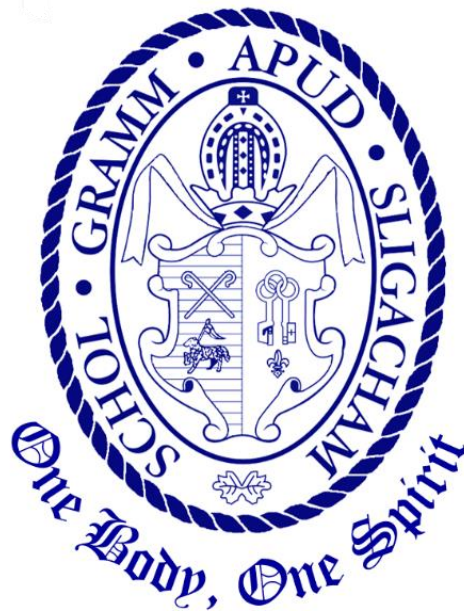


SLIGO GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Administration of Medication Policy

1. Introduction

While the Board of Management has a duty to safeguard the health and safety of pupils when they are engaged in authorised school activities, this does not imply a duty upon teaching or administrative staff to personally undertake the administration of medication.

The Board of Management requests parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis to ensure that staff members are made aware in writing of any medical condition suffered by their child. This information should be provided at enrolment or at the development of any medical conditions at a later date.

Medication in this policy refers to medicines, tablets and sprays administered by mouth and automatic injection devices (eg. anapen) used in cases of anaphylaxis.

2. Procedure to be followed by parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis, who require the administration of medication for their children

- The parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis, should write to the School Matron requesting the school to authorise a staff member to administer the medication or to monitor self-administration of the medication.
- If the Matron and/or the parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis, have concerns regarding the administration to medicine, they may contact the Headmaster as Secretary to the Board of Management.
- Parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis are required to provide written instructions of the procedure to be followed in the administration and storing of the medication.
- Parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis are responsible for ensuring that the medication is delivered to the school and handed over to the Matron and for ensuring that an adequate supply is available.
- Parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis are further required to indemnify the Board and authorised members of staff in respect of any liability that may arise regarding the administration of prescribed medicines in school. The Board will inform the school's insurers accordingly.
- Changes in prescribed medication (or dosage) should be notified immediately to the school with clear written instructions of the procedure to be followed in storing and administering the new medication.
- Where children are suffering from life threatening conditions, parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis should outline clearly in writing, what should and what should not be done in a particular emergency situation, with particular reference to what may be a risk to the child.
- Parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis are required to provide a telephone number where they may be contacted in the event of an emergency arising and a second person that they designate responsibility if they can't be contacted.

3. Procedures to be followed by Board of Management

- The Board, have directed the Matron that they may authorise a staff member to administer medication to a pupil or to monitor the self-administration by a pupil.
- The Board have directed the Matron to ensure that the authorised person is properly instructed in how to administer the medicine.
- The Board have directed the Matron to seek an indemnity from parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis, in respect of liability that may arise regarding the administration of the medicine.
- The Board shall inform the school insurers accordingly.
- The Board shall make arrangements for the safe storage of medication and procedures for the administration of medication in the event of the authorised staff member's absence.

4. Responsibility of staff members

- It is the responsibility of the Matron, or in the absence of a Matron, a member of staff to administer medication to a pupil.
- Any staff member who is administering medicines should do so under strictly controlled guidelines in the belief that the administration is safe.
- Written instructions on the administration of the medication must be provided.
- Medication must not be administered without the specific authorisation of the Board of Management.
- In administering medication to pupils, staff members will exercise the standard of care of a reasonable and prudent parent/guardian.
- A written record of the date and time of administration of medication will be kept.
- In emergency situations, staff should do no more than is obviously necessary and appropriate to relieve extreme distress or prevent further and otherwise irreparable harm. Qualified medical treatment should be secured in emergencies at the earliest opportunity.
- Parent/guardian or person acting in loco parentis should be contacted should any questions or emergencies arise.
- Matron to create a book for recording medications administered.
 - Medication timed for Boarders - 7:30, 13:00, 17:00, 21:00 Administered by Marton
 - Medication for Day Students – Marton forwards to Office

5. Review History

Reviewed and ratified: February 2025
May 2024
04th December 2023
21st January 2019

Policy Reviewed and updated by Board of Management: _____

Signed _____ Liz Greer _____ Date _____ 10th Feb 2025 _____
On behalf of the Board of Management

Signed _____ Michael Hall _____ Date _____ 10th Feb 2025 _____
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management
Headmaster

Due for next review: February 2026

Administration of Medicines in Schools Indemnity

THIS INDEMNITY made the day of 20..... BETWEEN

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Lawful parent(s) or guardian(s) or person acting in loco parentis of _____, hereinafter called 'the parents'

of the One Part AND..... for and on behalf of the Board of Management of Sligo Grammar School, situated at The Mall, in the County of Sligo (hereinafter called 'the Board') of the Other Part.

WHEREAS:

1. The parents are respectively the lawful father and mother or guardians of

....., a pupil of the above school.

2. The pupil suffers on an ongoing basis from the condition known as.....

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3. The pupil may, while attending the said school, require, in emergency circumstances, the administration of medication, viz.

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4. The parents have agreed that the said medication may, in emergency circumstances, be administered by the said pupil's classroom teacher and/or such other member of staff of the said school as may be designated from time to time by the Board.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

a) In consideration of the Board entering into the within Agreement, the parents, as the lawful father and mother respectively of the said pupil HEREBY AGREE to indemnify and keep indemnified the board, its servants and agents including without prejudice to the generality the said pupil's class teacher and/or the Principal of the said school from and against all claims, both present and future, arising from the administration or failure to administer the said medicines.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first herein WRITTEN.

SIGNED AND SEALED by the parents in the presence of:

SIGNED

