

Medicines from outside the UK

Many international students come to the UK with a variety of medicines from home. **They should not to bring any medicine with them unless it has been prescribed for a genuine medical issue.**

Parents may ask pupil to bring a big bag of medical supplies to the UK in case they get ill during. However, if they are not clearly identified it is highly likely that they will get confiscated and destroyed by customs or school.

If there is a genuine medical condition that requires that medication to be brought to the UK, the pupils should bring a medical report or doctor's note stating why you are bringing the medicine into the country. **Your doctor's note and any medicine you bring will need to be fully translated into English.** It is absolutely necessary to do this so that:

1. Customs officers know what you are bringing into the UK and why you have it otherwise they may take it off you.
2. Your school are also aware.
 - ❖ You must give any medicine to the school nurse when you arrive.
 - ❖ Your school will not allow you to self-medicate.
3. You can show it to your doctor in the UK.
 - ❖ This is so that they know what treatment you have had and what medication you are on in case they need to treat you.

Bringing prescribed, non-prescribed or controlled medication from outside the UK into school should be discouraged as UK standard medications will almost certainly be available to all pupils registered with a UK GP. If an overseas pupil is not registered with a UK GP this should be arranged as soon as possible.

If it is unavoidable that medicines are brought from outside the UK, the School GP should be informed immediately and will then advise staff about its storage and use. If long term medication is prescribed by another doctor for a pupil, there should be written documentation outlining the indication for the drug and who is responsible for monitoring it or the condition.

Parents and pupils should be aware that some medications prescribed overseas may not be licensed for use in the UK. The School Medical Adviser will have to make an individual case assessment and may then offer UK licensed medicines where appropriate.

Any unidentified substances brought into School may be sent to be analysed, and appropriate action then taken regarding safe administration or disposal.