St Anthony’s Primary School Medication Policy

* All children taken sick or injured at school will be adequately cared for and supervised until parents/carers collect the child.

* Teachers will not take responsibility for dispensing medication to students or for housing drugs in classrooms.

* Parents will be advised as soon as possible of all serious and emergency situations.

* Students with infectious diseases are excluded from school until fully recovered. (Medical certificates can be requested.)

* The following forms of medication and treatment will be provided when required by qualified First Aid Certificate holders in the school office.

1. Medication for bites and stings - including those students with life threatening allergies, but excluding injections.
2. Treatment for diabetics. Class teachers are permitted to house ‘emergency rations’.
3. Treatment for anaphylaxis: Class teachers are permitted to house EpiPens
4. Medication for A.D.D. sufferers where this must be administered during school hours. However the following conditions will apply:
   i. All medications must be prepared by the parents (tablets halved etc, where necessary) and delivered to the school office in weekly amounts on the first school day of the week.
   ii. The necessary consent forms must be filled in at the commencement of each year.
   iii. Students are to make their own way to the office at the appropriate time.
   iv. A trained First Aid Certificate holder will make the medicine available for the students to take and consume. This will be recorded, dated and signed and cosigned on the appropriate form for each dispensing.

School staff cannot be responsible for dispensing any of the following medications

- Asthma inhalers (students must be made responsible for using and maintaining their own inhalers) - Parents please complete the necessary form available from the office.
- Cold and flu treatments - including antibiotics - Parents must make alternate arrangements.
- Panadol or Disprin - will not be administered under any circumstances.
- Eye drops or eye creams, ear drops will not be administered.