

NORTHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Medical Information



Northgate Primary School follows the welfare policy set out by Public Health England in respect of illness and infections. This also includes any exclusion periods for which your child may need to be kept away from school following an illness.

Diarrhoea and vomiting:

Children who suffer with diarrhoea and/or vomiting need to be kept off school **for at least 48 hours after the last bout** of sickness and/or diarrhoea. This is to prevent the spread of infection to any other children or staff.

Medicines:

As laid out in our 'Managing Medicines' policy, Northgate Primary School has the right to refuse to administer any medication without reason as staff do not have a statutory duty to give medicines or medical treatment. However medicines will be administered to enable the inclusion of pupils with medical needs, to promote regular attendance and to minimise the impact on a pupil's ability to learn.

Medicine should only be brought into school when it is **essential** to administer it during the school day. In the vast majority of cases, doses of medicine can be arranged around the school day thus avoiding the need for medicine in school.

All medicines need to be prescribed by a doctor and be in the original packaging dispensed by the pharmacy, including the child's name and expiry date. Medicines should be taken directly to the School Office where a form authorising the administration of medicines will need to be completed and signed by the parent or carer. The only medicine we can accept that is not prescribed is medication for hay fever e.g. Piriton.

At the end of the school day an adult will need to come and collect the medicine from the School Office. Northgate Primary School is unable to hand any medication over to a child.

Long term medication to be kept in school:

Any long term medication, such as asthma inhalers or auto-injectors for allergies, needs to be brought to the School Office for recording before they go into the children's class. For reasons of safety, children should not keep any medication in their bags during the school day.

Absence due to illness:

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the School Office to report their absence before 9:30 am. on the day of their absence.

