

Dear Parents/Guardians

FIRST AID FACILITIES AT RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Please be aware that our First Aid Room is staffed full time by trained three-day first aiders and serves primarily as a facility for our boarding students. Most state schools *do not* have a dedicated medical room. We are fortunate therefore to have such a facility and it is important that we respect this space and use it appropriately to ensure its functionality.

As a result I am writing to remind you about several important protocols:

- As far as is reasonably possible, students should receive pain medication at home before departure for school, with the option of a second dose offered at lunchtime.
- Where an issue is better suited to being seen by a GP, parents should book an appointment with the GP. Our school healthcare workers' remit does not extend beyond three days training for first aid.
- Students who require asthma inhalers, diabetic medication, EpiPens or any other medication needed in an emergency must ensure they carry these with them at all times. We do keep spares on site, but for safety reasons we ask students to have their medications readily available.
- Non-emergency situations should ideally be managed at home where possible.
- Emergency First Aid services will, of course, continue to be provided.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Webb
Headmaster