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Marion Primary Academy and Nursery



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Physiotherapy Policy

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PHYSIOTHERAPY POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Marton Primary Academy and Nursery is fully inclusive. We welcome all children and enabling them to reach their full potential is at the heart of all we do. The role of physiotherapy within school is to allow all children to maximise their full physical potential.

LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy
- SERF Policy
- Moving and Handling Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The key aim of physiotherapy is to support the child's mobility within school and enable them to access the school's curriculum. Physiotherapy is essential in order for some pupils (particularly but not only those children with a SERF placement) to improve muscle tone, general fitness and fine and gross motor skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Physiotherapist's Responsibility

- To carry out a risk assessment as part of the child's initial consultation/placement.
- Where therapy involves handling or additional skills beyond those for which a member of staff is trained, the physiotherapist will provide the appropriate training, assessment and monitoring in order for the programme to be delivered safely and accurately.

- To review progress regularly and provide new programmes as and when required.
- To advise school whenever specialist equipment is required in order to enable us to complete the physiotherapy programme correctly.
- Provide quotes, suppliers and letters of advice to support the purchase of specialist equipment.

The SENCO's Responsibility

- To liaise with the physiotherapist to ensure all equipment that is required is ordered using the correct ordering procedure (whether as part of the school budget or through SARS panel.)
- Write Health Care Plans and Risk Assessments in line with physiotherapist's recommendations.
- Ensure that all staff have the appropriate level of training in line with the physiotherapist's recommendations.

The SSA's Responsibility

- To deliver the programme as directed by the physiotherapist.
- To provide feedback to the physiotherapist regarding progress made since the last visit.
- To monitor progress and log any concerns on the physiotherapy record sheet.
- Inform parents of any injury/incident which might have happened during physiotherapy.
- Log any call to parents in the telephone log (in the Office).
- To ensure that at least one other adult is present during every physiotherapy session.

PROCEDURES

- Only physiotherapy programmes designed by a qualified physiotherapist will be delivered.
- Physiotherapy programmes will only be delivered once they have been demonstrated by a qualified physiotherapist and the physiotherapist has assessed the member of staff in the delivery of the programme.
- Physiotherapy will only be carried out in the therapy room using suitable recommended equipment.
- There will always be a minimum of two adults present during any physiotherapy session.
- A record of the exercises carried out during each session will be kept and any comments made by the child will be recorded.
- Should a child complain of an injury or pain during a physiotherapy session then this will be reported to the Lead SSA or Inclusion leader and a telephone

call will be made home. This call is to be recorded in the log book. It should also be written in the Home/School communication book.

- Should an injury or swelling be noticed by a member of staff during physiotherapy then this will be reported to the Lead SSA or Inclusion leader and a telephone call will be made home. This call is to be recorded in the log book. It should also be written in the Home/School communication book.
- Any visits by the physiotherapist should be noted in the physiotherapy log along with any advice given or change in exercise programme.

MONITORING & REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed in March 2016.

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Date: 25/03/15

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