

Health Procedures

Student Illness

Somersfield Academy believes that a child's health is a critical factor in the learning process. Cooperation between physician, home, and the school is essential.

Children should not be sent to school if they have a fever, nausea, or any other symptoms of illness or are in the contagious stage of an illness.

Should a child contract a contagious disease or infection (i.e. chicken pox, conjunctivitis, head lice, ringworm, impetigo etc.), parents are asked to advise the teacher and Main Office immediately. Parents are requested to check with their pediatrician or family physician about the effects of their child's illness on other children.

The school strictly follows the Ministry of Health 'no lice' policy. Should a child be found to have 'head lice' or 'nits', the parents and class will be informed and the full policy including treatment procedures and return to school conditions will be fully circulated.

Parents are notified and a Government assigned school nurse may be called in to check classes and levels for the spread of infection.

Students will play outside every day, weather permitting. If a child is too sick to play outdoors, he or she should be kept at home. If your child has had a fever, please observe the child at home for twenty-four hours after the fever subsides.

If a student becomes ill at school, parents are notified immediately and are requested to collect their child from the Main Office.

Hygiene Requirements

All students are reminded about:

- Not sharing food, utensils or cups
- Not coughing or sneezing on other children
- Using tissues (not hand or sleeve), and throwing tissues away responsibly
- Washing hands, with soap, after using the bathroom and before eating

Accident and Emergency

If a child is hurt or becomes ill at school, the school will take whatever initial steps are necessary or appropriate, and will also immediately contact the parents. If a child is sick while at school, the teacher or office personnel will request that parents come to school to take their child home.

In the event of any situation requiring immediate professional medical attention, the school will contact the parents immediately. It is therefore critical that the school is able to contact a parent or an alternate emergency contact person at all times during the school day. If a parent or designated contact person cannot be reached, the school will call an ambulance and school personnel will escort the child to the hospital, and will continue efforts to contact the parents and arrange to meet them at the hospital.

Medication

In general, the school prefers that medication not be administered to students while they are in school. When it is absolutely necessary to give medication during school hours, parents are requested to follow the procedures below:

Children's House and Primary Division: If a child has allergies and needs medication during the school day, parents must provide teachers with the medicine with directions, dosage, and daily information as to when the last dosage was taken. No staff member will give a child any medication without contacting parents first for permission.

Secondary Division: Parents of Secondary students should notify their Advisor if medication is being taken (i.e. antibiotics, use of inhalers etc.) M1 - M5 students are responsible for carrying and administering their own medication. Extra EpiPens may be stored in the PE Office for field trips or emergencies.

Health Records

It is important that parents contact the child's teacher regarding any health issues which may require attention during the school day, or which may have an impact on a child's participation in regular class activities.

Confidential medical and dental forms must be completed annually for every student attending the school. Parents are then required to update a child's medical information and emergency contact information by either entering the updated information on the Parent Portal, by contacting the Registrar at registrar@somersfield.bm, or by dropping a note into the Somersfield drop box, outside of the Main Office, to the attention of the Registrar.