



# Abingdon Dolphins

## Abingdon Dolphins Swim School – Medicines Policy

The administration of medicines is primarily the responsibility of parents and carers. Medicine should be given to children before or after swim lessons.

If children require medication for infections and illnesses, it is appropriate for us to question if the child should be attending swimming lessons due to the possibility of spreading infections to others.

Abingdon Dolphins Swim Club has insurance in place that provides an indemnity in respect of legal liability arising from the actions of its employees providing that procedures are followed in good faith and relevant training has taken place.

There is no legal duty that requires Abingdon Dolphins staff to administer medicines.

Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions and only if they have received relevant training.

**Any member of staff giving medicines should check:**

**Child's Name, Prescribed dose, Expiry date, Written instructions (provided by prescriber)**

If in any doubt staff should check with a parent or health professionals before being taking further action.

Non-prescribed medicines will not be given.

No child under 16 should be given medicines without their parents' consent either written or signed off on a medical plan.

### **Asthma Inhalers;**

Where parents or carers inform the swim school of the use of asthma inhalers, spacers and nebulisers the inhaler will be kept with the parent or on poolside. Swimmers should have immediate access to inhalers and should always be self-administered by the children however they may be given support to hold inhalers or spacers but the administration must be completed by the swimmer.

Any swimmer who is required to be taken to hospital by ambulance should always be accompanied by their parent or a member of staff who should remain until the parents/carers arrive.

All staff should be familiar with normal precautions for avoiding infections. Staff have access to PPE and should take care when dealing with spillages of blood or other body fluids and disposing of equipment.

### **Medical Plans**

The main purpose of a care/medical care plan for a child with medical needs is to identify the level of support needed. Not all children require a medical plan. Medical care plans will be put in place for a child with a significant medical need (not asthma inhalers) where staff may need to administer or supervise self-administering of medication (e.g. Diabetes).