

Medical Room

The Medical Room is staffed during school hours by a First Aid trained Medical Lead, supported by staff first aiders. We must stress that this provision should not be used as a pre-cursor or replacement to visit your GP if your child is unwell. It is vital that if your child is unwell and requires medical attention that you seek an appointment with your GP.

The medical room is found in A block opposite the Main Hall (MHAL). If the medical room door is locked, then students should report to Main Office. The Medical room team are:

Insert photo. R Haynes, D Stern

Becoming unwell in school

If your child becomes unwell in class, they will need permission from the teacher to visit the Medical Room. They will then be assessed, and their medical needs treated accordingly. Should this require the student to be sent home, the relevant parent/carers will be contacted by a staff member.

Pupils are not allowed to go home unaccompanied if feeling unwell. If due to medical reasons the school decides a pupil should go home, a parent, guardian or nominated carer must collect them from the school reception and sign them out. It is parental responsibility to collect an unwell pupil promptly if they are deemed unfit to remain in school.

All communication with the parent must be through the school and not directly with the child.

It is important that the school is informed of ALL changes to telephone numbers as soon as possible, or ANY other changes in circumstances to enable us to contact parents/carers quickly in the event of an emergency.

In an emergency or if the pupil is not considered to be well enough to go the medical room, the First Aid Officer or another first aider will be called to attend in person, to assess the needs of the pupil and take appropriate action.

Managing Medical Conditions

Pupils with extra medical needs at school may require a Medical Care Plan. This ensures that we can meet the medical needs of individual pupils and to take appropriate action should an emergency occur. Please contact us by email or telephone if you wish to talk to us regarding your child's medical conditions. Conditions which might require a care plan include allergies, Diabetes, Asthma, and Epilepsy. This list is not exhaustive, so if you are unsure or have any concerns please contact us to discuss. Care plans are developed in collaboration with parents, carers, health care professionals, school nursing service and appropriate school staff such as the SENCO

Medication

It is school policy to only administer prescription and non-prescription medicines if it is **essential** that they are given during the school day and we have written parental permission via a signed consent form (<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nsfQH7kh7kKWuLlxX-MptYHKv18Dn2IMjs-OU-Mktm9UM042NFc4WFZSSIZQNfNHMURIRVI4VkROMi4u>). Medication must be provided to the school in its original packaging as dispensed by the chemist and clearly labelled.

PLEASE NOTE: Pupils are not allowed to carry medication around the school site with them, except for emergency medication such as Insulin and Inhalers. For these pupils we ask parents/carers to

provide the medical room with a spare inhaler or Insulin for use in an emergency. It is a parental responsibility to ensure these are kept in date.

DIARRHOEA & VOMITING – STAY AT HOME FOR 48 HOURS FROM LAST EPISODE.

As per NHS guidance, should your child have an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting they should stay at home until at least 48 hours after the last episode to prevent spreading any infection to others.

Protocols for Medical Room Risk Assessments

For pupils who come to school whilst injured we are duty bound to carry out a risk assessment including children who attend school in plaster or on crutches. This risk assessment is to ensure that it is safe for your child to attend school and to make any specific arrangements or adjustments which need to take place to help them access lessons.

For this to happen, a parent/carer must accompany your child to school on the first day that they come in following the injury/medical situation. Please contact the school beforehand to ensure that the First Aid Officer is available to meet with you. It is crucial that you accompany your child into school for the risk assessment because, in the unlikely event that it is deemed unsafe for your child to be at school, you will need to take them home until it is safe for them to return. It is also good practice for you to be there to understand the adjustments that the school can make. Regrettably, if you send your child to school with an injury without pre-arranging a risk assessment meeting, you may be contacted to come and collect your child and organise a meeting with the First Aid Officer for the following day.

Sanitary Products

Sanitary products are freely available from the Medical Room to students. We support ending period poverty in education <https://www.phs.co.uk/periodequalitydfe/>

