**Management of Medical Conditions and**

**Prescribed Medicines**

**An Introductory Document:**

**(Full Copies of our Medication Policy are available directly from School)**

In St Patrick’s we endeavour to ensure that pupils who present with a particular medical condition receive the necessary care and support required.

To enable us to do this we are issuing the following guidance.

* Parents should complete the Medical/Allergies Form at the beginning of each school year.
* Please inform the school and update information if your child acquires a medical condition during the school year.
* If a child has a serious medical condition please make an appointment to discuss the situation with the Principal.
* Parents should be advised that the school will not as a matter of course administer medication to a pupil. Where a child requires essential medication during the school day parents should make arrangements to administer the medication themselves or nominate another adult.
* In exceptional circumstances where this may not be feasible, parents should discuss arrangements with the Principal.
* Pupils should not carry medication on their person or in their belongings at any time. Arrangements for management of medication should be agreed with the Principal.
* Following consultation, arrangements may be made to store essential medication in a safe and secure place within school.
* If a child presents with a life threatening condition, guidance will be sought from the Medical Officer and an appropriate Care Plan will be put in place.
* Where pupils suffer from a serious health condition, permission will be sought from parents/guardians to display photographs of children and relevant information in Staff Room to ensure that all Staff Personnel are made aware of the child’s condition.