

MEDICINES

We are unable to administer drugs/medicines for the common illnesses such as cold, sore throats etc. If children are taking medicines for an illness, I would ask that parents seriously consider whether their child should be attending school.

However, where a child suffers from a chronic condition such as severe asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc. parents are asked to contact the Headteacher so that arrangements can be made to administer specific drugs.

Guidelines from the School Nurse in relation to medicines to be taken 'three times a day' state that the first dose is given to the child before school, a second dose is given immediately the child returns from school and a third dose given in the evening. This prevents the need for medication to be brought into school. If your child does require medication in the middle of the day this must be brought in and administered by parent/guardian at the given time.

Children diagnosed with asthma must inform school immediately and complete the Prescribed Medication in Schools Forms. Children must then bring their prescribed inhaler with them at all times and a spare should be given to the office to keep in case of an emergency.

The Guidance on Infection Control in **Schools states for the diarrhoea and vomiting illness the recommended period to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.**