



St George's School

Aim Higher

MEDICAL ADVICE – NEW JOINERS 2025

The following Medical information is available on the St George's website under the heading 'Information '. Updates will be placed through a link in the HM Newsletter:-

DIARRHOEA and VOMITING

To avoid spreading infection, please keep your young person away from school until 48 hours (2 days) after symptoms have stopped.

If your young person has an unplanned absence e.g. they wake up poorly, we use **EduLink** for parents and carers to report all absences. This makes it much easier to report in to school - either by your phone app or by a pc. The reporting is done through EduLink's **Absence Reporting** icon on the main menu of the homepage.

All on-the-day absence reports should be completed by 8.00 a.m.

For absences known in advance please use the school website for more information on how to report this to school.

ASTHMA

Please see the attached Asthma Guidelines (held on website and printed overleaf).

HAYFEVER

If your child suffers from Hayfever or any allergies could they please take their medication before they start school in the morning. Please note, that the Medical Centre will NOT be holding supplies of Hayfever and Allergy Relief medication.

MEDICATION

Please see the St. George's School, Harpenden Academy Trust Policy for Drug Education and Management of Student Incidents Involving Drugs (June 2012). Limited discretion is allowed for students to carry medicines for personal use.

Those students who have a long term need to carry personal insulin, inhalers or EpiPens are permitted to carry their own medication, and are responsible for keeping it secure from other students if they do so. Parents should notify the school of this need. Any student may carry a single dose of their own prescription medication or an over-the counter medication during the school day for their own personal use, and are responsible for keeping it secure from other students if they do so. Such items can be lodged with the school first responder for safe keeping if preferred. Boarding students must lodge prescription items with the Boarding Staff. In the unlikely event that a student has been prescribed a controlled drug, this must be lodged with the school **First Responder**.

WELLBEING

Sometimes we have students who come to us where the need may be more emotional than medical, We will endeavour to inform Student Services and/or the House team, to check in with the student.

TO PARENTS OF EPIPEN/JEXT - USERS ONLY

EPIPEN/JEXT ADRENALINE AUTO – INJECTORS - SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES



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Students who carry an EPIPEN/JEXT (Adrenaline Auto-Injector) must **carry TWO** of their named EPIPEN/JEXT at **ALL times**. A copy of their **Allergy Action plan** also needs to be held in school. Please ensure the Head of House or First Responder have been sent a copy.

Checks will be made to ensure that they are carrying them and training is given to staff and pupils, as well as an online user guide and video on their use.

**Please inform the First Responder: firstresponder@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk
of the expiry dates of both EPIPENS/JEXTs auto -injectors**

Asthma Guidelines

Asthma is a long-term condition where the airways are almost always inflamed. This can lead to the airways reacting badly when they come into contact with a trigger.

The parents will:

- **Ensure that they provide the school with an Allergy/Asthma Action Plan and will inform the school of any future changes**
- Inform the school if their child has asthma or asthma-like symptoms.
- Take responsibility for their child to have the appropriate working 'in date' inhaler on them at all times when involved with school activities.
- Advise the school of anything which might affect their child's asthma condition.
- Provide an individual Healthcare Plan if, or when, appropriate.
- Not all children with asthma need an IHP. It's a good idea to have one if your child's asthma symptoms often get worse, as this could lead to an asthma attack.

The school will:

- Ensure the school First Responder will keep and maintain records of pupils with asthma or asthma-like symptoms.
- Provide safe and accessible storage of named spare inhalers if you would like them to hold one as a backup for emergency use.
- Keep parents informed about any asthma attack.
- Provide display posters around school on 'How to deal with an asthma attack'.
- Provide annual asthma training for staff.
- Follow Individual Healthcare Plans where provided by the parent.
- Follow guidelines as issued by Asthma UK.

The pupil shall:

- Carry their inhaler at all times.
- Inform staff of any signs of an asthma attack.

Useful website link: <https://www.asthma.org.uk/advice/>

Any questions please contact firstresponder@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk