



Coláiste Nano Nagle

Administration of Medication Policy 2022 - 2025

## 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 parents/guardians 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 (e.g., anapen) used in cases of anaphylaxis.

## Policy Content

### **1. Procedure to be followed by parents /guardians who require the administration of medication for their children.**

- 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.
- Parents /guardians are required to provide written instructions of the procedure to be followed in the administration and storing of the medication.
- 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 supply is available.
- 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. 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, parents /guardians 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.
- 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**

- The Board, having considered the matter, may authorise a staff member to administer medication to a pupil or to monitor the self-administration by a pupil.
- The Board will ensure that the authorised person is properly instructed in how to administer the medicine.
- The Board shall seek an indemnity from parents 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.

## **3. Responsibilities of Staff Members**

- No staff member can be required to administer medication to a pupil.
- Any staff member who is willing to administer 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.
- A written record of the date and time of administration 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.
- Parents /guardians should be contacted should any questions or emergencies arise.

# 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 XXXXX, hereinafter called 'the parents' of the One Part  
AND..... for and on behalf of the Board of Management of Coláiste Nano Nagle,  
situated at Sexton St. in the County of Limerick (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.....
3. The pupil may, while attending the said school, require, in emergency circumstances, the  
administration of medication, viz.  
.....
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 AND SEALED by the said school authority in the presence of:

## Policy Adoption

This policy was reviewed by the Parent's Council on \_\_\_\_\_

This policy was reviewed by the Student Council on \_\_\_\_\_

This policy was review by Teachers on \_\_\_\_\_

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

## Dissemination and Publication

This policy has been made available to school personnel, published on the school website or is readily available to parents and pupils on request. A copy will be provided to the Parents' Association. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department of Education and Skills and CEIST if requested.

## Review

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every three years. Written notification that the review has been completed will be made available to school personnel, published on the school website (or be otherwise readily accessible to parent/guardians and pupils on request) and provided to the Parents' Association. A record of the review and its outcome will be made available, if requested, to CEIST and the Department of Education and Skills.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Principal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next review: \_\_\_\_\_