

DAWLISH COLLEGE

Supporting Students with Long Term Medical Conditions

We have a legal duty under the Children and Families Act 2014 and the guidance in the publication Supporting Students at School with Medical Conditions (April 2014) to support students with long-term medical conditions like diabetes, asthma and epilepsy and we will ensure that these students have full access to the curriculum, all sporting activities and educational visits so that they can participate fully in college life.

We will work closely with parents/carers, health and social care professionals to ensure effective and relevant individual health care plans, monitoring, reviewing and updating procedures are in place to support children with long term medical conditions.

We want parents/carers and students to feel confident and assured that we are providing effective support by:

- having close links with local health and social care services
- allowing easy access to inhalers and medication
- administering medication when and where necessary
- (not ignoring) listening to the views of students, parents/carers and medical professionals and acting on them
- providing assistance if a student becomes ill
- allowing students to participate in all curriculum, sporting and college activities
- allowing students with medical conditions to take eating, drinking or toilet breaks when and where necessary
- (not penalising) a student for poor attendance due to a medical condition
- dealing sensitively with any social and emotional problems linked to their medical condition
- building confidence and promoting self-care
- considering appropriate access arrangements for examinations

Administration of medicines by any member of the college staff is undertaken purely on a voluntary basis and individual decisions will be respected. In the management of medications on site at Dawlish College first aiders follow the guidance in the publication Medication Arrangements for Children and Young People (Devon County Council September 2009)

Aims of this Policy

- To support students with long-term medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma and epilepsy.
- To ensure students with long term medical conditions have full access to education, all sporting activities and educational visits so they can play a full and active role in college
- To ensure Individual Health Care Plans (IHCPs) are in place
- To share good practice within the college
- To work with other schools and colleges and agencies to share good practice in order to improve this policy
- The college should have an appointed member of staff to be responsible for co-ordinating supporting students with long-term medical conditions
- The Governing Board will appoint a Link Governor to liaise between the Head of College, the coordinator and the Governing Board
- The Governors will also nominate a designated Equalities Governor to ensure that appropriate action is taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents where there is a breach of policy.

This is not a policy for short term illness and related medication. This policy relates to students who have a recognised medical condition which will last longer than fifteen days and will require the student to have a care plan protocol in college.

Medical Register

Dawlish College has a register of students with medical conditions which is regularly updated. The college also has a list of students with asthma.

This information is accessible to staff at the college and staff are made clearly aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of this information.

Supporting students in the college with medical conditions

The college recognises that students with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including trips and physical education. Some students with medical conditions may also be disabled and where this is the case Dawlish College will comply with its duties under the Equality Act of 2010.

Some students may have SEN as well as medical needs and may have an EHCP as well as their Individual Health Care Plans.

At Dawlish College all students are treated individually and their needs assessed on an individual basis.

Dawlish College has a designated Medical Room which is part of a suite of rooms in the Student Office. This room has lockable storage cupboards and a fridge. This area is suitable for use with students with diabetes and is centrally placed in the college. The college has a team of trained First Aiders.

Offsite Trips and Activities

When preparing risk assessments staff will consider any reasonable adjustments they might make to enable a child with medical needs to participate fully and safely on visits.

Additional safety measures may be needed to be taken for outside visits and it may be that an additional staff member, a parent/carer or a volunteer might be needed to accompany a particular student.

Arrangements for taking any medicines need to be planned for as part of the risk assessment and visit planning process. A copy of the Care Plan should be taken on trips and visits in the event of information being needed in an emergency.

When the administration of non-emergency medication is required staff may exercise their voluntary right to not administer the medication to a student and this right may be selective on the grounds of the type of medicine in question.

The member of staff willing to administer the medication to a student should be recorded in the Care Plan and this voluntary responsibility can be withdrawn at any time.

Other Support

School Nurse Service

Coastal team – Team Leader Helena Rigg

Medical specialists relating to the student

Specialist nurses – (eg Diabetes Specialist Nursing Team)

CAMHS

Specialist support groups

Educational Psychology Team

School Counsellor

SENCO – Louise Ransom

Assistant SENCO – Shelagh Hillyard

Devon Parent Partnership Services

Parents/Carers of students with medical conditions are most welcome to contact Mrs Kate Bukowski, Assistant Principal, at the college for further information and a tour of the site and facilities.

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This policy will be monitored annually and updated when necessary.

