**LANDAU SCHOOL
MEDICAL POLICY**

**Aims**

LANDAU School supports children with medical conditions and endeavors to provide them with the same opportunities as other children at school, including extracurricular activities.

The school recognises the restrictions and implications that having a medical condition can have on a child and we aim to provide a safe and secure environment where their medical needs are managed.

Our aim is to ensure that all children with existing medical conditions:

* Be safe,
* Be healthy,
* Be involved,
* Enjoy school.

The school understands that certain medical conditions are serious and potentially life threatening, particularly if poorly managed.

The school has a full-time qualified doctor (nurse) who will be involved in the management of children with medical conditions and provide care, support and advice where appropriate.

**School responsibilities**:

* To provide a safe and secure environment,
* To have adequately trained staff,
* To provide first aid and emergency care if required,
* To inform parent/career of a child’s deterioration in health,
* To support parents to make informed choices regarding their child’s care.

**Parent/career responsibilities**:

* To provide relevant information regarding the child’s medical condition/needs,
* To provide prescribed medication and medical supplies if required,
* To vaccinate their children on time according to their schedule,
* To provide current next of kin contact details,
* To inform the school of any changes in medical conditions, treatments and medication,
* To comply with school rules and legislation,
* To inform the school of planned medical appointments.

**General**

If a child becomes unwell in school, they will be referred to the school doctor (nurse) who will assess their needs and provide appropriate care. Should the child require pain relief; Medications will only be given with parental consent.

Should your child require prescribed medication given in school, they must contact the school doctor (nurse) and once permitted, all medication should be; clearly labelled with the child’s details, in an appropriate container and within date.

If a student is absent due to illness, parents must inform the office timely and indicate the days of absence. Parents may provide the doctor’s note or certificate.

In case if there is no doctor’s note or certificate, school doctor reserves a right to check a student’s health conditions upon arrival back to school. School doctor also reserves a right to send a student home, if a child feels sick.

If a student has been sick with Covid-19, chickenpox or other long-term infection/disease, then parents must submit official health certificate before the student is back to school.

Children who present with the following will be sent home as an infection control measure:

* Temperature over 38.0c
* Vomiting
* Diarrhea
* Acute pain

The following conditions are more prevalent in children and advice should be adhered to in order to prevent the spread of disease and to minimize discomfort for the child.

* Chickenpox – Isolation for 10 days from onset of rash
* Measles – Isolation for 10 days from onset of rash
* Influenza – Isolation until recovered
* Meningitis /meningococcal septicemia – Isolation until recovered
* Infective conjunctivitis –Isolation for twenty-four hours
* Diarrhea/Vomiting –Isolation for forty-eight hours from last episode
* Whooping cough – Isolation for five days
* Mumps –Isolation for five days
* Glandular fever – No caution needed
* Scarlet Fever – Isolation for twenty-four hours after starting Antibiotics This information has been taken from the Public Health Agency 2017

**Medical Procedures**

* All staff members receive a health and safety overview at the commencement of the school year including any updates to the Health and Safety Policy and a reminder of basic first aid training.
* Medicines will be stored securely in the doctor’s room unless required by a student to be kept with them.

**First Aid**

* The school has a medical doctor (nurse). First aid and medical treatment is available in the medical room from 08:30-16:30. In the absence of school doctor (nurse), one of the first aid trained staff will take responsibility for the administration of first aid.
* If advance care is deemed necessary during these hours, then appropriate arrangements will be made by school doctor/nurse. This may include an ambulance, a specialist appointment or hospital care.

**Medical Records**

* Medical records are stored in the medical room for all students and staff.
* All pupils must have a medical form completed on admission. The school doctor (nurse) must liaise with admissions officer to collect in medical forms and follow up parents who have not returned them to the school.
* When completed, the medical form is stored in the filing cabinets in the medical room.

**Appendix**

* Medical Form for students
* Statement of Health for Teachers
* List of Students with Medical Conditions
* List of Medications available at School