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INFORMATION REGARDING DISEASES AND MEDICATION

We would like to bring your attention to 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 boarding office have a copy of the medical aid card.

NO child/ren who is/are ill may attend the boarding 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 kick in 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, chicken pox, hand-foot & mouth diseases, etc.
- Mouth sores
- Red/Pink eyes or eyes with a discharge
- Draining ears

Why not?

- The other children and staff may be infected
- A child that is on antibiotics will for the first two days, **feel ill and will not want to be** between other children and high noise level – it is not fair towards the child.
- A child, who has a loose stool/vomiting, may dehydrate. When your child has had 3 loose stools or vomited 3 times, the school will contact you to fetch him/her.
- The boarding facility does not have any sick bay facilities.
- When a child is ill, he/she demands extra attention and supervision, which means the rest of the class and the specific education program that we follow, will suffer the consequences.

Doctor's appointments:

- The boarding staff is under no obligation to take a boarder to a doctor's appointment etc.
- In case of an emergency, the Ambulance will be called on 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, cold and flu, asthma etc.
- Medication must be clearly marked with clear instructions.
- Medication must be monitored by the boarding assistant.
- The boarding staff is not allowed to give any 'over-the-counter' medication.
- Only the boarding 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 on hand.
- 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 in this very sensitive matter.

Allergies:

- We encourage you to get a Medic Alert 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 boarding staff do understand that working parents find it difficult to take leave or make alternative arrangements when their child cannot attend the boarding facility, but your child is after all your primary responsibility.