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POLICY:

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This is a reminder of the school's policy on the administration of prescribed and non-prescribed medication to students, based on guidance and regulations issued by North Yorkshire County Council.

In most circumstances, medication (e.g. antibiotics) prescribed three times a day can be taken at home – before school, after school and before bedtime. However, if you wish prescribed medication to be administered during the school day, clear written instructions must be provided and the medicine must be kept in a properly labelled container. The label must be clear and free from alterations or defacement and must show:

- The name of the medication
- The name of the student
- The dosage
- Specific directions for the medication (not simply "as directed" or "as required")
- Precautions relating to the medication (eg "caution, may cause drowsiness" or "store in a refrigerator")
- The name of the dispensing pharmacist/doctor
- The expiry date and the date of issue

The use of non-prescribed medication is generally discouraged, but it is recognised that very occasionally pain relief may be required. Paracetamol is the only non-prescribed pain relieving medication which may be provided and ONLY with the consent of the student and parent / carer. **Verbal consent MUST be obtained prior to providing the medication** to verify that no other medication has been taken and the amount to be provided. **Without this consent paracetamol cannot be given.**

If this becomes a regular request, then the school reserves the right to refuse to provide nonprescription medication and it should not be presumed that the school has medication available.

If you wish your child to self-medicate without overt school involvement, year leaders and pastoral leaders should always be informed. **Your child should also be made aware of the importance of not sharing any medication with other students.** If your child regularly suffers from acute pain such as migraine, you may authorise and supply appropriate painkillers complying with the details as above for 'Prescribed Medication'. This will be considered on a termly basis by the lead first aider.

Students with asthma should carry their inhalers with them at all times. In accordance with Department of Health guidance, the school has purchased salbutamol inhalers for emergency use. This only applies to students already diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler, consent will be sought prior to use however if the circumstances dictate the lead first aider (or in their absence other first aid qualified staff) may provide the school inhaler for use.

There is a detailed framework for the dispensation of medicines. If you have any questions or comments please direct them to the lead first aider.