

Accidents, Illness and Medical Problems

Toynbee School has a Student Welfare Officer (Matron), Mrs Thompson and an assistant Mrs. Nicholls. They can be contacted on 023 80269026 Ext 310 or h.thompson@toynbee.hants.sch.uk and s.nicholls@toynbee.hants.sch.uk they are able to treat minor injuries, which inevitably happen from time to time. If your child becomes unwell at school and needs to go home they will contact you, using the contact number given on your data collection sheet. Please try to give us an alternative to a mobile phone number such as work switchboard number. It can be very distressing for a sick/injured child when we are unable to contact a parent because a mobile is switched off.

The School also has a number of qualified first aiders who can help when needed. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Nicholls cannot prescribe medicines but can keep in secure storage, pupil's spare inhalers and medicines needed during the day. We have a 'Sick Bay' with bed where children who are genuinely unwell can rest in comfort.

However if your child is complaining of feeling unwell before school, please do not send them in. School is a busy, bustling environment, unsuited to children feeling ill. If your child is unwell, he/she needs to be at home.

If a child needs emergency sanitary wear, rips their clothing causing a modesty problem, gets soaked or generally needs personal help Mrs. Thompson and Mrs Nicholls will do their best.

Please let Mrs Thompson or Mrs Nicholls know if your child has any medical ailment or chronic condition requiring medication, special care or consideration. They will keep any drugs or treatment a child requires secure during the school day and will administer, according to written instructions from you, or assist in administering, as necessary. They will not give injections or other similar procedures, however all staff have been trained in the use of EpiPens.

If an accident does occur we have a clear emergency procedure, which operates to provide immediate medical attention. If the accident is possibly serious, an ambulance will be called immediately and parents will be contacted.

Although we are experienced, we are not infallible, and every parent must make their own judgement when a child arrives home after a minor accident or after feeling unwell in school, as to whether or not to seek the advice of their GP or other healthcare professional.

Please help us in our genuine concern for the individual child by drawing our early attention to special problems, anxieties or upsets. We need to know if your child should wear spectacles, is slightly deaf, has asthma, has any other medical condition, however minor, or is especially shy, worried about friendships or unwilling to come to school. We would ask you to tell us of emotional upsets which could seriously affect your child's school day.