

5.2 Health and Safety

5.2.1 Medication Administration

It is common for students to experience short-term medical conditions that may require medication. While these conditions may only last for a brief period, there may be instances where medication is still necessary during the school day. In such cases, we recommend that parents keep their child at home until the treatment is complete. However, we understand that there may be exceptions for primary children, and we encourage parents to approach the administration to discuss the best solution for their child's specific situation.

Please note that, due to health and safety reasons, the school cannot assume responsibility for children who require medication, except under the circumstances outlined in the policy. It is important for parents to be actively involved in managing their child's medication needs and ensuring its administration during school hours.

Our primary concern is the well-being and safety of all students. For further information contact the school

5.2.2 Long Term Medical Conditions

exceptions may be considered for children, and we encourage parents to approach the administration to discuss the best possible solution. To mention some long term conditions include but not limited to:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

5.2.3 Illness and Contagious Disease Management

5.2.3.1 Contagious Illnesses

In case of a contagious illness students are required to remain at home until recovery. This includes, but is not limited to, the following illnesses:

- Influenza
- Hand, foot, and mouth disease
- Norovirus
- Conjunctivitis
- Chicken pox
- Strep throat

- Covid
- Ringworm

If your child exhibits symptoms of any of the mentioned illnesses, we strongly encourage you to seek immediate medical attention from a doctor. In the event that a staff member suspects a child to have a contagious illness while at school, parents will be notified promptly to arrange for the child to be picked up. The student will wait in our welfare room until parents/guardian arrive.

Adhering to these guidelines is essential for the well-being of all children, as it helps prevent the spread of illnesses. Furthermore, it is important to note that a child that is sick requires ample rest and hydration, which may be difficult to provide during the long and tiring school days. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a healthy and safe environment for all our students.

5.2.3.2 Head Lice

The issue of head lice is very seriously therefore we have implemented a strict procedure to prevent and control their spread among our students. Our procedure includes the following steps:

Regular head checks: We conduct regular head checks to identify any students with head lice. If a student is found to have head lice, they will be sent home and cannot return to school until all nits and lice are completely removed.

Notification: Immediate notification is provided to the parents of the affected student so that they can begin treatment at home. Additionally, the parents of all students in the same class will be informed that head lice have been detected in the classroom.

Treatment: It is important for the affected student to receive appropriate lice treatment as soon as possible. Before returning to school, the student must be checked by our school nurse or staff member to ensure that all nits and lice have been effectively removed.

Classroom cleaning: We conduct a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the affected classroom to minimise the risk of head lice spreading to other students.

Education: We provide educational resources and guidance to parents on how to identify and treat head lice at home. Students are also educated on preventive measures to avoid the spread of head lice.

Confidentiality: We maintain the confidentiality of all students found to have head lice and strictly protect their privacy. The identity of the affected student will not be disclosed to other parents or students. By diligently following this procedure, our aim is to minimise the risk of head lice spreading among our students and ensure a healthy learning environment for everyone at Willow School.

5.2.4 Fevers

In the event that a child is found to have a fever while at school, our priority is to ensure the well-being of all students and staff. Our policy in such situations is as follows:

Parental Contact: After Measuring the Child's temperature accurately, parents will be promptly contacted. In case a contagious illness is suspected the child will be kept in a designated area.

Monitoring and Care: While awaiting the arrival of the parents or designated caregiver in case the child needs to be picked up immediately, the child will receive the appropriate care from our staff. until they are safely picked up.

Preventing the spread of illness: Parents are requested to refrain from sending their child to school if they have a fever or any symptoms of contagious illness. If a child had been feverous, we kindly ask that they remain at home until they have been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication.

5.2.5 Allergy Management

It is essential for the safety and well-being of our students that the school is promptly notified of any allergies a child may have. This allows our staff to take necessary precautions and provide appropriate support.

While all allergies should be communicated, food allergies hold particular significance as our school chef needs to be informed about any special dietary requirements to accommodate the needs of our students.

In the case of seasonal allergies, if a child experiences symptoms like blurred vision or rashes, it is important to notify the school, so extra care is provided during outdoor activities to minimise potential discomfort.

5.2.6 First Aid and Medical Support

5.2.6.1 First Aid

The school recognises the importance of providing immediate first aid assistance in both school premises and during educational trips/visits. To ensure the well-being of our students, several staff members have undergone first aid training. These trained staff members are prepared to administer first aid when necessary. Their presence and expertise contribute to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all students.

First aid boxes are readily available on each level of the school, regularly checked and properly stocked with the necessary supplies, including travel kits.

If a child experiences a head injury while at school at trained staff will apply all the

first necessary, the child will also be closely monitored. Parents/carers will be promptly notified about the any head injury and advised to closely monitor the child.

5.2.7 Loco Parentis

The school is entrusted with the responsibility to make decisions and take appropriate actions in the best interest of the child's safety, well-being, and educational development. In the event of a serious injury occurring to a student, the school reserves the right to take immediate action and transport the child to the nearest appropriate medical facility for necessary treatment. Simultaneously, the parent or guardian will be promptly notified about the situation and informed of the hospital where the child is being taken. The parent or guardian is expected to meet the school staff at the hospital as soon as possible to provide further assistance and support.