



Blatchington Mill School - First Aid and Medical Conditions

Blatchington Mill has a 'duty of care' for all children when they attend school which encompasses many different aspects of their time with us.

Part of our responsibility extends to providing reasonable reaction to perceived medical needs either resulting from injuries sustained at school or other prevailing conditions.

There is a section on the admission form requesting medical information which you should have completed.

The First Aid staff will assess students who are not feeling well or have injured themselves and deal with them appropriately; contacting parents/carers if they feel the student needs to go home or if they are concerned about the illness or injury. It must be stressed that staff are only First Aid trained and therefore cannot diagnose medical conditions. These should be referred to your GP or the hospital.

The First Aid staff do not have the resources or capacity to take students to A&E. Therefore, your help in this matter would be appreciated as it is a parent/carer's responsibility to ensure their child's health needs are met.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT CONTACT PARENTS/CARERS BEFORE BEING SEEN BY FIRST AID STAFF.

If a student feels unwell or has been injured they should go to the First Aid Room before leaving the school site. This is to ensure we know where they are for their own safety.

We would ask you not to send your child to school if he/she is unwell. The school's First Aider cannot dispense drugs or give a diagnosis.

It is very important that you keep us updated with any medical condition your child has or develops during their time at Blatchington Mill to ensure their safety and well being and to allow us to treat them appropriately if necessary.

Due to the size of the school and the number of students it is not possible to restrict certain items of food or materials. Please ensure that if your child has a serious illness or allergy they have their medication (including inhalers) to hand. (Existing medication can be applied by the First Aider only in specifically agreed cases).

Please ensure medication is in the correct packaging from the pharmacist, with clear instructions and that the First Aid Officer also has a supply in case of emergency. **All EPIPENS and other medicines must be checked by parents/carers on a regular basis including expiry dates. Any that have expired are to be collected by parents/carers for disposal. It is not the responsibility of the First Aider to check the 'Use By Date' on medicines.**

If you have any queries please contact the First Aid Room on 01273 736244 ext 263.

Please tick the appropriate box on the **Consent Form 2018** to confirm you have read and understood the information provided regarding our First Aid and Medical Conditions procedures