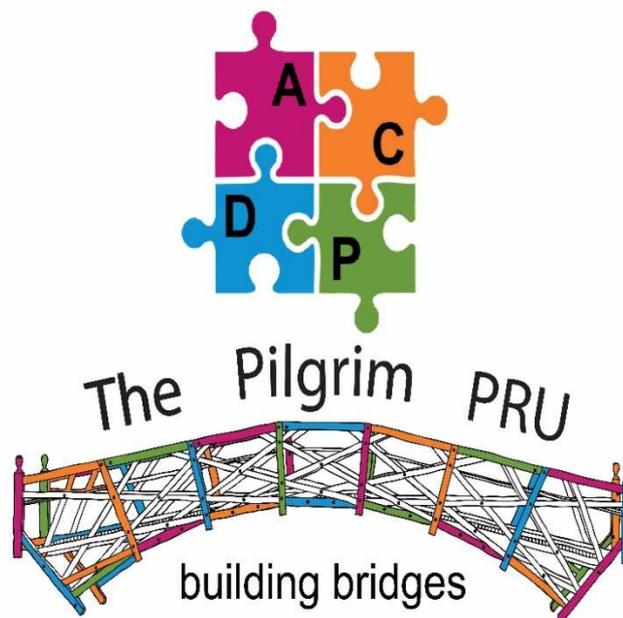




Supporting pupils with Medical Conditions Pilgrim PRU Policy





Working in a hospital school

The Pilgrim PRU covers four hospital schools.

By definition all the children and young people within the Pilgrim PRU have medical conditions. As the education facilities/Schools are located within four different hospitals nursing staff are always on hand. Any medication that is required by the pupils will be administered by the nursing team within the hospital at specified times within the Care Plan.

At Addenbrooke's hospital teaching staff work with children and young people with a variety of physical medical conditions. Teaching staff may teach by the bedside or in a small teaching area. Staff are aware of the intravenous drips and pain relief monitors that the children are attached to and all rooms are fitted with an alarm to call nursing staff if necessary. The teaching staff work closely with the nursing team and play therapists to ensure patients welfare is paramount. Infection control is taken seriously and teaching staff adhere to the infection control policy.

On school trips teaching staff may be required to carry medication to give to pupils when required but where possible nursing staff accompany school staff on trips and will give the required medication.

Definition

Pupils' medical needs may be broadly summarised as being of two types:

- (a) **Short-term**, affecting their participation in school activities whilst they are on a course of medication.
- (b) **Long-term**, potentially limiting their access to education and requiring extra care and support

School Ethos

Schools have a responsibility for the health and safety of pupils in their care. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 makes employers responsible for the health and safety of employees and anyone else on the premises. In the case of pupils with special medical needs, the responsibility of the employer is to make sure that safety measures cover the needs of all pupils at the school. This may mean making special arrangements for particular pupils so that they can access their full and equal entitlement to all aspects of the curriculum. In this case, individual procedures may be required. The Pilgrim PRU is responsible for making sure that relevant staff know about and are, if necessary, trained to provide any additional support that pupils with medical conditions (long or short term) may need.

The Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on schools to make arrangements for children with medical conditions. Pupils with medical conditions have the same right of admission to school as other children and cannot be refused admission or excluded from school on medical grounds alone. However, teachers and other school staff in charge of pupils have a common law duty to act 'in loco parentis' and must ensure the safety of all pupils in their care.



Our Aims

- To support pupils with medical conditions, so that they have full access to education, including physical education and educational visits
 - To ensure that school staff are fully informed and adequately trained by a professional in order to administer support or prescribed medication
 - To comply fully with the Equality Act 2010 for pupils who may have disabilities or special educational needs.)
 - To respond sensitively, discreetly and quickly to situations where a child with a medical condition requires support
- To follow support as outlined in the Care Plan for each student

Entitlement

The Pilgrim PRU provides full access to the curriculum for every child wherever possible. We believe that pupils with medical needs have equal entitlement and must receive necessary care and support so that they can take advantage of this.

Expectations

- Medical professionals involved in the care of children with medical needs will fully inform staff beforehand of the child's condition, its management and implications for the school life of that individual
- School staff will liaise as necessary with Healthcare professionals and services in order to access the most up-to-date advice about a pupil's medical needs and will seek support and training in the interests of the pupil
- Transitional arrangements between schools will be completed in such a way that The Pilgrim PRU will ensure full disclosure of relevant medical information, Healthcare plans and support needed in good time for the child's receiving school to adequately prepare

Mental Health problems – If a pupil is suffering from mental health problems that mean they cannot access education teaching staff will introduce themselves to the student on the ward and work with the nursing team to assess when the student may be well enough to attend school. Students may start school on a part time timetable and gradually increase their time in school as they are able to. If a student becomes distressed in school teaching staff will allow pupils to move to a quiet area and if necessary call nursing staff from the ward to support them or take them back to the ward.

In an emergency

In a medical emergency, teachers have been appropriately trained to administer emergency paediatric first aid if necessary. Teaching staff will pull the alarm and alert the nursing team. If an ambulance needs to be called, staff will:

- Outline the full condition and how it occurred
- Give details regarding the child's date of birth, address, parents' names and any known medical conditions.



Children will be accompanied to hospital by a member of staff if this is deemed appropriate. Staff cars should not be used for this purpose. Parents must always be called in a medical emergency, but do not need to be present for a child to be taken to hospital.

Allergies

Epi-pens will be administered following the instruction on the device, teachers have been given first aid training including the use of epi-pens.

Cetirizine may be given if slight tingling of the lips occurs following ingestion of possible irritants for nut allergy sufferers. This is a liquid medicine stored with the epi-pen. If symptoms are more severe, the epi-pen should be given immediately. An ambulance must be called immediately. Parents should be contacted after this call has been made.

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