



Heronbridge School

Policy: Healthcare Needs

Coordinators: Jeremy Evans, Sylvia Fowler

As a Rights Respecting School, we are committed to embedding the principles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This policy enables our pupils to access and enjoy the following articles of the convention.

Article 1- Every child under the age of 18 has all the rights in the convention

Article 2 -All children have these rights

Article 42- Every child has the right to know their rights

Article 24 (health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Adopted 20/6/2018

Last Review 02/2025

Next Review 02/2027

Date of issue: January 2018	Reviewed: February 2025
	Next review: February 2027
School's full address and post code: Heronsbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF36 3HT	
School phone number (including area code): (01656) 815725	
School's email address: Admin@heronsbridge.bridgend.cymru	
Website address for this policy: www.heronsbridge.co.uk	
Name of person responsible for maintaining this policy: Jeremy Evans, Sylvia Fowler	

1. Key principles

All children and young people should have access to an appropriate education that affords them the opportunity to achieve their personal potential.

A child or young person with medical conditions may be considered as disabled under the definition set out in the Equality Act (2010) and/or have a statement of special educational needs (SEN).

A child or young person with a long-term, complex medical condition may require on-going support, medicines or care with interventions. It is also the case that a child or young person's healthcare needs may change over time, in ways that cannot always be predicted, sometimes resulting in extended absences.

It is therefore important that parents feel confident that Heronsbridge will provide effective support for their child or young person's medical condition and that they feel safe and happy.

Healthcare issues can affect every learner either short term or long term and support from the education setting may have an impact on their quality of life and future chances. Therefore, the governing body of Heronsbridge and the headteacher will ensure arrangements focus on meeting the needs specific to the learner and consider how this impacts on their education, attainment and well-being. Arrangements should give learners and parent's confidence that provision is suitable and effective.

The following key points inform our Healthcare Needs Policy:

- Learners with healthcare needs should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including trips and physical education.
- The governing body must ensure that arrangements are in place to support learners with healthcare needs, ensuring staff consult relevant professionals such as LA, health board, learners and parents to understand the learners healthcare needs effectively.
- Staff should understand and work within the principles of inclusivity. Being aware of the needs of their learners through the appropriate and lawful sharing of the individual learner's healthcare needs.
- Staff should understand their role in supporting learners with healthcare needs and appropriate training should be provided including feeling confident in what to do in a healthcare emergency.
- Whenever appropriate, learners should be encouraged and supported to take responsibility for the management of their own healthcare needs.
- A flexible approach to delivering the curriculum may be needed in order to help learners reintegrate with the education setting during periods of absence

2. School's legal requirements

The governing body to promote the well-being of learners at the school in line with Section 21(5) of the Education Act 2002 and as mentioned in section 25(2) of the Children Act 2004, which includes physical and mental health and emotional well-being, education, training and recreation, and social well-being.

All learners with healthcare needs are entitled to a full education. In addition to the duties set out above, consideration must also be given to whether the learner is defined as disabled under the Equality Act 2010 and the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ('the 2014 Act') is a single act that brings together LAs' duties and functions in relation to improving the well-being of people who need care and support, and carers who need support. The Act provides the statutory framework to deliver the Welsh Government's commitment to integrated social services departments with a strong family orientation.

As corporate parents, in common law, those responsible for the care and supervision of children, including teachers and other school staff in charge of children, owe a duty of care to act as any reasonably prudent parent would when taking care of their own children.

Other relevant provisions

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018 regulates the processing of personal data, which includes the holding and disclosure of it.

The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 places duties on local authorities and governing bodies in relation to home-school transport.

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and regulations deals with restrictions (e.g. concerning supply and possession) on drugs which are controlled. Learners may be prescribed controlled drugs.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3a) The school

Governing Body

- Should oversee the development and implementation of arrangements to ensure the school complies with applicable statutory duties, including those under the Equalities Act (2010). Section 21(5) of the Education Act 2002 and section 25(2) of the Children Act 2004. (See guidance)
- Work collaboratively with parents, school staff, other LA departments and agencies (outside of the LA) to develop the most appropriate arrangements, and delegation of responsibilities or tasks to a head teacher, member of staff or professional as appropriate

- Ensure arrangements are in place for the development, monitoring and review of the health needs arrangements as well as relevant policies and procedures such as health and safety, first aid, risk assessments, the Data Protection Act 1998, safeguarding measures and emergency procedures. This may include working with other external agencies and internal departments to develop an individual (pupil) Healthcare Plan – IHP, supported by up to date information and ensuring confidentiality.

Ensuring robust systems are in place, including appropriate insurance, for dealing with healthcare emergencies on- and off-site activities, including access to emergency medication such as inhalers or adrenaline pens and that staff with responsibility for supporting learners with healthcare needs are appropriately trained

Headteacher

The headteacher should ensure arrangements to meet the healthcare needs of their learners are sufficiently developed and effectively implemented, by:

- Working with the governing body to ensure compliance with applicable statutory duties when supporting learners with healthcare needs, (see legal requirements).
- Ensuring the arrangements are in place to meet the learners healthcare needs are fully understood by all parties involved by working collaboratively with parents, governing bodies, school staff, other local authority departments and agencies (outside of the LA) to develop the most appropriate arrangements, and delegation of responsibilities or tasks to a headteacher, member of staff or professional as appropriate.
- Having overall responsibility for the development of Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs) and Risk Assessments for pupils, using person centred planning. The headteacher may delegate the day to day management of the learners healthcare needs to another member of staff and on site medical staff.
- Ensuring that there is awareness of healthcare needs across the education setting in line with the learner's rights to privacy and that all staff have adequate information, supervision and training to provide the necessary support to the individual learners and implement the arrangements set out in all IHPs and in emergency situations/ staff absence.
- Appointing a named member of staff who is responsible for learners with healthcare needs, liaising with parents, learners, the home tuition service, the local authority, the key worker and others involved in the learner's healthcare.
- Ensuring that learners have an appropriate and dignified environment to carry out their healthcare needs.
- Providing regular reports to the governing body and local authority on the status of pupils with healthcare needs within their school care and notify the LA when a learner is likely to be away from the education setting for a significant period due to their healthcare needs.

- Ensuring all learners with healthcare needs are not excluded from activities they would normally be entitled to take part in without a clear evidence-based reason and that appropriate healthcare support has been agreed and put in place.

Teachers and other staff members

Any staff member who has been suitably trained, within Heronsbridge may be asked to provide support to learners with healthcare needs, including assisting or supervising the administration of medicines. This role is entirely voluntary and no staff member can be required to administer or supervise medication unless it forms part of their contract, terms and conditions or a mutually agreed job plan.

In addition to the training provided to staff, Heronsbridge ensures

- Staff fully understands the school's healthcare needs policies and arrangements, emergency procedures and arrangements and know who the first aiders are and the signs, symptoms and triggers of common life-threatening medical conditions.
- Staff are aware of which learners have more serious or chronic healthcare needs and where appropriate are familiar with the learners IHPs and Individual Risk Assessments and what to do in an emergency.
- Staff should understand and work within the principles of inclusivity, ensuring lessons and activities are designed in a way which allows those with healthcare needs to participate fully.
- Whenever appropriate, learners should be encouraged and supported to take responsibility for the management of their own healthcare needs.
- Staff should ask and listen to the views of learners and their parents, which should be taken into consideration when putting support in place, ensuring learners know who to tell if they feel ill, need support.
- Keep parents informed of how the healthcare need is affecting the learner in the education setting. This may include reporting any deterioration, concerns or changes to learner or staff routines.

Designated members of staff who support learners with healthcare needs

- Ensure compliance with applicable statutory duties when supporting learners with healthcare needs, (see legal requirements) in conjunction with the head teacher and governing body.
- Should fulfil all the above roles and responsibilities of staff.
- Have responsibility (working with the headteacher) for the development and monitoring of IHPs and Risk Assessments for pupils, using person centred planning.
- Ensure staff awareness and training is current and liaise with parents, learners, the home tuition service, the LA, the key worker and others involved in the learner's healthcare ensuring healthcare needs are met.

- Monitor access to the curriculum, changes in healthcare needs.

First Aiders

- Should be aware of all children with healthcare needs, their IHPs and emergency procedures, and access training to support healthcare needs.
- Assist the designated member of staff to update training and staff awareness.

3b) Parents and Learners should

- Receive and give updates regarding healthcare issues/changes that occur within the education setting, including infectious diseases/ conditions.
- Be involved in the creation, development and review of an IHP (if any). Informing how their healthcare needs can be met in the education setting.
- Provide the education setting with sufficient and up-to-date information about healthcare needs, and any changes, including any guidance regarding the administration of medicines and/or treatment from healthcare professionals. Where appropriate, learners should be encouraged and enabled to manage their own healthcare needs.
- Provide relevant in-date medicines, correctly labelled, with written dosage and administration instructions.
- Ensure a nominated adult is contactable at all times and all necessary forms are completed and signed.

3c) Local authority

Bridgend County Borough Council will:

Make arrangements to promote cooperation between various bodies or persons, with a view to improving, among other things, the well-being of children in relation to their physical and mental health, their education, training and recreation¹. Data sharing will be through working within the Wales Accord on Sharing Personal Information (WASPI) Information Sharing Protocols or Data Disclosure Agreements, using the WASP coordinator.

¹ Section 25 of the Children Act 2004 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/section/25

3d) NHS Wales school health nursing service, health and other professionals, third sector organisations and other specialist services

Healthcare and practical support can be found from a number of organisations and specialist health professionals such as GPs, paediatricians, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, dieticians and diabetes specialist nurses and voluntary bodies. Education settings have access to a health advice service. The scope and type of support the service can offer may include:

- Offering advice on the development of IHPs.
- Assisting in the identification of the training required for the education setting to successfully implement IHPs.
- Supporting staff to implement a learner's IHP through advice and liaison with other healthcare, social care and third sector professionals.

4. Creating an accessible environment

All learners with healthcare needs are entitled to a full education. In addition to the duties set out in the Education Act 2002, consideration must also be given to whether the learner is defined as disabled under the Equality Act 2010.

Heronbridge will promote learners and parents being actively involved in the planning of support and management of healthcare needs. Through person centred practices individual's needs should be at the centre of decision making and processes. The UNCRC states learners should have access to appropriate information essential for their health and development and have opportunities to participate in decisions affecting their health.

The Governing Body with BCBC will ensure Heronbridge is inclusive and accessible in the fullest sense to learners with healthcare needs.

This includes the following:

- **Physical access to education setting buildings**

BCBC has written an accessibility strategy for all schools they are responsible for under the Equality Act 2010². This strategy addresses:

'improving the physical environments of schools for the purpose of increasing the extent to which disabled learners are able to take advantage of education and benefits, facilities or services provided or offered by the schools' (Schedule 10, Equality Act 2010³).

² www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents

³ www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/schedule/10

- **Reasonable adjustments – auxiliary aids or services**

The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on learning establishments to make ‘reasonable adjustments’ for learners who are disabled as defined by the Act. In regard to these learners, auxiliary aids or services (with the appropriate number of trained staff) must be provided.

- **Day trips and residential visits**

The Governing Body should ensure the education setting actively supports all learners with healthcare needs to participate in trips and visits and be aware of their legal requirements (see guidance) to make reasonable adjustments to trips and residential visits ensuring full participation from all learners.

Staff should be aware of how a learner’s healthcare needs may impact on participation, and seek to accommodate any reasonable adjustments which would increase the level of participation by the learner including sharing personal information with third parties for off-site activities, such as healthcare needs and emergency procedures (in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and in respecting the learner’s right to privacy).

- **Social interactions**

The Governing Body should ensure the involvement of learners with healthcare needs is adequately considered in structured and unstructured social activities, such as during breaks, breakfast club, productions, after-hours clubs and residential visits.

Heronbridge should make all staff aware of the social barriers learners with healthcare needs may experience and how this can lead to bullying and social exclusion. A proactive approach is needed to remove any barriers.

- **Exercise and physical activity**

Heronbridge School should fully understand the importance of all learners taking part in physical activities and staff should make appropriate adjustments to sports and other activities to make them accessible to all learners, including after-hours clubs and team sports.

Staff should be made fully aware of learners’ healthcare needs and potential triggers, how to respond appropriately, seeking guidance when considering how participation in sporting or other activities may affect learners with healthcare needs.

Separate ‘special provisions’ for particular activities should be avoided, (though advice from healthcare or physical education professionals and the learner can be sought) with an emphasis instead on activities made accessible for all.

Staff should also understand that it may be appropriate for some learners with healthcare needs to have medication or food with them during physical activity.

- **Food management**

Where food and snacks are provided by or through the education setting, in school or on trips, consideration must be given to dietary needs of learners, e.g. those who have diabetes, coeliac disease, allergies and intolerances, providing menus in advance or alternatives, with complete lists of ingredients and nutritional information to encourage collaborative working. Gluten and other intolerances or allergens must be clearly marked.

While healthy school and 'no sweets' policies are recognised as important, learners with healthcare needs may need to be exempted from these policies, and not excluded from the classroom or put in isolation.

- **Risk assessments**

Staff should be clear when a risk assessment is required and be aware of the risk assessment systems in place. They should start from the premise of inclusion and have built into them a process of seeking adjustments or alternative activities rather than separate provision. This is in line with Equality Act 2010 to prepare and implement accessibility strategies and plans (See guidance)

5. Sharing information

Healthcare professionals

BCBC's Education and Family Support Directorate will actively work with individual schools and multi agencies including NHS Wales School health nursing service, third sector organisations and other specialist services to develop Healthcare plans where necessary. This information will be used to develop school and pupil specific risk assessments and IHP's where necessary.

Internal departments within BCBC and individual schools may, where appropriate and with permission share information internally in order to develop support plans and risk assessments. This may include the ALN, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Catering departments. This list is not exhaustive and contact with both external and internal agencies will be taken on an individual case basis.

Governing body will ensure healthcare needs arrangements are in place, which are supported by clear communication with staff, parents and other key stakeholders to ensure full implementation. All information is kept up to date by designated staff. All information-sharing techniques such as staff noticeboards and school intranets are agreed by the learner and parent in advance of being used, to protect confidentiality.

Teachers, supply teachers and support staff (this may include catering staff and relevant contractors) have access to the relevant information, particularly if there is a possibility of an emergency situation arising. This may include, a display of relevant information, allowing for learners privacy, training, good communication and use of the school's information management system.

Parents and learners as active partners in schools

Parents and learners should be made fully aware of the care being received and their own rights and responsibilities. This may be through a variety of different methods, which could include, easily accessible healthcare policies, (on line), copies of IHPs, and becoming familiar with the information sharing policy. School councils could be involved, working with peers and friendship groups to provide support.

6. Procedures and record keeping for the management of learners healthcare needs

In order to maintain the confidentiality of the pupil, electronic records of individual (pupils) Health Plans (IHPs) and Risk Assessments will be shared with and kept with a designated officer or employee within the school and internal departments and will not be shared without the permission of the pupil, parents, school or other internal and external agencies. The pupil's IHP and risk assessments will be reviewed periodically with other relevant agencies, parent and learner (or as a result of any significant changes) by the individual school.

Heronbridge to develop procedures which state the roles/responsibilities of all parties involved in the identification, management and administration of healthcare needs.

The following documentation should be collected and maintained, where appropriate:

1. Contact details for emergency services
2. Parental agreement for educational setting to administer medicine
3. Head of educational setting agreement to administer medicine
4. Record of medicine stored for and administered to an individual learner
5. Record of medicines administered to all learners by date
6. Request for learner to administer own medicine
7. Staff training record – administration of medicines
8. Medication incident report

New records should be completed when there are changes to medication or dosage. Old forms are to be clearly marked as being no longer relevant and stored in line with information retention policy.

7. Storage, access and the administration of medication and devices

The arrangements for storage, access and administration of medicines and devices follows the Guidelines on the process of prescribing, storage and administration of medication within Special School settings, with On-site Nursing Provision underpinned by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board policies and NMC standards (see attached). School badged forms are generally used for overnight and residential trips where there is little direct involvement from the on-site nursing support.

8. Emergency procedures

The governing body should ensure that the school has developed and implemented a procedure for handling emergency situations, both generic, in the form of emergency evacuation procedures as well as arrangements specific to the individual pupil

Where a learner has an IHP or risk assessment this should clearly define what constitutes an emergency and explain what to do. Staff should be made aware of emergency symptoms and procedures relating to specific pupils.

If a learner needs to be taken to hospital, a staff member should stay with the learner until a parent arrives. This includes accompanying them in an ambulance to hospital. The member of staff should have details of any known healthcare needs and medication.

It is the school's responsibility (though Bridgend will liaise with schools) to develop and manage pupils risk assessments ensuring, that they include the instructions on the use, handling and storage of the medication as identified in the pupils IHP's as well as in the guidance available.

The findings of the risk assessment will be shared and reviewed with all relevant parties both within the school to include teachers and staff as well as across Bridgend's departments to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the healthcare needs of the pupil and they are monitored.

9. Training

The Governing body must ensure staff who volunteer or who are contracted to support those with healthcare needs are provided with appropriate training which is kept up to date, to ensure competency and confidence in supporting health needs. School policies should clearly set out how a sufficient number of these staff will be identified and supported. Appropriate training records should be kept. The IHP will set out alternative arrangements for staff absence in administering medicines.

If a learner has complex needs on their IHP, input is needed from healthcare services and the LA who will be able to advice and signpost to further training and support, but where no specialist training is required the role of the staff is to facilitate the learner to meet their own healthcare needs.

All staff, irrespective of whether they have volunteered to assist or support learners with healthcare needs, may come into contact with learners who have healthcare needs. All staff should have a basic understanding of common conditions to ensure recognition of symptoms and understand where to seek appropriate assistance.

New and temporary staff are made aware of what preventative and emergency measures are in place so staff can recognise the need for intervention and react quickly.

10. Qualifications and assessments.

Teachers in Heronsbridge are expected to use their professional judgement to support learners with healthcare needs when learners are approaching assessments.

11. Education other than at school (EOTAS)

A learner who is unable to attend their education setting because of their healthcare needs should have their educational needs identified, and receive educational support quickly so they continue to be provided with suitable education. In a responsive form, reflecting the needs of what may be a changing health status.

In the case of a short absence (likely to last for less than 15 school days) the learner's school should provide work to be completed at home, if the learner's condition permits, and support the learner to catch up on their return. The LA will be ready to make arrangements for learners in cases where it is clear that the learner is likely to be absent from school for a significant period, e.g. more than 15 school days, whether consecutive or cumulative over the course of an academic year.

Where absences are anticipated or known in advance, close liaison between the school and the LA should enable the EOTAS service to be provided from the start of absence.

Cooperation between education, health and administrative staff in hospital is essential. Close liaison between home/hospital teachers and mainstream teachers underpins the provision of an effective educational programme for the learners with parents acting as a useful link.

Learners with complex healthcare needs may be discharged from hospital with a written care plan which can be integrated into any IHP.

Local authorities should arrange for the continuation of education for learners over 16, but less than 18 years old, where because of illness, the learner needs to study to complete their qualifications. Where the learner has a statement of SEN, the local authority remains responsible for that learner until they are 19 at least. – see the *Special Educational Needs Code of Practice for Wales (2004)*.

Integration

Heronsbridge should be proactive in working with all agencies, including involving other learners in supporting the transition into school. Staff should be trained in a timely manner to assist the

learner's return. The support should be considered by key parties, including the parent and learner and should be reflected in the IHP.

Transition should be supported by parents, education will need to liaise with hospital /home tuition as appropriate, regarding learners' achievements and progress. Contact with a nurse specialising in the learner's specific condition may also be beneficial following any discharge from hospital.

All agencies involved with the learner, should be aware of their role in reintegrating learners as soon as possible, and local authorities should ensure education welfare officers understand their role in relation to those with healthcare needs.

12. School transport

There are statutory duties on local authorities, Headteachers and governing bodies in relation to learners travelling to the place where they receive their education or training⁴. LAs may need to arrange home-to-school transport for a learner, or provide appropriately trained escorts for such journeys to facilitate the attendance of a learner with health needs. Information and guidance on this is set out in the *Learner Travel: Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance* (2014) document⁵. For further guidance see

⁵<http://gov.wales/docs/det/publications/140616-lt0g-en.pdf> and
<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/allsectorpolicies/learner-travel/?lang=en>

13. Reviewing policies, arrangements and procedures

The governing body should ensure all policies; arrangements and procedures are reviewed regularly by the education setting. IHPs and risk assessments may require frequent reviews depending on the healthcare need. This should involve all key stakeholders including, where appropriate, the learner, parents, education and health professionals and other relevant bodies, subject to strict confidentiality and will only be shared with the knowledge and permission of all of the stakeholders

14. Insurance arrangements

BCBC has public Liability Insurance which covers all schools. The governing body should ensure an appropriate level of insurance is in place to cover the school's activities in supporting learners with healthcare needs. The level of insurance should appropriately reflect the level of risk. Additional cover may need to be arranged for some activities, e.g. off-site activities for learners with particular needs.

15. Complaints procedure

If the learner or parent is not satisfied with the education the school's health care arrangements they are entitled to make a complaint.

The governing body has a complaints procedure which is available for viewing when requested.

If the complaint is Equality Act 2010-/disability-related, then consideration of a challenge to the Special Education Needs Tribunal for Wales (SENTW) can be made.

16. Individual healthcare plans (IHPs)

Not all learners with healthcare needs require an IHP. Heronsbridge School will work with on-site nursing provision to implement a process whereby the most appropriate interventions are considered and implemented (See flow chart in guidance). The development of detailed IHP's may involve learner, parent/ carers, education, healthcare professionals, social care and any others with relevant roles. (See guidance for flow chart).

IHPs do not need to be complex but they should be tailored to each individual and explain how the learner's needs can be met. An IHP should be easily accessible to all who need to refer to it, while maintaining the required levels of privacy. Each plan should capture key information and actions required to support the learner effectively. Details can be found in the guidance.

The aim of the plan is to capture the steps which need to be taken to help a learner manage their condition and overcome any potential barriers to participating fully in education.

The governing body should ensure the plans are reviewed at least annually or more frequently should there be new evidence that the needs of the learner have changed. They should be developed with the best interests of the learner in mind and ensure the education setting, with specialist services (if required), assess the risks to the learner's education, health and social well-being.

Where a learner has a SEN the IHP should be linked or attached to any individual education plan IDP, or Statement of SEN

17. Unacceptable practice

Heronsbridge School recognises that it must not act in a manner where individuals pupils needs are not considered to the fullest. Unacceptable practice in this respect would include:

- Preventing learners for attending an education setting due to their healthcare needs, unless their attending the setting would be likely to cause harm to the learner or others.

- Preventing learners from easily accessing their medication when and where necessary, or eating, drinking, resting or using the toilet if needed.
- Require parents / carers to attend education setting, trip, off site activity to administer medication or provide healthcare support to the learner, including toileting.
- Assume every learner with the same condition requires the same treatment and support.
- Ignore the view of the learner, parent or guardian. Ignore the views of healthcare professionals and other stakeholders.
- Penalise learners for their attendance record if the absence is related to their healthcare needs.
- Not requesting adjustments or extra time for tests or assessment where needed.
- Prevent or create unnecessary barriers to a learner's participation in any aspect of their education, including particular lessons, lunch time or trips, e.g. by requiring a parent to accompany the learner.

Head teachers and governing bodies should share best practice with staff, to ensure that the above unacceptable practices do not occur. Schools should detail children with healthcare needs in appropriate policies. Best practice will be promoted by local authorities, governing bodies and schools following the guidance produced by Welsh Government

Short term and Long-term absences should be monitored and managed carefully to ensure progress and attainment. Any reintegration should be appropriately supported to ensure that the child with healthcare needs engages fully with learning.

Please see the 'Unacceptable Practice' section in the Welsh Government's 'Supporting Learners with Healthcare Needs' statutory guidance:

<http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/supporting-learners-with-healthcare-needs/?lang=en>



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Annex 1: Useful Contacts

Asthma

Asthma UK Cymru
Helpline: 0300 2225800
www.asthma.org.uk

Anaphylactic shock

Allergy UK
Helpline: 01322 619898
www.allergyuk.org

Anaphylaxis Campaign
Helpline: 01252 542029
www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

Child support organisations

Action for Children
Tel: 0300 123 2112
www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Action for Sick Children
Helpline: 0800 074 4519
www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Barnardo's Cymru
Tel: 029 2049 3387
www.barnardos.org.uk/wales

Children in Wales
Tel: 029 2034 2434
www.childreninwales.org.uk

Diabetes

Diabetes UK Cymru
Tel: 029 2066 8276
www.diabetes.org.uk/

Diabetes IHP template
www.diabetes.org.uk/Guide-to-diabetes/Your-child-and-diabetes/Schools/IHP-a-childs-individual-healthcare-plan/

Diabetes UK school and parent resource packs



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



www.diabetes.org.uk/Guide-to-diabetes/Your-child-and-diabetes/Schools/Diabetes-in-school-resources

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Action Wales

Tel: 01633 253407

Helpline: 0808 800 5050

www.epilepsy.org.uk/incvolved/branches/cymru

Epilepsy Wales

Helpline: 0800 2289016

www.epilipsy-wales.org.uk

Young Epilepsy

Helpline: 01342 831342

www.youngepilepsy.org.uk

Learning Difficulties

Learning Disability Wales

Tel: 029 2068 1160

www.ldw.org.uk

MENCAP Cymru

Helpline 0808 808 1111

www.mencap.org.uk

Special Needs Advisory Project (SNAP) Cymru

Helpline 0845 120 3730

www.snapcymru.org

Medical-based support organisation

The National Autistic Society Cymru

Helpline: 0808 800 4104

www.autism.org.uk/

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales

Tel: 029 2052 2600

www.bobathwales.org

Cerebra-for brain-injured children and young people

Tel: 01267 244200

www.cerebra.org.uk

Crohn's in Childhood Research Association (CICRA) - for children with Crohn's and colitis

Tel: 0208 949 6209

www.cicra.org



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



CLIC Sargent - for children with cancer
Helpline: 0300 330 0803 www.clicsargent.org.uk

Coeliac UK
Helpline: 0333 332 2033
www.coeliac.org.uk/local-groups/?region=wales

Cystic Fibrosis Trust
Helpline: 0300 373 1000
www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk

Headway - the brain injury association
Helpline: 0808 800 2244
www.headway.org.uk/home.aspx

Migraine Action
Tel: 08456 011 033
www.migraine.org.uk

Multiple Sclerosis Society
Helpline: 0808 800 8000
www.mssociety.org.uk

Muscular Dystrophy UK
Helpline: 0800 652 6352
www.muscular dystrophyuk.org

National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service (ADDiSS)
Tel: 0208 952 2800
www.addiss.co.uk

National Eczema Society
Helpline: 0800 089 1122
www.eczema.org

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK
Helpline: 01332 365676
www.pwsa.co.uk

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Information (Shine)
Tel: 01733 555988
www.shinecharity.org.uk

Welsh Association of ME and CFS Support
Helpline: 029 2051 5061
www.wames.org.uk



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Mental Health

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
www.mental-health-matters.org.uk/page7.html

Mind Cymru
Tel: 02920 395123
www.mind.org.uk/about-us/mind-cymru

Public Bodies

Contact a Family - for families with disabled children
Helpline: 0808 808 3555
www.cafamily.org.uk

Children's Commissioner for Wales
Tel: 01792 765600
www.childcomwales.org.uk

Equality and Human Rights Commission
Helpline: 0808 800 0082
www.equalityhumanrights.com

Health and Safety Executive
Tel: 02920 263120
www.hse.gov.uk

National Children's Bureau Council for Disabled Children
Tel: 020 78436000
www.ncb.org.uk

National Health Service Direct Wales
Tel: 0845 4647
www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/contactus/feelingunwell

Information Commissioner's Office Wales
Tel: 029 2067 8400
Helpline: 0303 123 1113
ico.org.uk/for-organisations/education

Children's Rights

Children's Rights Wales

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a list of rights for all children and young people, no matter who they are or where they live. These rights are the



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



things that they need to be safe, healthy and happy.
www.childrensrights.wales

Sensory Impairment

Action on Hearing Loss

Helpline: 0808 808 0123

Textphone: 0808 808 9000

www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) Cymru

Tel: 0808 800 8880

www.ndcs.org.uk/family_support/support_in_your_area/wales

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)

Helpline: 0303 123 9999

www.rnib.org.uk/wales-cymru-1

Sense Cymru - services across Wales for deafblind people and their families

Tel: 0300 330 9280

Textphone: 0300 330 9282

www.sense.org.uk/content/sense-cymru-wales

Speech and Language

Afasic Cymru - helping children who have difficulty speaking and understanding

Helpline: 0300 666 9410

www.afasiccymru.org.uk



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Annex 2: Form Templates

Education settings may wish to use or adapt the forms listed below according to their particular policies on supporting learners with healthcare needs.

- Form 1 – Contacting emergency services
- Form 2 – Parental agreement for education setting to administer medicine
- Form 3 – Headteacher/head of setting agreement to administer medicine
- Form 4 – Record of medicine stored for and administered to an individual learner
- Form 5 – Record of medicines administered to all learners – by date
- Form 6 – Request for learner to carry/administer their own medicine
- Form 7 – Staff training record – administration of medicines
- Form 8 – Medication/healthcare incident report

These forms are downloadable as Word documents from gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/medicalneeds/?lang=en to enable schools or settings to personalise them.



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 1: Contacting emergency services

Request for an Ambulance

Dial **999**, ask for an ambulance, and be ready with the following information where possible.

1. State your telephone number.
2. Give your location as follows [insert your address].
3. State that the postcode is [insert your address].
4. Give the exact location in the education setting [insert a brief description].
5. Give your name.
6. Give the name of the learner and a brief description of symptoms.
7. Inform Ambulance Control of the best entrance and state that the crew will be met and taken to [name location].
8. Don't hang up until the information has been repeated back.

Speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat information if asked to.

Put a completed copy of this form by all the telephones in the education setting.



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 2: Parental agreement for education setting to administer medicine
[Insert name of education setting] needs your permission to give your child medicine. Please complete and sign this form to allow this.

Name of education setting

Name of child

Date of birth

Group/class/form

Healthcare need

Medicine

Name/type of medicine
(as described on the container)

Date dispensed Expiry date

Agreed review date to be initiated by [name of member of staff]

Dosage and method

Timing

Special precautions

Are there any side effects that the setting needs to know about?



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Self-administration (delete as appropriate) **Yes/No**

Procedures to take in an emergency

Contact details

Name

Daytime telephone no.

Relationship to child

Address

I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to [*agreed member of staff*]

I understand that I must notify the setting of any changes in writing.

Date

Signature(s)



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 3: Headteacher/head of setting agreement to administer medicine

Name of setting

It is agreed that [name of learner] will receive

[quantity or quantity range and name of medicine]

every day at [time medicine to be administered, e.g. lunchtime/afternoon break]

[Name of learner] will be given/supervised while

they take their medication by [name of member of staff]

This arrangement will continue until [either end date of course of medicine or until

instructed by parents/carers]

Date

Signed

[The headteacher/head of setting/named member of staff]



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 4: Record of medicine stored for and administered to an individual learner

Name of setting

Name of learner

Date medicine provided by parent

Group/class/form

Quantity received

Name and strength of medicine

Expiry date

Quantity returned

Dose and frequency of medicine

Staff signature

Signature of parent/carer

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials

Date

Time given

Dose given

Name of member of staff

Staff initials



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 6: Request for learner to carry/administer their own medicine

This form must be completed by the parent/carer.

If staff have any concerns discuss this request with healthcare professionals.

Name of setting

Learner's name

Group/class/form

Address

Name of medicine

Carry and administer

Administer from stored location

Procedures to be taken in an emergency



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Contact information

Name

Daytime telephone no.

Relationship to learner

I would like my child to administer and/or carry their medicine.

Signed parent/carer Date

I agree to administer and/or carry my medicine. If I refuse to administer my medication as agreed, then this agreement will be reviewed.

Learner's signature Date



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 7: Staff training record – administration of medicines

Please ensure that the Education Workforce Council registration is updated accordingly.

Name of setting

Name

Type of training received

Date of training completed

Training provided by

Profession and title

I confirm that [name of member of staff] has received the training detailed above and is competent to carry out any necessary treatment.

I recommend that the training is updated [please state how often]

Trainer's signature Date

I confirm that I have received the training detailed above.

Staff signature Date

Suggested review date



HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

Healthcare Needs Policy



Form 8: Medication/healthcare incident report

Learner's name _____

Home address _____ Telephone no. _____

Date of incident _____ Time of incident _____

Correct medication and dosage:

- Medication normally administered by:**
- Learner
 - Learner with staff supervision
 - Nurse/school staff member

Type of error:

- Dose administered 30 minutes after scheduled time
- Omission Wrong dose Additional dose
- Wrong learner
- Dose given without permissions on file Dietary
- Dose administered by unauthorised person

Description of incident:

Action taken:

- Parent notified: name, date and time _____
- School nurse notified: name, date and time _____
- Physician notified: name, date and time _____
- Poison control notified Learner taken home Learner sent to hospital

Other: _____

Note: