

## MEDICAL SERVICE

### 1) Infirmary

- The school infirmary is intended to provide first aid in case of small accidents or major discomfort occurring during the school day. If necessary, the first-aid nurse will phone the child's parents, and if needed, may call an ambulance to transfer the child to an emergency service location.
- The school infirmary is not meant to be a substitute for parents in the administration of the child's current care. In order for the nurse to devote the necessary time to children with real problems, parents are strongly advised to treat their children at home for all minor ailments such as: sore throat, ulcers, cold sores, verrucas, injuries, or sprains that occur outside of school according to the instructions of their attending physician.
- A child who is sick is better off resting at home in the hands of his or her parents, grandparents or nannies.
- If your child has a fever you will be asked to pick him/her up from school.
- In the event of a child with lice, you may be asked to take him/her home in order to avoid passing them on to other students.



2) Medical Services (Dr. Lassine and Dr. Nizette, school doctors).

European Schools follow the rules of their host country, and according to Belgian law, the medical examination is mandatory.

In accordance with school medical procedure, children in the following year levels will receive a medical examination during the school year: first, third, and fifth primary as well as second, fourth, and sixth secondary, and the last year of nursery.

The purpose of these examinations is to check the overall health and maturity of the pupil, inform parents, and, if necessary, offer help to aid in adapting to school, family, and social life.

The medical visit includes biometrics (height and weight), auditory and visual acuity control, and physical examination by the doctor (selective examination for special problems such as: scoliosis, flat feet, warts, heart murmur, foreskin constriction, etc).

No vaccinations are administered at school; please talk to your doctor or pediatrician. The basic immunization schedule is included in the school doctor's letter of notification, so that parents can learn about their child's immunization status.

During the medical visit the doctor cannot, under any circumstances, prescribe medication or write a medical certificate.

The medical service has an exclusively preventive function; early detection of physical deficiencies and optimisation of living conditions (school buildings). The school doctor does not have to examine a feverish or injured child. The school doctor does not



perform curative acts, except in cases of extreme urgency (e.g. allergic shock...)

The school doctor does not replace the family physician. All examination results are communicated to the family physician by the parents (notification letter from the school doctor) to ensure a proper follow-up.

If the medical file (medical questionnaire) handed in by parents at enrolment is incomplete, the school doctor can, if necessary, call the child's doctor (designated by the parents). This is to better organize the welfare of the child whilst in school.

If you have a child with a chronic or seasonal illness that requires daily medication, kindly inform the school's infirmary in writing of the child's pathology and the medications they are taking on their own, or that we need to administer.

If there is a risk of a serious epidemic at the school, we insist on the cooperation of parents in order to identify the pupils who have been in direct contact with their child.

Parents wishing to meet the school doctor are invited to make an appointment by calling 02 / 374.94.95 (infirmary).

**For obvious security reasons, parents of new students are asked to return the duly completed medical questionnaire (yellow sheets) before their child's first day of school. Thank you!**