

MEDICAL CONSENTS FORM



The Grange School is committed to its duty of care under The Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981. The school has two registered nurses who work Monday to Friday across the Junior and Senior schools. The nurses support the health care of all pupils with the provision of First Aid, Emergency Aid and development of Individual Health Care Plans (IHCPs) for pupils with known on-going medical needs.

To ensure that we have accurate and up-to-date medical information regarding your child's health, please complete the medical information section of the enclosed questionnaire and medical consents.

If you have any questions regarding your child's health or would like to speak to a member of staff in confidence then please do not hesitate to contact the nurses, Caroline Beardwood/Michelle McCullough, or our Head of Pupil Support and Counselling, Melanie Plant via the School Office.

The information below outlines the school policy on medicine and first aid provision at The Grange School.

Prescription medication

The Registered Nurse or another suitably trained member of staff can administer prescribed medicine to your child during the school day. Medication can only be accepted if it has been prescribed by a registered health care professional. It must be in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist including the manufacturer's instructions and must be clearly labelled with the child's name, dosage and route of administration.

Prescribed medication can only be administered with written parental consent and to this end a 'Medical Consents Form' needs to be signed and returned to the school office which can be downloaded from the school website.

Non-prescription "over the counter" medication

The Registered Nurse or a suitably trained member of staff can also administer non-prescription 'over the counter' medication for a range of minor ailments such as headache, temperature, colds, sore throat, pain etc. For children under the age of 16 years we require either verbal or written parental consent before medication can be administered and although we will always try to contact parents by phone before medication is given this is not always possible.

In order to assist this process we would request your written consent to be held on file to allow us to give your child non-prescription medicine in a first aid situation. Please indicate by signing the consent form below whether you are happy for your child to be given 'over the counter' medication. You are able to withdraw this consent at any point by emailing nurse@grange.cheshire.sch.uk (please note that if we are unable to contact you and you have given consent your child will be given an age appropriate dose in line with our school medicines and first aid policy. If you do not give consent the school will not be able to give your child any medication).

Emergency Medication (Asthma Inhalers, EpiPens, Anti-histamines etc)

It is vital that you notify the registered nurses if your child is carrying their own emergency medication. This should be sent to school clearly labelled with your child's name and form. We can also store extra emergency medication in an unlocked cupboard in the Medical Room should you wish to do this.

Please note that it is parental responsibility to make sure that all medication held in school is in date* and to notify the school as soon as possible of any changes in your child's health or medical needs.

*All medication held in school must be collected at the end of the school year or it will be discarded

Absence from School

Please report absence by phoning the following number 01606 74007 and selecting option 1 to leave a message. Parents are advised that pupils should not come to school if displaying symptoms of flu, a high temperature or gastro-intestinal infection. Pupils should not return to school until they have been symptom free for **24 hours** (without the need for fever reducing medication) and in the case of diarrhoea and vomiting this period should be extended to **48 hours** to prevent cross infection.

