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## **CHILDREN'S MEDICATION**

The Catholic Education Office (CEO), diocese of Wollongong has outlined a general policy in regards to the 'Policy and Procedures relating to the dispensing of Medicines'.

It is expected that, whenever possible, medication will be taken at home, eg medication prescribed three (3) times per day should be taken before school, on arrival home from school and before going to bed. This is the preferred method as it ensures, by parental supervision, that the medication is taken as prescribed.

There will always be exceptions and these should be discussed with me as they arise.

Below is a restatement of the school policy regarding the dispensing of medication, and following it an important extract from the CEO policy.

**Children and Medicine:** It has been the practice at St Therese School for some children in special circumstances to take 'medicine' at school. I am quite happy for this practice to continue, on the understanding that it is NOT the responsibility of the staff to remember that medicine is to be taken. In such cases, children are to hand in their medication (for the week) on Monday morning and come to the office at their prescribed time. Obviously all care will be taken by staff, however, I am sure parents understand that workloads make it difficult for staff to become 'doctors/nurses' as well. First aid will, of course, be administered with as much care and attention as we can provide - the safety and welfare of the children is of paramount importance to us all.

Headache tablets, eg paracetamol or aspirin will **NOT** be administered without written permission.

Extract from the 'Policy and Procedure relating to the Dispensing of Medicines' CEO, Diocese of Wollongong.

'The Principal is to assure him/herself that is necessary for the student to consume medication during the school day. The Principal should explore with the parent or guardian an alternative regime other than the school day or more convenient time(s) for ingestion during the school day.

The parent/guardian is to give the Principal an appropriately signed consent form (**available from the school office**). The form is to detail: dosage, time of ingestion, contact person and doctor in an emergency.'

One final point: Students with asthma should carry their medication on their person.