



Dear Parents / Carers

SEPTEMBER 2021 - MEDICAL UPDATE – FIRST AID WRIST BANDS / HEAD INJURIES / ONE OFF MEDICATION

FIRST AID WRIST BANDS

To help us and you identify when First Aid has been administered in school for your child, a **yellow paper wrist band** will be placed upon your child's wrist with the date they were seen by the first aider. Your child will be given the appropriate First Aid slip that they will hand to you on pick up from school. *If your child does not have a slip but they are wearing a yellow wrist band, then please contact the school office via phone 0208 688 3000 or email office@arkovalprimary.org so that this can be followed up accordingly.*

HEAD INJURIES

If after initial first aid your child has been assessed as being well enough to go back to class, you will receive a text message informing you that they have sustained a head injury but are able to continue to stay at school and return to lessons. You will still receive the follow up First Aid slip at the end of the day. Your child will also present home wearing a yellow wrist band and will have a letter that provides you with some advice on what to look out for in the event that there is a delayed reaction.

If your child's head injury is suspected to be of a serious nature, a phone call will be placed to inform parents / carers and next steps will be discussed with you.

Can we also state that if you have any concerns about your child after a Head injury on returning home from school you contact NHS 111 for appropriate advice or see link below: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/minor-head-injury/>

As our text system only allows us to text one contact per child, it is extremely important to make sure that we have up to date telephone contact numbers for all children. **The text will only be sent to the number that you have identified as your number one priority contact.**

Therefore if you suspect that your number one priority contact telephone number may be out of date please can you take this opportunity to email the school office office@arkovalprimary.org so that we can update our records.

Please ensure you provide your child's name and class on the email and full details of the priority contact.

ONE OFF MEDICATION TO BE ADMINISTERED IN SCHOOL (i.e Antibiotics etc) – YOU MUST COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO DISCUSS

If your child needs to have medication administered in school for an ad hoc illness – i.e where they are well enough to be in school, but the doctor has **prescribed** antibiotics for example, or they require Piriton for a seasonal condition such as hay fever, you will need to complete an appropriate authorisation form (a copy is attached for ease of reference and these are also available from the school office). However, Medicine should only be brought to school when **it is essential to administer it during the school day**. In the vast majority of cases, doses of medicine can be arranged around the school day thus avoiding the need for medicine in school. Antibiotics for example are usually taken three times a day, so can be given with breakfast, on getting home from school and then at bedtime. Occasionally a GP or Paediatrician may prescribe that a medicine has to be taken during the school day. Parents

may call into the school and administer medicine to their child, or they may request that a family member or friend comes to school to administer the medicine if it is to be administered four times a day. **Only medicines to be taken four times a day, and which are for a long-term or re-occurring illness will be administered by school staff.**

If you have medication that needs to be taken **four times a day** then the medication together with the authorisation form will need to be **handed into the School Office** who will ensure this reaches the Teacher / First Aider for the Year Group. The medication will then be administered at the time stated. N.B Please make sure you advise us if the medication needs to be stored in the fridge.

Non-prescription Medicines

Under exceptional circumstances where it is deemed that their administration is required to allow a pupil to remain in school the school will administer non-prescription medicines. **This must be agreed prior to presenting any such medication on site.** The school will not administer alternative treatments i.e. homeopathic or herbal potions, pills or tinctures or nutrition supplements unless prescribed or recommended by a Doctor and detailed on an IHP or EHC as part of a wider treatment protocol.

Under no circumstances whatsoever MUST a child be given any form of medication to be retained by themselves, be this eye drops, pain killers or any form of herbal remedy. This can be a serious danger to other children should they come into contact with such items.

Notifying the School of updates to your child's medical condition or if there is a new diagnosis

It is essential that you notify the school if there are any changes to your child's current medical condition or if there is a new diagnosis. Please contact the school office in the first instance and arrangements will then be made for you to speak to one of our Medical leads.

Thank you for your support.