

AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST

This is a Category 1 Trust Level 1 Policy:
(Operationally delegated and applied Trust-wide)

This policy is in force until further notice from:	1 st Feb 2023
This policy must be reviewed by:	Spring 2024

Section 100 of the Children & Families Act places a duty on all schools to make arrangements for supporting children with medical conditions, and to have regard for the Department for Education's (DfE 2015). This policy outlines how AST will ensure that all children with medical conditions will be supported to ensure they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

We have adopted the key drivers of the 'Supporting pupils at school with Medical Conditions' by the DfE as our aims and objectives.

- To ensure students with medical conditions are properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.

- To ensure arrangements are in place to support pupils at school with medical conditions, including the use of risk assessment and health care plans.

- To work with health and social care professionals, students, and parents to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are properly understood and effectively supported.

When the school become aware that a child with medical needs will begin attending or that a child already attending the school has medical needs the Principal will be informed and ensure that all of the relevant staff are notified and begin the process of planning for the child's safe admission to school. Arrangements to support students are ideally in place before they start, or no later than two weeks after their admission.

When a formal diagnosis has not yet been made, or where there is a difference of opinion,

The designated SLT member is responsible for:

- Taking an operational overview and monitoring role in relation to this policy and school-wide practice in meeting the needs of children with medical needs

- Ensuring all relevant staff are made aware of individual children's needs, and that confidentiality is respected

- Ensuring staff who provide support to this group of children are able to access information and support materials as needed

- Briefing cover staff who are engaged to meet the needs of individual children with medical needs

- Partnership working with the school nurse, including jointly monitoring and reviewing the plans put in place for each student

- Ensuring all children with medical needs have a healthcare plan where appropriate, that it is kept up to date, is shared with all the individuals who need to know about it and reviewed at least annually.

Teachers and Support Staff are responsible for:

- Supporting the child as much as possible in self-managing their own condition

- Risk assessment for school visits, school journey and other school activities outside of the normal timetable

- Implementing their actions identified in individual healthcare plans

There are often social and emotional implications associated with medical conditions. Children may be self-conscious about their condition and some may become anxious or depressed. Long-term absences due to health problems may affect attainment, impact on a student's ability to sustain friendships and affect their wellbeing and emotional health. At AST we work closely with the child, their parent/carer, and other practitioners to ensure that the impact of their medical needs on their achievement and social and emotional wellbeing is minimised.

AST staff are highly skilled in providing excellent social and emotional support. Our team will

*The term 'parent' is classified as those acting in legal capacity of a parent or carer.