



**Christian Brothers College**

**Administration of Medication Policy**

**28 June 2023**

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## Rationale

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.

## Scope

This Policy will apply to all parents, pupils and staff members of the College.

## Introduction

The Board of Management requests parents 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, or of any changes in the condition and/or medication at a later date. Medication in this Policy refers to medicines, tablets and sprays administered by mouth and automatic injection devices used in case of anaphylaxis.

## Policy Content

1. Procedure to be followed by parents/guardians who require the administration of medication for their children.
  - a) The parent/guardian should write to the Board of Management requesting the Board to authorise a staff member to administer the medication or to monitor self-administration of the medication.
  - b) Parents/guardians are required to provide written instructions of the procedure to be followed in the administration and storing of the medication.
  - c) The school App is the primary means of communication between parents and the College (ref Home-School Communication Policy) The Medical Information form on the App must be filled in, and signed electronically. It must also be updated as required.
  - d) Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that the medication is delivered to the school and handed over to a responsible adult and for ensuring that an adequate and up to date supply is available.
  - e) Parents/guardians 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 or the monitoring of self-administration of the medication. The Board will inform the College's insurers accordingly. The indemnity form is on the College App. All relevant parents are required to fill in this form.
  - f) Changes in prescribed medication or in the dosage(s) should be notified immediately to the College with clear written instructions of the procedure to be followed in storing and administering the new medication. As above, the information must be updated on the College App.

- g) Where students are suffering from life threatening conditions, parents/guardians should clearly outline 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 student.
- h) Parents/guardians are required to provide a telephone number where they may be contacted in the event of an emergency arising.

2. Procedures to be followed by the Board of Management.

- a) The Board, having considered the matter, may authorise a staff member to administer medication to a student or to monitor the self-administration by a student.
- b) The Board will ensure that the authorised person is properly instructed in how to administer the medicine.
- c) The Board will seek an indemnity from parents/guardians in respect of liability that may arise regarding the administration of the medicine.
- d) The Board will inform the College insurers accordingly.
- e) The Board will 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.

3. Responsibility of Staff Members.

- a) No staff member can be required to administer medication to a student.
- b) Any staff member who is willing to administer medicines should do so under strictly controlled guidelines in the belief that the administration is safe.
- c) Written instructions on the administration of the medication must be provided.
- d) Medication must not be administered without the specific authorisation of the Board of Management.
- e) In administering medication to students, staff members will exercise the standard of care of a reasonable and prudent parent.
- f) A written record of the date and time of administration will be kept and reported to the designated Deputy Principal.
- g) 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. An ambulance should be called and a parent/guardian contacted.

This Policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed:   
 (Chairperson of Board of Management)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Principal)

Date:

Date:

Date of next review:

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES IN SCHOOLS INDEMNITY

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

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Lawful parent(s) or guardian(s) of ....., hereinafter called 'the parents' of the One Part AND..... for and on behalf of the Board of Management of Christian Brothers College, situated at Sidney Hill, Wellington Road in the County of Cork (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 by the parents in the presence of:

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Board of Management: