#### Medicines

As a general rule, medication should not be brought into the school unless it needs to be administered during the day. In such cases, the following should apply:

• Parents will be requested to sign a letter asking permission for staff at Halesbury School to take responsibility for the pupil's medicine.

• The medicine should be in its original container with the chemist's label clearly visible. Only medication prescribed by the GP can be given to children during the school day

• The label should be in date, clearly state the child's name, medication name, dosage to be given, how to be given and how often.

• All medicines should be handed over to staff by the parent/carer/ Escort/responsible adult. Please do not give medication to children to hand into school.

• Until such time as the medication is required, it will be kept locked away safely.

### Halesbury Family Outreach Team

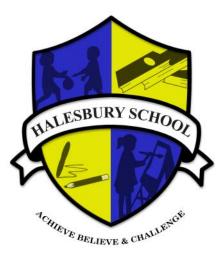
Our Family Outreach Team will work with families in school or through home visits to support with advocacy, benefit forms, coordination of services, referrals for support, access to funding and much more.

The team facilitates courses such as Triple P and Time out for parents of children with special needs to support parents/carers along their journey.

The Family Outreach Team also coordinates events, family and adult learning programmes and innovative projects in school.

Tuesday mornings are our adult and family learning sessions and we hold a Pamper Evening, HalesFest family music event and Christmas fair annually for all of our families to attend. Family Outreach also coordinate a one week summer scheme for pupils.

If you wish to ask for support or get more information about these services please contact school.



# Achieve, Believe, Challenge

## Halesbury Working with Parent/Carers Policy Summary

This policy has been written in partnership with parent/carers

Halesbury recognises that being a parent/carer of a disabled child presents its own challenges and that these challenges can impact on the whole family. When families are well supported and equipped to overcome these challenges we know that this can only have a positive impact on their children and their engagement at school. **Happy parent/carers = Happy children**.

In recognition of this Halesbury works in partnership with Pens Meadow school to provide our very own Family Outreach Team. The team work closely with our families to provide support, sign posting and engagement opportunities. Please see overleaf for more information about the team.

It is a statutory requirement that schools have a home school agreement to be signed and accepted on behalf of every child.

Halesbury aims to establish close working relationships with its families in order to get best outcomes for its children. Ongoing communication is a major part of our home—school agreement. Halesbury offers a variety of opportunities to support families which include:

- Newsletters
- Telephone Calls
- Group Call system
- Letters
- Home visits through Family
  Outreach
- Meetings in school
- Facebook/Twitter pages
- School Website
- Access to other support services
- Weekly Family/Adult Learning sessions eg: Get Cooking, Art, Bread Therapy
- Educational Workshops such as Phonics, Writing & Communication
- Triple P Course
- Time out for parents of children with SEN Course

### **Pupil Welfare**

Parents will be informed if their child is taken ill or has an accident that requires medical attention (where a child receives a minor injury, a qualified first aider at the school will administer treatment). Please make sure you update school with contact details for home, work and mobiles so you can be contacted by school when needed.

Where further health needs are concerned, pupils may have access to a school Health Adviser, Please speak to school or Family Outreach if you would like these contact details.

### **Communication with Parent/Carers**

Halesbury School values and welcomes regular communication with parent/ carers. Class communication with parent/carers may differ throughout the school dependant on the staffing ratio's, pupils needs and class sizes. Please ask your class Teacher to find out more or alternatively contact the Family Outreach Team

