



## St Edmund's College Summer School: Medical Procedures

### 1. Introduction

We treat the health and well-being of our students with the upmost importance. Our Infirmary is staffed by qualified nurses 24 hours a day, who are able to diagnose and treat common and minor ailments and administer prescription medication. We are 25 minutes away from a large hospital with an Accident and Emergency department, and we have an ambulance on site. All of our children are covered by a health insurance policy which covers the costs of emergency healthcare and, if necessary, emergency repatriation.

We are able to accommodate children with many physical and cognitive conditions, but we are not disability specialists and there are some conditions that we do not have the facilities or expertise to deal with. For this reason, it is important to disclose all conditions to us upon initial application.

### 2. Medications

- Children who are on prescription medication should hand this in to the Infirmary on the day that they arrive. Our Infirmary Nurses will ensure that they take the necessary dose at the correct times and frequencies.
- Children should not come with over-the-counter remedies such as anti-histamines or ibuprofen. If they do, these must be stored in the Infirmary. We cannot allow students to store medications in their bedrooms.
- Those with prescription medication but no medical prescriptions to go with them **will not be permitted to take their medication**. It is very important that if a child is on a prescription, the details of that prescription are communicated to us beforehand.

### 3. Illness: Infections, etc..

When children have minor bacterial or viral infections they can be seen and treated in the Infirmary. Sometimes, at the discretion of the Infirmary Nurses, they may stay in the Infirmary for a few hours or days to recover. More serious infections will require transfer to the local hospital.

### 4. Injuries: Cuts, burns, etc..

Thankfully, our children are not injured very often. However, as above, minor injuries can be treated on site, while more serious injuries will be treated at the local Accident and Emergency department.

#### **5. Mental Health, mental illness and developmental disabilities**

We do not specialize in conditions such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and autism – and we do not have the training, experience or facilities to work with children who require them. It is very important that any conditions such as these are disclosed during the first stage of the application process. If a child arrives with a previously undisclosed condition which, in our view, we are unable to safely accommodate then we may insist that they are repatriated.

#### **6. Chronic Conditions: Epilepsy, Asthma, Allergies, etc.**

We need to know if children have any chronic conditions such as epilepsy or asthma so that our staff are prepared. If necessary, for instance, we can arrange for extra epi-pens to be available for children with severe allergies.

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