

INFORMATION REGARDING ILLNESSES AND MEDICATION

We would like to bring to your attention the following important information:

Parents, please make sure that your child's medical aid details are up to date and that your child and the hostel office have a copy of the medical aid card.

NO child/ren who is/are ill may attend the hostel facilities.

When is a child ill?

- High fever, i.e. above 38 °C
- When taking antibiotics – especially the first two days, as certain antibiotics only become effective on the second day
- Very loose stool
- Vomiting
- Severe lung infections, e.g. bronchitis, pneumonia, etc.
- Any contagious disease, i.e. children's diseases e.g. measles, chickenpox, hand-foot-mouth diseases, etc.
- Mouth sores
- Red/Pink eyes or eyes with discharge
- Draining ears

Why not?

- The other children and staff may become infected.
- A child who had been prescribed antibiotics, will for the first two days, **feel ill and will not want to be between other children and high noise levels – it is not fair towards the child.**
- A child, who has a loose stool/vomiting, may dehydrate. When your child has had three loose stools or vomited three times, the hostel will contact you to fetch him/her
- The hostel facility does not have any sickbay facilities
- When a child is ill, he/she demands extra attention and supervision, which means the rest of the hostel, class and the specific education programme that we follow, will suffer the consequences

Doctor's appointments:

- The hostel staff is under no obligation to take a learner to a doctor's appointment etc.
- In case of an emergency, the ambulance will be called at the parent's expense, to take the child to the hospital
- The parent will always be informed of any situation

Medication:

- Provide your child with headache pills, medication for menstruation pains, colds and flu etc.
- Medication must be clearly marked with clear instructions
- Medication must be monitored by the hostel assistant, senior hostel assistant and hostel manager
- Only the hostel manager is allowed to give medication in case of an emergency

Head lice:

- The children's hair will be checked on a regular basis and a record will be kept
- You will be contacted to collect your child immediately if his/her hair is infected with head lice or nits
- Unfortunately this is a reality and it occurs quite often. Please give us your full cooperation regarding this very sensitive matter

Allergies:

- We encourage you to get a MedicAlert bracelet should your child suffer from allergies
- It is in your child's interest when he/she gets into situations when they cannot speak for themselves
- Food allergies should be mentioned per doctor's letter

Various injections are available to boost immunity, such as the flu vaccine. Speak to your pharmacist or GP for more information and when would be the best time to have it administered.

The hostel staff do understand that working parents find it difficult to take leave or make alternative arrangements when their child cannot attend the hostel facility, but your child is primarily your responsibility.

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