

# **HS03 First Aid Policy and Procedures**

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# Shrewsbury International School Phnom Penh: Medical and First Aid Policy (Early Years & Primary)

### Introduction

The health and well-being of our pupils in Early Years and Primary years are a top priority at Shrewsbury International School Phnom Penh. This policy outlines the procedures for medical care and first aid to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment. We encourage open communication between parents/guardians and the school nurse to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

#### **Medical Care**

- Qualified Nurse: The school employs a qualified nurse who is available full-time to care for pupils and staff, with a particular focus on the Early Years section.
- Allergies and Medical Needs: Parents/guardians must declare any allergies or medical needs their child has on the Admissions Form and reconfirm during Meet the Teacher Day.
- Nut-Free Environment (Early Years): All food served to Early Years pupils at school will be nut-free to minimise potential allergic reactions. Primary pupils with nut allergies will be supported in avoiding nut products during lunch and snack times.
- Medication Administration: Any medication requiring administration by the nurse during school hours necessitates a doctor's note and a signed consent form from parents/guardians.
- Minor Ailments: The school nurse will address minor ailments and send a note home in the pupil's school bag for parents/guardians to be informed.
- Unwell Pupils: If a pupil becomes unwell at school and requires medical attention beyond the nurse's capacity, the nurse will contact

parents/guardians to arrange for the pupil to be picked up or taken for further medical care, such as a doctor's visit or hospital admission.

#### When to Keep or Send Pupils Home

- Unwell Pupils: Pupils who are unwell or have a high temperature (37.5°C or above) should not attend school. Please refer to HS06 Child Sickness Policy.
- Vomiting or Diarrhoea: Pupils who experience vomiting or diarrhoea must stay home for 48 hours after the last incident to prevent the spread of illness.

## **Additional Considerations for Early Years**

- Due to younger ages, extra vigilance is maintained in the Early Years for signs of illness. Parents/guardians will be contacted promptly if their child shows any concerning symptoms.
- We encourage open communication with parents/guardians regarding toileting routines and any changes in bowel habits.