Medical / Health Related Issues

The safety of the children in our care is our main priority. Our policies and procedures are focussed on providing a safe environment in which the children can learn and develop.

Accidents – Regardless of the policies developed and the quality of supervision provided, accidents do occur in schools. At St Andrew’s, while most staff have Senior First Aid certification, no treatment is permitted except for basic First Aid. As such, it is vital that parents provide current telephone numbers and emergency contact details. In the event of an emergency or if parents are unable to be contacted, the injured child will be transported to hospital by ambulance.

Allergies - A number of children in our school have life-threatening allergies, particularly to nuts and dairy products. Please be aware when packing lunches or providing birthday cakes of the need to check with the class teacher about potential problems. A number of parents have formed a support group to educate the school community about life-threatening food allergies here at St Andrew’s. If you wish to know more please contact the school office. Be allergy aware – you could save a life!

Infectious Conditions – For the safety and well-being of all members of our school family we ask that parents contact the school if they are unsure of exclusion periods for children with infectious conditions.

Sickness – Children who are unwell will be sent to the school office and then to the Sick Room. If the child does not improve, parents will be contacted to collect the child as soon as possible. Any child who is unwell should be allowed to recuperate at home until they are able to fully complete a school day.
**Medicine** – At times, some children may need to receive medication at school. Parents must complete with the child’s doctor a “Student administration of medication” form for each medicine including those available over-the-counter. *(Forms are available from the office)* All medication must be forwarded in the original packaging, dispensed by a chemist, (even over-the-counter medication) with clear instructions for administration. The school has clear policies in this area and these must be followed to ensure the safety of all.

**Head Lice** - Head lice are an ongoing problem in all schools. St Andrew’s has a policy, which can be found on the school web page.