



## Supporting Children with Medical Needs Policy

At Stanmore Montessori, we are committed to ensuring that all children with medical needs, including any significant and chronic conditions, receive appropriate care and support to enable them to participate fully in our daily activities.

We aim to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where children's health needs are effectively managed in partnership with parents, carers, and relevant professionals.

Stanmore Montessori understands that certain medical conditions are debilitating and potentially life threatening, particularly if poorly managed or misunderstood.

### Aims

- To ensure children with medical needs are properly supported within Stanmore Montessori
- To provide all children with any medical needs the same opportunities as others
- To ensure staff are trained and confident in managing medical conditions
- To provide clear procedures for administering medication safely
- To work in partnership with parents/carers and healthcare professionals
- To comply with relevant legislation and guidance

### Admissions

Children with medical needs will be welcomed into Stanmore Montessori. We recognise that children with medical conditions have the same rights of admission as other children and will not be excluded or treated less favourably.

Prior to admission:

- Parents/carers must provide full information about the child's medical condition
- Stanmore Montessori will make every effort to ensure that arrangements are put into place within 2 weeks, or by the beginning of the relevant term for children who are new to our settings to ensure that the child's needs are met
- Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) will be developed in partnership with parents/carers and relevant health care professionals ensuring safe care, medication management and full school participation

The plan will include:

- Details of the condition
- Symptoms and triggers
- Medication and dosage
- Administration of medication
- Daily care requirements – specific support needed during school hours including information on the impact any health condition may have on a child's learning, behaviour or classroom performance.
- Emergency procedures – clear action plan on who to contact and what steps to take in case of an emergency
- Plans will be reviewed regularly and updated as needed

We will administer medication in line with our Medication Policy.

Only prescribed medication will be administered

Medication must be:

- In its original container
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- Within expiry date
- Written consent from parents/carers is required before any medication is given
- A record will be kept of all medication administered

### **Staff Responsibilities**

- All staff will be aware of children with medical needs in their care
- Relevant staff will receive appropriate training (e.g. asthma, allergies, EpiPen use)
- Staff will follow Individual Health Care Plans and emergency procedures
- At least one paediatric first aider will be present at all times at Stanmore Montessori

### **Managing Specific Conditions**

- Stanmore Montessori supports children with a range of medical needs, including (but not limited to):
  - Asthma
  - Allergies (including anaphylaxis)
  - Diabetes
  - Epilepsy
- Clear procedures will be in place for each condition as outlined in the child's Individual Health Care Plan.

### **Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a medical emergency:

- Staff will follow the child's Individual Health Care Plan
- Emergency services will be contacted if required
- Parents/carers will be informed immediately
- A full incident record will be completed

Storage of Medication

- Medication will be stored securely and out of reach of children
- Emergency medication (e.g. inhalers, EpiPens) will be easily accessible
- Refrigerated medication will be stored appropriately

## Confidentiality

Information about a child's medical condition will be:

- Shared only with relevant staff
- Treated with confidentiality and respect
- Stored in accordance with data protection requirements

Stanmore Montessori works closely with parents/carers to:

- Share information about the child's health
- Ensure medication and information are kept up to date
- Review care arrangements regularly

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- Providing accurate and up-to-date medical information
- Supplying medication and consent forms
- Informing Stanmore Montessori of any changes

## Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if:

- There are changes in legislation or guidance
- An incident highlights the need for review

## Legislation and Guidance

This policy is informed by:

- Children and Families Act 2014
- Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions 2015
- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Medicines Act (1968)
- NHS and local authority guidance

<b>This policy was adopted on</b>	<b>Signed on behalf of the nursery</b>	<b>Date for review</b>
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