



## **The Wolds Federation Epilepsy Policy**

This policy is intended to ensure that *The Wolds Federation* fully meets the needs of pupils who have epilepsy and that all pupils who have epilepsy achieve to their full potential. It has been prepared with reference to information available from Young Epilepsy.

*The Wolds Federation* will ensure at least one member of staff has training in epilepsy and supporting children who have epilepsy in school medically, socially and academically. That person will lead on ensuring that the epilepsy policy is followed.

*The Wolds Federation* will ensure that all pupils who have epilepsy achieve to their full potential by:

- Keeping careful and appropriate records of students who have epilepsy
- Recording any changes in behaviour or levels / rates of achievement, as these could be due to the pupil's epilepsy or medication
- Closely monitoring whether the pupil is achieving to their full potential
- Tackling any problems early

*The Wolds Federation* will ensure that all pupils with epilepsy are fully included in school life, and are not isolated or stigmatised.

We will do this by:

- Offering support in school with a mentoring or 'buddying' system to help broaden understanding of epilepsy.
- Supporting pupils to take a full part in all activities and outings (day and residential).
- Making necessary adjustments e.g. exam timings, coursework deadlines, timetables.
- Giving voice to the views of pupils with epilepsy, for example regarding feeling safe, respect from other pupils, teasing and bullying, what should happen during and following a seizure, adjustments to support them in

learning, adjustments to enable full participation in school life and raising epilepsy awareness in school.

- Raising awareness of epilepsy across the whole school community, including pupils, staff and parents.

*The Wolds Federation* will liaise fully with parents and health professionals by:

- Letting parents know what is going on in school
- Asking for information about a pupil's healthcare, so that we can fully meet their medical needs
- Asking for information about if or how the pupil's epilepsy and medication affect their concentration and ability to learn
- Informing parents and health professionals (with the parent's permission) of changes to the pupil's achievement, concentration, behaviour and seizure patterns.

We will ensure that staff are epilepsy aware and know what to do if a pupil has a seizure.

If needed, there will be an appropriately trained member of staff available at all times to deliver emergency medication.

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