

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.	
Storage and administration of medicines in school.	
Learners with health care plans for enduring medical needs and / or medical technology needs.	
Learners who are unable to attend school because of medical needs.	
First aid / emergency response	
Staff training	
School nurse	

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Signed:
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