Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
Summary of Changes
September 2026 Revision

The following amendments to the policy have been made:

1. Recognition of Physical and Mental Health Needs

Updated: Introduction

Change made: Clarified that medical conditions may include both physical and mental health needs. Strengthened alignment with statutory guidance and the Trust's inclusive approach to supporting pupils.

Reason for change: To reflect that pupils may require support for a broad range of medical conditions, including mental health needs that impact access to education.

2. Safeguarding Cross-Reference Added

Updated: Introduction

Change made: Added reference to the potential safeguarding implications of unmet medical needs. Signposted schools to the Trust Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy where concerns arise.

Reason for change: To reinforce the link between pupil welfare, safeguarding and effective support for medical conditions.

3. Mobile Technology and Medical Monitoring Devices

Updated: The Child's Role in Managing Their Own Medical Needs

Change made: Added guidance regarding the use of electronic monitoring devices, medical applications and linked mobile technology used to manage medical conditions. Clarified that arrangements should be recorded within Individual Healthcare Plans and aligned with school technology/mobile phone policies.

Reason for change: To reflect evolving medical technology and ensure pupils can safely access equipment necessary for managing their medical condition.

4. Allergy Management and Early Years Food Safety

Updated: Medicines / Allergy Management Section

Change made: Strengthened allergy management guidance and added reference to Early Years Foundation Stage food safety and welfare requirements where allergies or dietary needs are identified.

Reason for change: To promote consistent practice between medical management and food safety arrangements, particularly within Early Years settings.

5. Breakfast Clubs, After-School Clubs and Wraparound Provision

Updated: Day Trips, Residential Visits and Sporting Activities

Change made: Clarified that schools should ensure appropriate arrangements are in place to support pupils with medical conditions when providing or commissioning wraparound provision, including breakfast clubs and after-school clubs.

Reason for change: To ensure pupils with medical conditions can safely participate in activities beyond the core school day.

Impact of Changes

Strengthen alignment with current practice and emerging medical technologies.

Enhance safeguarding and welfare links.

Improve clarity regarding allergy management and Early Years requirements.

Clarify expectations for support within wraparound provision.

Maintain the existing statutory compliance, principles and intent of the guidance.

Overall Assessment: The amendments are clarifications and enhancements rather than substantive changes to Trust policy. The core responsibilities, principles and requirements within the guidance remain unchanged.

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Nature of changes: Minor amendments and clarification updates following policy review.