/Vice Principal are responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school has a policy for supporting pupils with medication needs following the guidance document on SPMN Feb 2008.
- Ensure parents are aware of the school's policy.
- Ensure that all staff are aware of the policy and procedures.
- Designating the coordination role to an identified person.

Medical Coordinator

The Medical Coordinator is responsible for:

- Ensuring that adequate ratios of staff receive appropriate training to support pupils with medical needs.
- Seek and record training for identified staff members when needed.
- Supporting HOD's, who arrange staff cover, to ensure adequate staff are trained for specific pupils.
- Establishing and maintaining Pupil Individual Medical files. All templates are updated yearly and available to all staff in the Shared Area.
- Ensure accurate records are maintained. Each year medical recording sheets will be filed in line with GDPR.
- Compiling a whole school yearly pupil medical record for the Senior Management Team. (Appendix 5)
- Co-ordinating the Medical Team to ensure Yearly Checklist completed for each pupil, Emergency Call Forms on display by each phone, First Aid boxes are stocked and defibrillators are tested.

Staff

It is the responsibility of teacher and CA's (where appropriate) to ensure that they:

Are aware of the Policy for the Administration of medication in Knockavoe School.



- Follow procedures in the event of an emergency. (Emergency Call Form available by telephones available in SPMN Feb 2008)
- Understand the nature of pupil's medical condition, the Care Plan and they are aware of when the pupil may need extra attention.
- Ensure that the child's Care Plan and Emergency Contact details are up to date and kept with pupils at all times in their Pupil Medical File.
- Report any discrepancies around medicines to the class teacher / HOD / Medical coordinator.
- Advise parents if a child needs to be taken home.
- Attend appropriate training and awareness through arrangements made with the specialist Nurse/ CCN Team or EA.
- Complete checks of medication and equipment using the templates provided (Appendix 9)
- Administer prescribed daily medication and / or emergency medication to identified pupils in accordance with the yearly updated Pupil Prescription M1 Form and the Parent/Carer Consent AM2 Form (Appendix 2). Prescription forms are not to be amended or updated by staff.
- Keep a record of all medication given and record. **AM 4 Form** (Appendix 4)
- In the absence of the class teacher, inform temporary staff of the medical need of the pupils and the class protocols.
- In the absence of 1 classroom assistant, from a class team, medical needs will be covered by a trained classroom assistant from the same or another class.
- Send a reminder to parents/carers when medical supplies need replacing.
- Ensure all relevant documentation is completed in support with Medical Coordinator.

Health Care Professionals

It is the role of the School Health Service, Children Community Nursing Team (CCN), GP's and Community Paediatrician to work in partnership with Knockavoe School. The partnership enables Knockavoe to have written Care plans, receive advice and support to ensure the safe inclusion of all pupils. The CCN's and Diabetic Nurse ensure pupil



care plans are drawn up in consultation with parents and staff are competent in meeting the needs of the individual pupils.

Delivery of Medication to School

Medication will be delivered to a trained class staff member, by the parent/carer, clearly labelled, in the container originally dispensed and secure in the Orange Medpacs provided by school.

All medication and equipment needs to be checked on arrival and checked each term and signed by trained members of staff (Appendix 9). Medication and equipment is to be collected by parents at the end of the school year.

Pupils with complex medical needs can travel with medication in agreement with the transport and the principal.

Pupils carrying their own medication can only do so in agreement with the Principal and their Parent/Carers. A Request form must be completed (Appendix 3) in line with the guidance document SPMN Feb 2008.

Storage and Organisation of Medication

- Knockavoe provide **Orange Medpac** to store pupil Medication.
- Medication should be stored strictly in accordance with the product instructions (paying particular attention to temperature)
- Daily Medication will be kept in a secure place out of the reach of pupils.
- Emergency Medication, such as Buccal Midazolam, must travel with the staff member responsible for that pupil both in school and on educational outings.



- Emergency Medication, such as inhalers, must be readily available to pupils and should not be locked away.
- Medication, which are still in date, should be returned to parents at the end of each term.
- Sharps boxes should be used for the disposal of needles.

Pupils who refuse to take medication will not be forced to do so. Staff will inform parents of the refusal as a matter of urgency. If the refusal to take medication results in an emergency the schools emergency procedures will be followed.

Emergency Procedures

In all emergency situations a teacher or other members of school staff will be expected to act as a responsible adult in the best interests of the child in recognition of their duty of care.

If in doubt, phone for the emergency services. Follow the Emergency Call Form by the telephone Appendix 10

Knockavoe have 5 trained first aiders who are available to give guidance and advice when required. Posters of First Aider contact details are on display in each classroom and around the school. They named First Aiders are:

- Aisling Doherty-McConomy
- Myra Grier
- Louise Jack
- Sonya McGill
- Lisa Callaghan
- Caroline Mc Daid
- Noreen McElwee

In the event of an emergency every phone has a copy of the Emergency Call Form Appendix 10

Knockavoe have 2 Defibrillators on site, 1 in the front hall and 1 on the Secondary Corridor. Staff are trained and checks are completed.



Educational Trips

- Individual Pupil Medical Files should travel with the pupils.
- Medication should travel in the Orange Medpacs

Reasonable steps will be taken to ensure pupils with medication needs are able to go on educational visits or trips. However, there may be occasions when it may not be possible to include a pupil on a school trip if appropriate supervision cannot be guaranteed.

Arrangements for School Meals

The school catering supervisor should be informed of those pupils who have been diagnosed with a food allergy. Knockavoe is a NUT FREE school.



	Appendix
	Form AM1 Knockavoe MEDICATION PLAN FOR A PUPIL WITH MEDICAL NEEDS
	Western HSC Care Plan
1	Epilepsy Care Plan
	Anaphalex Care Plan
	Asthma Card
1	Form AM2 REQUEST FOR A SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION & KNOCKAVOE
2	PRESCRITION FORM
	M1 Form Prescription sheet for the Administration of Medication in School
3	Form AM3 REQUEST FOR PUPIL TO CARRY HIS/HER MEDICATION
4	Form AM4 RECORD OF MEDICINE ADMINISTERED
5	Form AM5 WHOLE SCHOOL REFCORD OF PUPILS RECEIVING MEDICACTION
6	Form AM6 RECORD OF MEDICAL TRAINING FOR STAFF
7	Form AM7 AUTHORISATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF RECTAL
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8	Pupil Medical File Contents
9	Checklist for pupil Medication & Equipment
10	Telephone Emergency Call Form



All pupils must have a Medication Plan. The medication plan is completed by the parent/carer on the AM1 Form, (Care plan supported by the SPMN Feb 2008 documentation) or by Health Trust.

Samples are included in Appendix 1

✓ AM1 Form (Knockavoe) ✓ Epilepsy Care Plan ✓ ANAPHYLAXIS Care Plan ✓ Asthma Card





MEDICATION PLAN FOR A I	PUPIL WITH MEDICAL NEEDS	Form AM1
Date	Review Date	
Name of Pupil		
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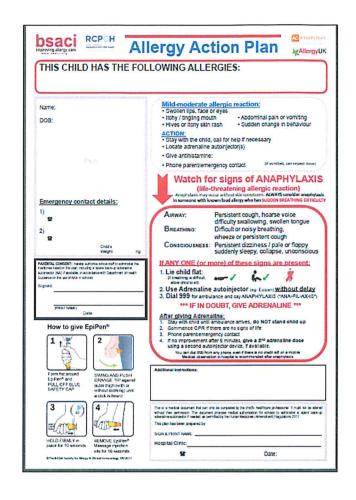
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ANAPHYLAXIS INDIVIDUAL CARE PLAN (ICP) Name of Child Date of Birth Name of School In the event that it may become necessary I consent to members of the school staff who have received appropriate training, to give the above prescribed medication to my child.

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		PRESCRIPTION(S)

IMMEDIATELY OR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

Parent / Guardian



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Knockavoe School & Resource Centre



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REQUEST FOR P	UPIL TO CARRY HIS/H	ER MEDICATION	Form AM3
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Date of Birth			
Address			
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RECORD OF MEDICAL TRAINING FO	R STAFF	Form AM6
Name		
Type of Training Received		
Names of Condition/ Medication involved		
Date Training/Awareness Completed		
Training Provided By		
I confirm that I have received the training	g detailed above	
Trainee's Signature	Date	
Proposed retraining Date		
Principal Signature		

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Doctors Signature		Date	
Signed Parent /Carer		Date	
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Knockavoe Pupil Medical File

Section 1	Care Plans Western HSC and Social Care Trust or Knockavoe AM1
Section 2	Mediation Consent AM2 Prescription Sheet M1
Section 3	Record of Medication Administration AM4
Section 4	Checklist of Equipment/Medication Location of Emergency Medication
Section 5	Staff Training AM6

Pupil Name		DOB		Location of Emergency Medication in Classroom			
Checklist of Medication		erm 1 o - Dec				r m 3 — June	Summer Scheme
	Check In Date	End of Term Check	<u>Start</u> of Term Check	End of Term Check	Start of Term Check	End of Term Check or Return	Return of Medication
Care plan for Administration of Emergency medication							
Medication Name: ✓ Label ✓ Date ✓ Damage							
Parent/Carer Signature When Medication Collected or Returned							
Staff Member Signature							

EMERGENCY CALL FORM

TO BE DISPLAYED BY THE OFFICE TELEPHONE

REQUEST FOR AN AMBULANCE

to:

Dial 999, ask for ambulance and be ready with the following information.

- Your telephone number (insert telephone number here).
- Give your location as follows: (insert school address and postcode).
- Give exact location within the school (insert brief description).
- Give your name.
- 5. Give brief description of pupil's symptoms.
- Inform ambulance control of the best entrance and state that the crew will be met and taken to the pupil.

SPEAK CLEARLY AND SLOWLY

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