



St Louise de Marillac Primary School
Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot
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Managing Chronic Health Conditions at School

Introductory Statement

The policy for Managing Chronic Health Conditions was formulated in consultation with the staff, parents and Board of Management of St. Louise de Marillac Primary School.

Rationale

The school understands that certain chronic conditions are serious and potentially life-threatening and, in liaison with the parents, will endeavour to provide the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of all students with chronic conditions.

Relationship to the characteristic spirit/ethos of the school

This policy adheres to the spirit and ethos of our school. St. Louise's School hopes to serve the children in our community by welcoming and respecting all our pupils, including children with chronic conditions.

Objectives

1. All staff at this school are made aware of the most common chronic conditions.

2. The staff at this school understand their duty of care to students in the event of an emergency. In an emergency situation, school staff are required under common law duty of care to act like any reasonable prudent parent and look to implement the relevant Emergency Plan.
3. In the event of an emergency related to the most common conditions, the action plan(s) for staff to take is stored/displayed in convenient/accessible locations for all staff (staffroom, first aid areas).
4. Parents/guardians of students with chronic conditions are obliged to complete a Healthcare Plan for their child and submit same to the Board of Management for agreement. They need to ensure that any medication that is stored in school for administration by staff is within the expiry date.
5. The agreed Healthcare Plan will be stored in a secure location (principal's office). A copy of the plan will be given to staff who are in contact with the child on a day-to-day basis. Form 3 (where completed) will be displayed on staffroom noticeboard (medical board).

Staff Training

1. The staff who work with students who have a chronic condition at this school will receive training and know what to do in an emergency by following the school's Emergency Plan.
2. This school holds training as required on the management of common chronic conditions. A log of the training is kept by the school and reviewed periodically to ensure all new staff receive training where necessary.

Content of Policy

Information about and procedures for dealing with the following chronic conditions are included as appendices to this policy:

- Anaphylaxis (Appendix A)
- Asthma (Appendix B)
- Diabetes (Appendix C)
- Epilepsy (Appendix D)
- (Blank) Healthcare Plan/Parent Pack (Appendix E)

Also included are the responsibilities of Board of Management, Staff and Parents.

The staff of St Louise de Marillac Primary School has an agreed systematic cycle of review of policies whereby new policies are reviewed after one year and subsequently every three years.

In line with the above, this policy will be reviewed in the next academic year (2017-2018) and subsequently every three years, unless changes are required by legislation or other needs arise before then.

Signed : *Dr. Claire McKiernan*

Chairperson of Board of Management

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