



HEALTH CARE NEEDS POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy is in place to ensure that Keelonith Primary School provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

OBJECTIVE

To explain to Keelonith Primary School parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students who have been diagnosed with a health care need that may require support, monitoring or medication at school.

COMMUNICATION

Parents will be provided with a copy of this policy on enrolment and the policy will be available on the school website. A newsletter item each year will refer parents to this policy and relevant aspects will be included as required.

Staff will be referred to this policy during induction and at the start of each school year. A copy of this policy will be available on the Sentral Student Management System for staff access.

CRTs and volunteers will be provided with a copy of this policy on induction.

Following review and any changes to this policy, all those with a vested interest will be informed through appropriate avenues such as the newsletter, Sentral Student Management System, staff forums and class activities.

POLICY

This policy should be read with Keelonith Primary School *First Aid*, *Administration of Medication*, *Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies.

1, Student Health Support Planning

a) In order to provide appropriate support to students at Keelonith Primary who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by the Assistant Principal (who leads Wellbeing) in consultation with the student, their parents, carers and treating medical practitioners.

b) Student Health Support plans help our school to assist students with:

- routine health care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication
- personal care support needs, such as assistance with personal hygiene, continence care, eating and drinking, transfers and positioning, and use of health-related equipment
- emergency care needs, such as predictable emergency first aid associated with asthma, seizure or diabetes management.

c) Students with complex medical care needs, for example, tracheostomy care, seizure management or tube feeding, must have a Student Health Support Plan which provides for appropriate staff to undertake specific training to meet the student's particular needs.

d) At enrolment or when a health care need is identified, parents/carers should provide accurate information about the student's condition or health care needs, ideally documented by the student's treating medical/health care practitioner on a Medical Advice Form (or relevant equivalent)

e) Keelonith Primary School may invite parents and carers to attend a Student Support Group meeting to discuss the contents of a student's Health Support Plan and assistance that the student may need at school or during school activities.

f) Where necessary, Keelonith Primary School may also request consent from parents and carers to consult with a student's medical practitioners, to assist in preparing the plan and ensure that appropriate school staff understand the student's needs.

g) Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- when updated information is received from the student's medical practitioner.
- when the school, student or parents/carers have concerns with the support being provided to the student
- if there are changes to the support being provided to the student, or
- on an annual basis.

2. Management of Confidential Medical Information

Confidential medical information provided to Keelonith Primary School to support a student will be:

- recorded on the student's file
- shared with all relevant staff so that they are able to properly support students diagnosed with medical conditions and respond appropriately if necessary.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Policy Advisory Library

- Health Care Needs
- Health Support Planning Forms
- Complex Medical Needs

School Policies

- Duty of Care Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy
- Camps, Excursions and School Activities Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- First Aid Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

Procedures last reviewed	21 st July 2025
Approved by	Principal
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