

GOSFORTH ACADEMY

POLICY STATEMENT SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

Gosforth Academy School is an inclusive community that welcomes and supports learners with medical needs. This school works to provide all pupils with all medical conditions the same opportunities as others at the school.

This policy is written to ensure learners who have medical needs, including medical technology needs are well supported and included by Gosforth Academy with key partners including families and health professionals. This follows -

‘Pupils with Medical Needs’ OFSTED, Sept 2012

‘Managing Medical Needs in Schools and Early Years Settings’ Newcastle City Council, Feb 2013

‘Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings’ DfE / Department of Health, 2005

More detailed information on procedures can be found in the main ‘Managing Medications’ policy on the Gosforth Group website.

Risk assessment alongside clearly defined staff roles and responsibilities will be discussed, recorded (see form attached) and put in place as appropriate after discussion with relevant Professionals/ Directors/Pastoral Staff before any student with specific medical needs is admitted.

Key Features -

This school will welcome, support and include learners with long-term medical conditions, short-term medical needs and medical technical support.

This school will work with families, health partners and others to devise, implement and review health care plans for individual learners.

This school will safely store and administer medication where appropriate, in line with legal requirements.

This school ensures all staff understand their duty of care to children and young people with medical needs.

All staff feel confident in knowing what to do in an emergency.

All staff understand the common medical conditions e.g., asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, allergies that affect children at this school. Staff receive training on the impact medical conditions can have on pupils.

Key staff and specific roles in Gosforth Academy

Policy lead and contact for families.	Student Wellbeing Lead (currently James Mitchell) Room 47 (Medical Room)
Storage and administration of medicines in school.	Student Wellbeing Lead (currently James Mitchell) Room 47 (Medical Room)
Learners with health care plans for enduring medical needs and / or medical technology needs.	Student Wellbeing Lead (currently James Mitchell) Room 47 (Medical Room)
Learners who are unable to attend school because of medical needs.	Heads of Year (currently Jonathan Duncan and Kerry Lane for Year 9 – room 128, Gavin Keen & Sarah Lunn for Year 10 – rooms 46 & 44, Rosie Alamo & Jonny Howard for Year 11 – room 140) Attendance Officers (currently Ali Stanley & Sarah Taylor) Room 28 (Attendance Office)
First aid / emergency response.	Student Wellbeing Lead (currently James Mitchell) Room 47 (Medical Room)
Staff training.	HR Team (currently Denise Thomas & Rachel Harker) Room 30 (HR Officer)
School nurse.	No permanent staff nurse – NHS nurse visits on Thursday lunchtimes – Room 47 (Medical Room).

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 October 2023