

Student Health at The Regis School

First Aid Provision

If a student becomes unwell during the course of the day and a decision is made that they need to go home, you will be contacted by phone or text to collect your child from school, they will not be sent home unattended, but for older students this arrangement might be agreed and appropriate. In the event of a serious medical emergency you will be phoned immediately.



To ensure we are able to speak to parents as soon as possible, please check that your contact details are always correct and to notify the school of any changes as a matter of urgency.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure relevant medical advice is sought for symptoms which present outside of school time. If your child is so unwell in the morning that they would be unable to cope with the school day, please can we request that you keep them at home and seek medical advice via a Pharmacist or your GP. First Aid provision is for emergency care during school hours only and school staff cannot provide a triage service for students.

It is also the responsibility of parents to update any medical information related to their child by requesting a pink medical questionnaire from the Health Manager.

Head Bumps



Parents will be informed if their child receives a serious bump to the head. If it is felt that your child requires immediate medical attention then parents will be telephoned. If the student appears well enough to be returned to class, then parents will be informed via a text message to the first contact. A letter listing warning signs will be given to the student to bring home should the bump be more serious than expected.

Controlling Infection

Children with infectious diseases for example, Chicken Pox, Impetigo and Scabies etc, may not be at school. They should only return when they feel well, and must stay away longer if there is still the risk of infection. The recommended periods children should stay away from school are available on www.wiredforhealth.gov.uk *Guidance on infection control in schools and nurseries*. For further advice, please contact Mrs Yola Harvey (Health Manager).



Medication for children

The school is only able to store and administer medicines prescribed by the GP. Few medicines need to be taken during normal school hours and “three times a day” means every eight hours and not three doses during the school day. If parents wish to store any prescribed medicine for their child, they must



complete and sign a blue consent form (obtained from the school) and return it to the Medical Room.

On expiry of the medication, it will be the parent's responsibility to supply new stock. If this does not happen then the school will presume that the medication is no longer needed. You will be required to fill out a new form each time there is a change in the pattern or dosage of the medication. The medicine must be in the pharmacist's original container and be clearly labelled with the name of the medicine, the child's name and other relevant instructions. If your child is taking antibiotics, the school need only to administer the drug once at lunchtime if they are prescribed 4 times a day.

Non- prescription medicines



The school has a Paracetamol Policy which allows students to request treatment during the school day. We ask that parents' consent to their child receiving Paracetamol in the event of Headache, Period Pains, Muscular Pain etc. If a request is made by a student the medical room will make contact with a parent to ensure that they have not had any medication in the last four hours before the medication is given.

Children with long term medical conditions



If any student has a long term medical condition – for example Diabetes, Severe Asthma, ADHD and Epilepsy or a severe allergy that requires the administration of an EpiPen, please contact the school as we may need to draw up a care plan, to support your child at school.

Crutches

Students are only allowed into school using crutches if they have been medically advised to do so by the hospital. It is a requirement that the parent and the child come into school to complete a risk assessment and to see if it is possible for the student to return and to implement any support they may need.



On a final note, please can the school encourage all parents to ensure that their child has been sent into school in **good health**, having eaten a **healthy breakfast** and they have **adequate fluids** to drink for the day.



If any parent or guardian has any concerns with the above information, please feel free to contact the Medical Room.

Thank you

Mrs Yola Harvey
Health & Wellbeing Manager