

# Claddaghduff N.S Policy for Illness & Medication

## Introduction

The school has a duty of care to all its pupils and members of staff. This policy aims to set out procedures to be followed when children become unwell, to ensure that they are well cared for and that, where the cause is of an infectious nature, others are not exposed needlessly. Procedures regarding the administration of medicine during the school day are also outlined.

## Returning from illness

We understand that illness is unavoidable and when children are too poorly to attend school, parents/carers should send a note explaining the child's absence on return to school. Parents should contact the school if your child has an infectious or contagious illness so that other families, especially pregnant women, can be informed.

On return to school from illness, please be aware that children cannot stay indoors from the yard due to insufficient numbers of personnel. Exceptions are made for pupils with broken bones or returning from an extended period in hospital. However pupils with coughs, colds, etc. should only return to school when they are well enough for all aspects of school life.

## Illness in school

When a child is ill in school, a parent will be contacted if the child has a high temperature, is vomiting or is continually complaining of feeling unwell. A parent will also be notified if a child suffers a serious injury involving their head, teeth or a possible broken bone. Cuts & grazes will be dealt with in the First Aid/ Recovery room.

## Allergy or Conditions needing Medical treatment

If your child suffers from any ongoing condition or allergy which the school should know about, please inform the Principal in writing.

**If your child has a serious medical condition or disability that prevents them from taking part in any aspect of the curriculum (including swimming, PE, Irish, etc), you are required to write to the BOM for an exemption, outlining your reasons & providing a medical certificate/ psychological report/ specific circular or other documentation.**

## If your child requires Medication

**If your child requires medication, you are required to write to the BOM and must sign a Disclaimer Form indemnifying the school from any responsibility.**

**You must adhere to the following:**

1. Any medication including cough sweets, inhalers & cough bottles must be labelled & given to the class teacher to be placed in the Medication Box which is kept in the Office.
2. Any child taking medication will be supervised doing so.
3. There will be a record kept of the time the child took the medication.
4. A child who is unable to administer his/her own medication should have the medication administered by a parent.

**Ratification and Communication:**

The BoM ratified the policy at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The policy has been communicated to all staff and children and is available for view and is available for view in our office upon request.

Chairperson: *Feicin Mulkerrin*

Date: 19/10/2021

Principal: *Laura Griffin*

Date: 19/10/2021

\*Please note the original signed copy is located in the school policy folder in the office