

British Overseas School: Medical Provision in the School



The British Overseas School has a sick bay, staffed by 2 qualified nurses.

Aims

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all members of the BOS community have access to basic primary health care whilst at school.

The Function of Sick Bay and the Role of the School Nurse

The primary roles undertaken by the School sickbay are as follows:

- Provide first aid or emergency care to sick or injured students and adults
- Assess students, to detect early signs and symptoms of health problems, which will affect learning.
- Administer nursing care appropriate to the identified nursing needs of the students.
- Maintain student records

It is the role of the school nurse to fulfil these roles during school hours and outside of school hours when the school has an event or activity that may require nursing or first aid care.

The BOS does provide first aid training to other staff members, and maintains a register of first-aiders. However, their role is to provide first aid care only in the absence of the nurse or in the case of an emergency and time is a critical factor.

Medical Records

It is the school's policy that parents must provide a history of a child's immunisations, details of a child's allergies and a child's on-going need for medication upon admission.

Copies of these records should reside in sick bay and should be used to create summaries of children at risk of allergic reactions. These should be clearly displayed in primary classrooms.

Accidents and Emergencies

The School Nurse or school personnel shall notify the parents or guardians in the event of accidents and/or cases of emergencies.

The School Nurse shall ensure that the parents or guardians have authorized the administration of emergency medical treatment for the sick or injured students, prior to transferring them to the emergency care facility.

Administering Medication

Medication brought in from home, will not be administered without written permission from the parent and a written prescription from a doctor. This includes all over the counter medication.

All medications shall be stored in their original pharmacy or manufacturer labelled containers, and in such manner as to render them safe and effective.

A parent, guardian or a designated responsible adult will deliver the prescription medications to the School Nurse. Please do not leave it with the class teacher.

The student shall only take the medication under the supervision of the School Nurse.

Confidentiality

Information in the student's School Health Record will not be released to third parties, except with written permission from the parents or guardians.