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Introduction

We treat the health and well-being of our students with the upmost importance. All summer school staff undertake basic first aid training, we also have dedicated First Aiders who have undertaken the more intensive 'STA Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work', and our Health Centre is staffed with qualified nurses who are able to diagnose and treat common and minor ailments and administer prescription medication.

We are only 10 minutes away from a large hospital with an Accident and Emergency department. All of our students are covered by a travel insurance policy which covers the costs of emergency healthcare and, if necessary, emergency repatriation.

We are able to accommodate students with many physical and cognitive conditions, but we are not disability specialists and there are some conditions that we do not have the facilities or expertise to deal with. For this reason, it is important to disclose all conditions to us during the application process.

Medications

Students may at some time have a short-term illness or longer-term condition requiring medication. This may mean that medication needs to be administered during the summer school, either as a one-off use (such as paracetamol), or a long-term pre-prescribed requirement.

To facilitate this, the following rules apply:

- Students who are on prescription medication should hand this to the summer school team on the day that they arrive. Our trained staff will ensure that they take the necessary dose at the correct times and frequencies.
- Students should not come with over-the-counter remedies such as antihistamines or ibuprofen. If they do, these must be securely stored by our summer school. We cannot allow students to store medications in their bedrooms.
- Those with prescription medication but no medical prescriptions to go with them will not be permitted to take their medication. It is very important that if a student is on a prescription, the details of that prescription are communicated to us beforehand.
- Records will be kept of all medications given to any student during the summer school.



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Illnesses and injuries

When students have minor bacterial or viral infections they can be seen and treated by our summer school team and/or Health Centre. More serious infections will require an appointment at the local doctor or transfer to the local hospital. Our team will support students with those appointments and arrange transport to/from doctors as necessary.

Thankfully, our students are not injured very often. However, minor injuries can be treated on site by first aid qualified staff, and more serious injuries will be treated at the local Accident and Emergency department.

We record all incidents involving injury, and in all case, will inform parents/guardians of what has happened.

Please refer to our summer school Terms & Conditions for full details of medical consent given by registering to attend the King's Summer School.

Mental health, mental illness and developmental disabilities

We do not specialise in conditions such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and autism – and we do not have the training, experience or facilities to work with students who require them.

It is very important that any conditions such as these are disclosed during the application process. If a student arrives with a previously undisclosed condition which, in our view, we are unable to safely accommodate then we may insist that they return home.

Chronic conditions: Epilepsy, Asthma, Allergies, etc.

We need to know if students have any chronic conditions such as epilepsy or asthma so that our staff can provide suitable support. If necessary, for instance, we can arrange for extra epi-pens to be available for students with severe allergies.



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Additional Information

Should you have any questions, or require additional information about this subject, please contact us direct via email at summerschool@kings-school.co.uk.

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