



St Cyres School

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL NEEDS IN SCHOOL

St Cyres School is committed to assisting children with long-term or complex medical needs and working in partnership with their parents/carers to enable full access to schooling.

You should only send medicines to school in exceptional circumstances, where it would be detrimental to the child's health if it were not administered during the school day.

Where possible, medicines should be prescribed so that the child does not need to take it in school hours, e.g.

- **A child who is on antibiotics to be taken three times a day can usually take all three doses outside school hours.**
- ***Ibuprofen which can be administered every 6 hours.**
- **During periods of high pollen count, children who have been prescribed antihistamines should take their medication before school.**

If, however, your child does need medication during school hours, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- **The school medication consent form to be completed by the parent/guardian.**
- **All medication must come into school in the original container by the parent/guardian and not the child.**
- ***Ibuprofen or paracetamol will not be administered together.**
- **Medications must be brought into schools in their original container, as dispensed by a pharmacist, labelled with your child's name. They must include instructions for administration, dosage and storage, as well as possible side effects.**
- **Pupils are allowed to carry their own Ventolin and Epi Pens.**
- **You must collect any leftover medication that your child no longer needs, or medicines that have passed their expiry date, from the school. This should be done routinely at the end of every term.**
- **The school will not administer, to a child under 16, aspirin based pain relief unless specifically prescribed by a doctor.**