

Dorset Primary School No.5132 HEALTHCARE NEEDS POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that Dorset PS provides appropriate support to students with health care needs and to explain the process and procedure for supporting needs at school.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- All students who have been diagnosed with a health care need that may require significant support, monitoring or medication at school.

POLICY

This policy should be read with Dorset PS' *First Aid, Medication, Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies.

Student health support planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by the school in consultation with the student's parents, carers and treating medical practitioners.

Student Health Support plans help our school to assist students with:

- Routine health care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication
- Personal care support needs, such as assistance with personal hygiene, continence care, eating and drinking, transfers and positioning, and use of health-related equipment
- Emergency care needs, such as predictable emergency first aid associated with asthma, seizure or diabetes management.

Students with complex medical care needs, such as tracheostomy care, seizure management or tube feeding must have a Student Health Support Plan which provides for appropriate staff to undertake specific training to meet the student's particular needs.

At enrolment or when a need is identified, parents/carers must provide accurate information about the student's condition or health care needs, documented by the student's treating medical/healthcare practitioner on a Medical Advice Form or relevant equivalent.

Dorset PS may invite parents and carers to attend a Student Support Group (SSG) meeting to discuss the contents of a student's Health Support Plan and assistance that the student may need at school or during school activities.

Where necessary, Dorset PS may also request consent from parents/carers to consult with a student's medical practitioners, to assist in preparing the plan and ensure that appropriate staff understand the student's needs.

Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- When updated information is received from the student's medical practitioner
- When any party has concerns with the support being provided to the student
- If there are changes to the support being provided to the student, or
- On an annual basis.

Management of confidential medical information

Confidential medical information provided to Dorset PS to support a student will be:

- Recorded on the student's file
- Shared with all relevant staff so that they may properly support students diagnosed with medical conditions and respond appropriately if necessary.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[Health Planning Form Templates \[DET\]](#)

Review

This policy was reviewed in July 2019. It will be reviewed again in July 2020.