



Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP)

Dear Parent/Carer;

You have indicated to us that your child has a long-term medical need and that you wish to discuss this with us in school.

The guidance below should indicate what you need to bring to the meeting and how school may choose to respond. Almost all of the following information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions--3>

Please note that, whilst we will try to accommodate your needs we will only make reasonable adjustments to ensure that both your child and all of the others in class have equality of opportunity, set within the financial and legal frameworks of the school.

Please note that often what you are able to offer in your home environment with possibly on 1, 2 or 3 children will often be very different, and more intense, than what we in school can offer with classes of at least 30 children.

You will also need to be aware that, unless there is an Education and Health Care Plan, (different to a IHP), in force, requiring in law specific adult support, your child is unlikely to be allocated an adult to specifically and constantly support them. Instead, support will be available as part of the general class, unless we as a school can reasonably adjust staff at specific times, or we feel there is a reasonable requirement for treatment or care, and that will not disadvantage others in the class or group.

We will also expect the individual child, regardless of age to play an active role in their own healthcare and that parents support this in the home.

Plans should not be a burden on a school, but should capture the key information and actions that are required to support a child effectively.

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Plans should be drawn up in partnership between the school, parents and a relevant healthcare professional, e.g. school nurse, specialist or children's community nurse or paediatrician who can best advise on the particular needs of the child.

Parents should provide the school with sufficient and up to date information about their child's medical needs.

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Every school has access to schooling nursing services. They are responsible for notifying the school when a child has been identified as having a medical condition which requires support in school.



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Other healthcare professionals, including GPs and paediatricians, should notify the school nurse when a child has been identified as having a medical condition that will require support in school.

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It is clear from the above information, that in order to create an IHP, we at school, require the medical diagnosis to be clear and unequivocal. As such, we require information from healthcare professionals. Without this a IHP meeting can't proceed.

At Hopton, this meeting will be attended by the head teacher, or assistant head teacher and another senior member of staff. This meeting may also be recorded to enable any misunderstandings to be clarified.

Agreed by Hopton Primary School Governing Body Date May 2024



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Model Process for Developing IHP's

