

Medical Care Services at St John's School

Medical Centre staff aim to treat and prevent ill health, promote healthy living and to empower pupils to take responsibility for their own healthcare, and to enable them to make informed choices by providing up-to-date information.

Medical Provision

The Medical Centre is staffed by registered nurses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, during term-time. Pupils are treated on a drop-in basis as necessary between the hours of 8.00am and 8.00pm. In the event of an emergency there is a call-out system after 8.00pm.

The School Doctor holds a surgery twice a week and is available on call, via the nursing staff, at other times if necessary.

Accidents and emergencies are dealt with immediately, and parents/guardians are informed as soon as practically possible.

The School Nurses co-ordinate arrangements for first aid and emergency cover, and an ambulance service is available for sporting fixtures held at the School.

New pupils and staff are given information about the Medical Centre as part of their induction into the School.

Parents/guardians must complete a health questionnaire prior to a pupil's entry into the School. The questionnaire outlines significant past medical problems, current ailments and present treatment, as well as known allergies, and the dates and details of all immunisations. This information is essential for use by the Medical Centre staff when dealing with pupils.

The Senior School Nurse liaises closely with the School Doctor to ensure timely completion of pre-medicals, health questionnaires, medical registration checks, immunisation and vaccination programmes, asthma follow-ups, selected medical follow-ups for all boarders and any day pupils who are registered at the practice, and, upon request, for day pupils who are registered with their own doctor.

School Doctor

Full boarders are required to register with the School Doctor's medical practice and weekly boarders and day pupils are encouraged to register as well for reasons of safety and continuity. However, for those pupils not registered, the School Doctor will provide immediately necessary care when required (on a temporary resident basis) to anyone who has an immediate clinical need to be seen. However, on-going treatment in these cases is likely to be referred to the pupil's own GP, as that is where his/her medical records are stored.

Emergency out of hours medical services are provided by Thames Doc, if necessary.

The Medical Centre Facilities

The Medical Centre facilities are available to all pupils. Nursing staff are also available to provide support and advice to parents/guardians.

Pupils may be seen as out-patients or as in-patients. Beds are provided for pupils required to remain in the Medical Centre overnight. Separate facilities are provided for boys and girls.

The building has a reception area and a private examination/treatment room, as well as an office and on-call facilities for the duty nurse.

Treatment of minor ailments and general advice is also available to members of staff during normal working hours, during term-time.

Counselling and Physiotherapy Services

Counselling and physiotherapy services are also provided in the Medical Centre.