

**DURHAM**



**SCHOOL**

## **MEDICAL REGULATIONS**

*Please keep this document safely for reference*

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **Registration**

To make best use of the facilities and services provided under the National Health Service, all boarders must be registered on the list of the local GP practice throughout their time at School. During School holidays medical treatment can be obtained either privately or under the National Health Service as a "temporary resident". Boarders must bring their Medical Card to School at the start of their first term, with the appropriate part on page 3 completed.

Day pupils should be registered with their local doctor.

#### **Consent to Treatment**

If a pupil requires hospital treatment every effort will be made to obtain the prior consent of the parent or guardian. Should this be impossible in the time available, the Headmaster, Housemaster or Housemistress, acting in loco parentis, is authorised to give valid consent to such treatment (including anaesthetic or operation) as may be recommended by the attending medical staff.

#### **Information**

Please note that in general the professional code of practice of doctors, nurses and other health professional place a duty on them not to disclose information about individual patients (pupils) without their consent except in exceptional circumstances. The duty of confidentiality owed to a person under 16 years of age is the same as that owed to any other person. However, where a professional believes that the health, safety or welfare of the patient (pupil) or others is at risk, there is a duty to share information between professionals, as laid down by the DFES Child Protection Act.

#### **Return to School, Quarantine, etc.**

If your child has an operation, accident, severe illness, or anything that may affect his/her school life, please inform the Medical Centre staff. If your child has been exposed during the school holidays to anyone suffering from an infectious disease, he/she should not return to school until after the quarantine period.

If an infectious disease is suspected i.e. poliomyelitis, encephalitis, cerebrospinal fever (meningitis), smallpox, diphtheria, conjunctivitis or impetigo, the pupil may NOT return to School until permission from the Health Protection Agency / GP practice has been obtained. If after the pupil has returned to School, infectious illness breaks out in your home, immediate notice of the facts should be forwarded to the School authorities if your home doctor considers there is a possibility of further infection.

No pupil may return to School unwell with a viral sore throat or heavy cold.

## **Medicines, Drugs and Treatment in Holidays**

If a boarder returns to School while continuing a course of treatment started in the holidays, details of this treatment must be given by letter to the Medical Centre staff. All medicines, tablets, drugs, etc. must be declared and handed over to the Medical Centre on return.

The possession or taking of unauthorised medicines, tablets, drugs, etc. is regarded as a serious matter and could in certain circumstances result in the removal of the pupil by the Headmaster from the School.

Retention of a pupil in the School is conditional upon the acceptance by the parents of the regulations set out above. They may be amended from time to time, and, subject to any such amendments shall continue to apply during the whole time a pupil continues to attend the School, irrespective of age.

## **Admission to the Medical Centre**

If your child becomes ill during the school day, he/she must report to the nurse on duty, having first obtained permission, if possible, from the teacher whose class or activity he/she is attending at the time.

If a child is not well enough to continue at school, the Medical Centre staff will inform the parent/guardian of the child. Pupils should not ring their parents/guardians to collect them without first consulting the Medical centre staff. This is a Health and safety measure for the protection of your child.

If a child needs to be in the Medical Centre for a period of time during the school day, his/her parents may be informed in writing.

The Health Protection Agency advise that no child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting or flu-like illness should come into school until he/she has been free of symptoms for at least 48 hours.