

IMPORTANT REMINDER - MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL

Over the Counter Medications

Most young people at KGS have the maturity and capacity to carry and self-manage their own non-prescribed medication and symptoms (for example, for period pain, occasional headaches, minor viral illnesses, coughs, sore throats or hayfever) and are allowed to do so. They are permitted to carry pain relief/over-the-counter medications in school, however, they should carry as little medication as possible, and it should always be in the original pack or bottle. Pupils should only carry enough for a single school day (although this may not be possible for liquids or sprays). Blister packs, for example, can be cut to ensure only a single day's medication is carried.

Pupils should keep their medication safe and should never share medication with any other pupil.

Prescribed Medication

Some prescribed medications can also be carried by the young person, e.g., where these medications would not be harmful to anyone accidentally ingesting them. Parents/carers must ensure that they are aware of any potential risks and ensure that their child always keeps the medication safe.

If pupils require KGS to issue medication on a regular basis, parents/carers should contact the school Office and request an 'Issue of Medication' form, which should be completed and returned to the school Office. This course of action would apply when the medication needed by the young person may be harmful to anyone to whom they are not prescribed.

Where possible, medication should be given so that the timing of doses enables it to be taken outside school hours.

REMEMBER - let us know of any updates/changes to any medical conditions and /or medications. Any changes should be notified to the school as soon as possible.