



New Mills School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Important – Medical Conditions and Health Information

Welcome back, I hope that you have had an amazing summer break, and your child is ready to return to school.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and supporting the health and wellbeing of all students, it is essential that we hold a comprehensive list of schools in school who may have a medical condition that requires support in school.

Conditions may include (but is not limited to):

- Asthma
- Allergies (including food, insect stings, medication, etc.)
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy or seizures
- Heart conditions
- Physical or mobility needs
- Mental health conditions
- Any other diagnosed medical conditions requiring care, medication, or monitoring

Any student with a medical condition needs an individual healthcare plan (IHCP) to ensure that we can support and treat their condition where necessary. Over the next few weeks, if your child has an existing IHCP you will receive a letter in the post with a copy of their IHCP for checking. As part of this process, we are writing to all families to kindly ask you to inform us of any medical conditions your child may have that the school should be aware of to ensure that we can write an IHCP.

Having accurate and up-to-date medical information allows us to:

- Provide appropriate care and support during the school day
- Respond quickly and effectively in the event of a medical emergency
- Develop or update individual health care plans as needed
- Ensure all relevant staff are informed and trained accordingly

Please note, if your child has a known allergy, it is imperative that you let us know to ensure that they are safe particularly within their science and food technology lessons.

Nut-Free School Reminder

Please note that we have several students in school with nut allergies. As a response to this, to keep our students safe we would like to remind you that we are a **nut-free school**. This policy is in place to support students with severe nut allergies, which can be life-threatening. We kindly ask that no food items containing nuts (including peanut butter, Nutella, and snacks with nuts) are brought into school. Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe.

Medication in school

Please do not send your child into school with medication for them to keep in their bags “just in case”. We have a system in school which allows parents/carers to provide short term medications such as paracetamols, piriton, calpol, etc.. securely in school in the event of your child needing to access medication.

Please complete a medication form available from Mrs Donnelly who you can contact via email at studentabsences@newmillsschool.co.uk and send any required medication to school via reception. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled, in-date, and handed to the school office with appropriate instructions.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with a member of staff regarding your child’s medical needs, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s student support lead.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Emma', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emma Adrio
Deputy Headteacher