



PROTOCOL FOR THE CARE OF SICK BOARDERS AT PRIOR PARK COLLEGE

- Sick boarders at Prior Park College are cared for by the Medical Centre Nurses, who provide 24-hour care, seven days a week.
- The Surgery is open Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 19:00 and Saturdays from 09:00 to 19:00. On Sundays, two Surgeries are held for boarders (mornings and evenings). A Nurse is always on call every night and on Sundays.
- EMERGENCIES will be seen at any time.
- The Medical Centre has four beds. Boarders with transient minor symptoms may rest at Sister's discretion during the day, but those too sick to return to their Houses will be admitted overnight. Boarders with gastroenteritis, high fever, deteriorating asthma, worsening abdominal pain, or any pupil causing concern to Housemasters or the Housemistress, will be admitted for observation and treatment. A record of their care will be kept in a separate record card. The Nurse on duty will inform the parents that their child has been admitted to the Medical Centre overnight. The House will also be informed.
- House Staff are provided with Paracetamol tablets to treat minor ailments under the guidance of the Medical Centre. Medicine should only be given to a pupil after consultation with the Medical Sister. All medicines administered in House must be recorded in the pupil's Personal Medical File. See Policy for the Control of Medicines in Houses.
- All boarders should register with Combe Down Surgery. The School Medical Officer, who is the lead partner at the Surgery, attends once a week on Monday mornings. At other times, Sister can make an appointment at the Surgery for a boarder who may choose to see a male or female Doctor. The Medical Centre is also responsible for arranging Hospital, Dental, Physiotherapy, Orthodontic, Chiropractic and Osteopathic appointments.
- Boarders will be accompanied to appointments and A & E by a Medical Centre Escort, employed by the College, if their Parent or Guardian is unavailable. There is a small charge for this service.