



FUNCTIONING OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE

When a pupil has a serious accident or health problem (fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, etc.) which requires the intervention of the parents, they will be informed by the school infirmary.

For this reason, it is essential that parents update the means of contact available to the school.

Injuries that occur outside of school should be treated at home.

Parents are asked to keep sick children at home for health reasons. We invite them to treat at home all the small ailments of daily life (sore throat, warts, etc.), together with their doctor.

Parents are also asked to fill in the medical questionnaire when registering their child at the school. Thereafter they are requested to inform the infirmary immediately of any medical problems their child may have (e.g. asthma, allergies, diabetes, intolerances, epilepsy, psychological problems, stress, anxiety, etc.).

What to do in each case:

1. Life-threatening emergency

In such a situation, the student should be transferred to hospital without delay.

Cases such as :

- Cardiorespiratory arrest
- Head injuries
- Open fractures
- Severe dislocations
- Severe asthma attacks
- Anaphylactic shock
- ...

The infirmary will give first aid and call an ambulance. Then they will notify the parents and in case of an accident, they will fill in an accident report for the insurance companies.

In general, the ambulance takes the student to the nearest hospital (Cliniques de l'Europe Saint-Elisabeth, Avenue de Fré 206, 1180 Uccle)

2. Relative emergency

In some cases, the student requires hospital treatment but does not require urgent transfer to hospital by ambulance.

For example:

- Various contusions in the extremities or different parts of the body that require an X-ray examination.
- Wounds that require stitches
- Suspected closed fractures
- Suspected mild concussion
- ...

The pupil will be treated for first aid in the infirmary, after which the parents will be notified to collect the child and take him/her to the hospital of their choice. The infirmary will fill in an accident report for insurance purposes.

3. Health conditions that require a non-urgent medical examination by the attending physician

An initial assessment will be made in the infirmary. The nurses will telephone the parents to collect their child as soon as possible. The pupil will remain in the infirmary while waiting. However, it is not the intention to keep the children for hours. The best place for children is at home for their comfort and for a good recovery.

Cases such as :

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Earache with temperature
- Fever
- Severe cough
- ...

4. Minor accidents that can be treated in the infirmary

In some cases, the infirmary will give medication (fever, headache); if the student's condition does not improve, the parents will be contacted to collect the student as soon as possible.

Minor accidents that can be treated in the infirmary will be treated without further procedure (e.g. scrapes, bruises, falls on the head without loss of consciousness and without aggravating signs, punctures, epistaxis, etc.).

In all cases, the infirmary staff will be responsible for administering first aid in the event of accidents and will proceed as they see fit, in accordance with the protocol.

In conclusion, we ask for the collaboration of all parties involved, especially the parents, since the final objective of this protocol is to offer maximum safety to the students and their physical and psychological well-being.

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