

HEALTH SERVICES AT RENAISSANCE COLLEGE

Renaissance College has a fully operational school clinic staffed by a qualified health professional and a part-time first aider. If an emergency medical situation occurs during school hours or at a school event, students are sent to the Prince of Wales hospital for treatment. Access to initial treatment at the Prince of Wales Hospital does not apply before or after school hours or on any day following an incident or injury.

Please note that responsibility for the decision to send a sick or injured student to the Prince of Wales hospital lies with the College nurse, whose priority is always the welfare of the individual student. If parents choose to have an injured child transferred to another hospital, this needs to be arranged with the College nurse or staff at the Prince of Wales.

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

To enable the College to handle medical emergencies effectively, all parents must ensure that the *Health Information Form* has been accurately completed and submitted to the school. Parents are asked to update this information annually and must inform the College nurse in writing of any changes in their child's medical condition. A copy should also be sent to the Primary or Secondary office.

STUDENT HEALTH CHECKS

Parents are encouraged to maintain regular health checks for their children.

STUDENT ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

If a student becomes too ill to participate in school lessons or activities, the school nurse will telephone the parents and arrange to have the child collected from school. Parents are advised not to send a child to school if he/she is ill, as recovery will be slower and other members of the school community will be exposed. Please see the section on Communicable Diseases below.

A doctor's note is required following an absence of seven or more consecutive school days due to a major illness, communicable disease or injury. The doctor's note should state that the student may return to class, as well as noting if there are any physical restrictions.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children have received vaccinations and immunizations, including those specified by the HKSAR government. Parents are required to provide an *Immunisation Record Card* containing information about their children's immunizations. Government immunization programmes are provided for students in Year 1 and Year 6.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Parents shall keep children with communicable diseases at home during their illness and convalescence. Parents shall inform the school's medical personnel of any communicable disease their child has contracted, except for minor coughs and colds. In the case of notifiable diseases, the parents shall also inform the relevant local government authority.

A student who becomes ill at school with a communicable disease, including coughs and colds, may be isolated from his/her fellow students and sent home at the discretion of the school's medical personnel. Parents of sick students are expected to comply with the nurse's request to collect their children from the school. In the case of serious communicable diseases, including influenza, measles and chicken pox, students will require clearance from the family doctor before returning to school.

EPIDEMICS/PANDEMICS

During times of actual or threatened epidemics or pandemics of a communicable disease, the school will comply with all government directives. A *Pandemic Preparedness Plan* has been developed and will be activated in order to manage, prevent or contain the spread of the disease.

In such an event, the plan will be published in print and electronically for the RCHK school community.

The Principal has the discretion to suspend or terminate the enrollment of students whose parents demonstrate chronic failure to comply with school's policies regarding communicable diseases.

HEALTHY FOODS POLICY

RCHK, in close collaboration with *Nutriagents* and *Chartwells*, consistently reviews and evaluates the quality of meals served at the school cafeteria. We recognise that the selection and provision of snacks and meals for children to eat at school is a choice to be made by families. However, the RCHK community believes that students at this school should be provided with healthy foods that promote student health and student learning. RCHK expects teachers and parents to act as role models for students and strongly encourages adults to model healthy eating behaviour.

MEDICAL / ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The school insurance plan only provides cover for Death and Disability. Under this plan, all students are insured against permanent disablement or death caused by accidental bodily injury. Parents are strongly advised to arrange private medical insurance for their children to cover the cost of all medication and treatment.

It is mandatory that all students attending over night camps/field trips have additional insurance cover.

For school camps in Hong Kong, the cost for 2 - 5 days is \$5. If the camp duration is 6 - 10 days, the cost is \$10.

For school camps outside Hong Kong, the cost is \$73 for 1 - 5 days, \$164 for 6 - 10 days and \$244 for 11 - 15 days.

For all other school activities in Hong Kong, the cost is \$4 per day. Parents may be asked to pay this levy when students are engaged in activities of a physical nature.