

MEDICAL POLICY

Channing School recognizes the link between good health and effective learning. For this reason, we provide a large comfortable Medical Room, staffed by two Registered Nurses.

Nursing cover is provided throughout the school day. Pupils are offered first aid treatment plus immediate care and advice for illness, together with guidance on the management of any existing conditions. Emphasis is placed on health education and health promotion, and pupils in the senior school are encouraged to learn to identify and take responsibility for their own health care needs.

If they feel unwell, pupils in the Junior School (Fairseat) should tell their teacher, who will let the nurse know either by telephone or by recording it on the electronic "Nurse Consultation" form. A School Nurse will routinely visit Fairseat daily, at lunch-time, and any other time as required.

Along with other members of the Pastoral Team, the Nurses will support any pupils with emotional or mental health problems.

Pupils may sometimes use the Medical Room for lunch if they need supervision or are unable to get down the stairs to the dining room.

The Medical Room is well stocked with appropriate books and leaflets and is a good resource area for any girls wishing to find out more information on Health Education, First Aid, illnesses etc.

Parents can contact the School Nurses to discuss any medical concerns they have about their child.

Telephone 020 8347 2717.

email schoolnurse@channing.co.uk

As an additional benefit for Channing staff, the nurses are also available to assess and advise them with any medical concerns they may have.

Pre-employment medical questionnaires are seen and reviewed by the nurses.

Medical Records

Parents must update Schoolbase with all the relevant consents, medical conditions, vaccinations and any medical professional details. This is a requirement prior to any student starting at Channing.

Nurses will liaise with parents to complete personal health care plans if a pupil suffers from severe asthma / epilepsy / diabetes / severe allergies, or any other serious condition where more support may be required.

Written medical records are kept confidentially and securely by the School Nurses, and the IT manager/ Bursar is responsible for the safe and confidential storage of all electronic records.

Parental Responsibility

It is the responsibility of parents:

- to ensure their child is well enough to attend school
- to keep their child off school if they may have an infectious illness
- to keep their child off school for 48 hours from the last episode of any diarrhoea or vomiting
- to update Schoolbase prior to admission to the school, and to keep the School Nurses informed of any changes to their child's health or medication
- to ensure the School Nurses have appropriate supplies of any emergency drugs.

Parents will be informed and asked to collect their child if they become ill or sustain an injury and is unable to continue with lessons. Pupils may not go home unless they have been seen by the nurse and given permission to leave. The Headmistress, Head of Fairseat or Deputy Head may give permission in the absence of the School Nurse. Any pupils in the Junior school with vomiting, diarrhoea or a high temperature may be sent home by a teacher, without first seeing the nurse.

Pupils will not be sent home alone. This will only be waived in exceptional circumstances for 6th form students, if the nurse feels it is appropriate and also has their parent's' permission.

The nurse can always be contacted by mobile phone.

The School Office will always be kept informed of the nurse's whereabouts.

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