

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

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Medical Protocols-Provision for ill boarders

The Medical Centre

The Medical Centre consists of Sister's Office, waiting area and treatment room. Upstairs on the main floor of Storey House, there is an in-patient facility of two twin rooms and a bathroom/washroom.

Boarders have access to Medical Centre Staff (School Nursing Sister, RGN) between the hours of 8am until 3.30pm daily, Mon-Fri. House Matrons in Storey House provide the out of hours medical cover and continuation of care from 3.30pm.

All boarders must report to the Medical Centre if they are feeling unwell or have sustained an injury. They may be referred by boarding house staff, other staff within the school, by themselves or by parents without prior appointment. For non-urgent treatment advice, pupils are encouraged to attend before the school day starts or during breaks and lunch time where possible.

There is an informal caring atmosphere and new pupils are introduced to the School Nursing Sister as part of their initial medical assessment.

When a Boarder is ill

Sister will make suitable provision on an individual basis for any pupil who is unwell or in need of further treatment. This may include quiet time and short period of assessment, non-prescription medication (paracetamol etc), being kept from school and periods of observation or a doctor's appointment.

If boarders are to be kept from school due to illness, Storey house pupils (Years 7-9) who will stay in the medical centre dormitory on the 1st floor of Storey House. Older pupils from School, Ashton and Frankland House will usually stay and be cared for in their own rooms under care of their matron, but under the supervision and knowledge of the School Nursing Sister.

Sister/ Medical centre staff will inform parents if their son is off school due to illness or injury. She will also liaise with parents on any treatments prescribed and discuss suitable arrangements for their future care (hospital /GP appointments/going home etc).

School Medical Officer –GP

It is usual practise for boarders to be registered with the Lancaster Medical Practice at the Dalton Square Surgery site in Lancaster www.lancastermedicalpractice.co.uk .

The medical centre staff in school will make this arrangement as soon as soon as a pupil starts boarding (this will mean that in the holidays boys would consult their home GP in the holidays if needed as a 'temporary resident'). This will be easier for access to primary health care services for your son or daughter and better continuity of care during their school years.

Occasional parents prefer to keep their child registered at their family GP, this will not change any quality of care or treatment but it will remain the parent's responsibility to arrange GP appointments and supply school with prescribed medication as well as any health updates.

The School Nursing Sister will liaise with either a Nurse practitioner or GP by way of twice weekly telephone triage call on Monday and Thursday mornings and get access to appointments as necessary those days. In more urgent cases, Sister can directly initiate same day appointments via the GP 'urgent care' system. Prescription requests are dealt with by Sister via this same process.

Sister would usually accompany pupils to appointments, but older pupils have the option to attend unaccompanied should this be mutually acceptable or appropriate.

Out of hours medical care can be sought via the NHS 111 system.

Local Royal Lancaster Infirmary for accidents and Emergencies.

Queen Victoria Hospital-Same day health centre for minor injuries.

Contact 01524 518 6201

Hannover Street, Morecambe LA3 1DA

School Nursing Sister

The School Nursing Sister is supported the Medical Centre Assistant.

Sister will;

- Provide first aid, advice and /or treatment of minor illnesses and injuries.
- Sister will act on behalf of pupils and parents' wishes regarding the pupils' healthcare and communicate on their behalf with the relevant medical teams. Sister will communicate visits and outcomes back to parents where appropriate and in line with confidential considerations of the pupil.
- Provide help and support to promote good emotional health and wellbeing.
- Be discreet and respect confidentiality.
- Offer healthy lifestyle advice, including issues surrounding smoking, alcohol, sexual health and healthy eating.
- Work with house staff to promote a happy and healthy boarding environment.
- Provide Individual Health Care Plans for pupils with known health care needs to staff involved in the welfare of boarders.
- Oversee the safe administration of medicines and adherence to the School Medicines Policy.
- Offer in house training to boarding staff on medical matters such as asthma, anaphylaxis and medicines administration.

Confidentiality

In accordance with the school doctor's and nurse's professional obligations, medical information about pupils, regardless of their age, will remain confidential.

However, in providing medical care for a pupil, it is recognised that on occasions the doctor or nurse may liaise with parents or guardians, the head teacher or other academic staff and house staff, and that information, ideally with the pupil's prior consent, will be passed on as appropriate.

With all medical matters, the doctor and nurse will respect a pupil's confidence except on the very rare occasion when, having failed to persuade a pupil or his authorised representative to give consent to divulgence, the doctor or nurse consider it in the pupil's better interests, or necessary for the protection of the wider school community, to breach confidence and pass on information to a relevant person or body.

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