

Checklist



Handouts

Handouts from the child or young person's health professional team and parents/caregivers regarding the child or young person's illness and treatment. These should include basic information on diagnosis and treatments along with possible physical and emotional side effects that may be anticipated.



Medical aids

Ask the family whether the child or young person has been fitted with a central line (see Glossary on page 22) or any other medical device.



Emergency phone numbers

This should include family and medical emergency numbers, including the primary healthcare team (GP).



Medical issues

- Medications to be given at school (these must be in original prescription bottles labelled with directions on how they should be administered)
- Information for physical education teachers
- Care of central lines
- Precautions regarding the danger of the sick child or young person being exposed to infectious diseases such as chicken pox and measles



Practical information

Many schools do not allow students to wear hats in the school building. If a child or young person returns to school and wants to wear a hat because of hair loss, all school personnel must be aware this is acceptable. There may be other adaptations that need to be made to the school's dress code due to the child or young person's circumstances.



Education

Access information about any education the child or young person may have received through the hospital system.

For additional information on children returning to school after a cancer diagnosis, visit: kidshealth.org.nz/tags/teachers