



Ripon Grammar 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, **termly boarders must be registered on the list of the local GP practice** throughout their time at school.

Weekly boarders are also able to be registered on the list of the local GP practice throughout their time at school.

Boarders must bring their medical card to school at the start of their first term, with the appropriate part on page 3 completed.

If parents prefer, **weekly boarders have the option of remaining registered with their local doctor.** Boarding staff will contact parents if their child requires an appointment with their GP and parents are expected to accompany their child to the appointment.

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, Deputy Headteacher, Houseparent or School Health Worker 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 senior houseparent. 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.

Ripon Grammar School 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 boarding house staff. All medicines, tablets, drugs, etc. must be declared and handed over to the boarding house on return and a Parental Request for Medicine to be taken at school – Appendix 1 form must be completed.

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 medical room/ boarding houses during the school day

If your child becomes ill during the school day, he/she must report to the School Health Worker/school Reception, 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 School Health Worker/Receptionist will inform the parent/guardian of the child. Pupils should not ring their parents/guardians to collect them without first consulting the School Health Worker/Receptionist. This is a Health and Safety measure for the protection of your child.

If a child needs to be in the medical room or in the boarding house for a period of time during the school day, his/her parents may be informed either by telephone or by email. Parents may, if they wish, choose to care for their ill child at home.

The Health Protection Agency advises 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.

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