

HEALTH & WELFARE

The school takes part in the health care programme for children. Parents/carers will be notified of any medical examinations which are to take place and of any at which their attendance is requested.

You will be given the opportunity to fully inform the school of any illness, medical condition or allergy your child suffers from (initially on your child's enrolment form). However, as children could develop childhood illnesses or conditions at any stage of development we would ask parents/carers to ensure that the school is kept informed of any new medical condition or allergy. Medical forms will be issued for you to complete and we will ensure that relevant members of staff are fully aware of any requirements that your child may have.

Illness

Should your child contract an infectious illness, he/she must not return to school until your doctor is satisfied that all infection has passed.

If we suspect your child has an infectious illness, we will ask you to keep him/her at home until your doctor has examined him/her.

Sickness and diarrhoea are very common illnesses in young children. We ask you to keep your child at home until at least **48 hours** have passed after the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea, unless otherwise advised by your doctor.

General Medicines

Parents are asked to see the office staff should they need to advise the school about their child's medical condition/illness, seek advice about medication required in school or give prescribed medicine to the school. You should NEVER leave medication in your child's book bag/school bag and classroom staff should NOT be given medication. Medical forms are required to be completed should your child have an on-going medical condition or if medication is required to be administered in school.

Antibiotics will only be administered in school if a doctor has prescribed the medication to be taken 4 times a day. Parents are encouraged to ask their doctor to request for the prescribed medication to be taken 3 times a day (before school, after school and before bedtime).

If your child is not in school due to illness, you must telephone the school office every day your child is absent: 01293 524076 (option 1 to report an absence). We now also use Studybugs for reporting absence - please get the free app

Studybugs

Three Bridges Primary School has agreed to participate in a Sussex-wide public health project called 'Inspire', which aims to improve treatment of asthma in children. We need your help though! The project uses a free absence-reporting app called Studybugs.

Whether or not your child suffers from asthma, please could you download the app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Get the app now <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

As well as helping improve treatment of asthma, **Studybugs** also helps us track what illnesses are going around and is a convenient, efficient and secure method for reporting absence - so it should make life a little bit easier all around.

Medical Appointments

If your child needs to be taken out of school for a medical appointment, the school office will require a copy of the appointment letter. This should be given to staff prior to the date to allow us to inform classroom staff of the appointment details. However, we would encourage parents always to make appointments out of school where possible as this interrupts your child's learning.

Please ensure the school office has your up to date contact details in case we need to contact you/your chosen emergency contacts during the school day if your child becomes unwell and needs to go home.

Special Note: If your child's GP recommends Ibuprofen or Paracetamol, the school will **NOT**, under any circumstances, administer these to the child.

Epi-Pens/Inhalers/Emergency Diazepam

Should your child suffer from a medical condition that requires the administration of one of the above you will be asked to complete an appropriate medical form that must be updated should your child's condition/medication change at any time. This information will be shared with all relevant staff in the school. Parents/carers must ensure that the school is supplied with 1 or 2 Epi-pens as prescribed by the doctor, 2 x asthma inhalers and a spacer (if necessary) or emergency diazepam if a child has a medical condition that requires the administration of any of these in school. Please ensure that medical items left in school are clearly labelled with the child's name, dosage information and product expiry date.

Minor Incidents

While your child is here at Three Bridges Primary School it is likely that he or she will have minor bumps and scrapes from time to time. We will only inform you of these incidents during the school day if your child's injury requires further medical attention other than the basic first aid we are able to administer. We will, however, always endeavour to discuss any accident with you when you collect your child at the end of the school day. We will always contact you during the day if your child becomes unwell for any

reason in school and needs to go home. You will be asked to collect your child to ensure that he or she is in the best place to get better and to minimise the spread of any infection to other children and staff.

Emergencies/Accidents

Should your child be involved in an accident at school or on a school trip we have procedures in place for staff to contact emergency services. We ask you to ensure that we have up-to-date contact details for parents/carers and emergency contacts so that we are able to make immediate contact with you should we need to.

Individual Health Care Plans

Should your child have an accident which requires adaptations to his or her daily routines (e.g. broken bones) then you will be required to complete an IHCP for your child with a member of the leadership team before he or she returns to school. Also, we will also ask you to come into school and complete an IHCP with a member of the leadership team should your child have a medical condition that may require additional care or treatment during the school day.