



MEDICATION POLICY

In accordance with the Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Act, 2008 (Act No. 72 of 2008), medication may only be administered by a registered nurse or a qualified First Aid Level 1 official. While our staff members are trained in basic first aid, CPR, choking procedures, and infant CPR, they are not legally authorised to administer medication.

Furthermore, the Department of Basic Education has advised that, in terms of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996, the administration of medication at school may place the health and safety of learners at risk and is therefore not permitted.

As a result, the school will not administer any medication to learners. This includes all forms of medication, vitamins, and vitamin syrups. Parents and guardians are kindly requested to ensure that all medication and supplements are administered at home before the child attends school.

The Department of Health also prohibits learners with contagious illnesses or diseases from attending school. Any learner diagnosed with a contagious condition must be cleared by a qualified medical doctor before returning to school. Clearance notes from clinics or pharmacies will not be accepted.

Illnesses requiring antibiotics are generally considered contagious. Learners must remain at home for at least 24 hours after commencing antibiotics, although certain antibiotics may require a 48-hour exclusion period. A doctor's note indicating the consultation date and the learner's approved return date to school will be required.

Learners with mild cold or flu symptoms may attend school; however, all medication must still be administered at home by the parent or guardian. Parents are encouraged to consider the wellbeing of other learners and staff when deciding whether a child is fit to attend school. A sick child may not be comfortable at school, and the spread of illness can negatively impact both teaching and learning.

Please note that the administration of medication remains the responsibility of the parent or guardian and not that of the school.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all learners and staff.