

# **BISHOPS HEALTH SERVICE**

Bishops offers a 24-hour health service to Prep and College students. We have the services of a medical doctor who consults on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, as well as a physiotherapist on campus. The school nursing sister is based at the Sanatorium and is on call 24 hours a day during the term. In addition, a doctor will be on duty during rugby matches.

## **Medical Form**

Parents are required to complete a medical form with their medical aid details and their son's health information before entry to the school. Please note - international boarders are required to provide proof of appropriate medical cover when applying for/renewing study permits.

## Vaccination and immunization

#### Poliomyelitis

Immunisation against Poliomyelitis is compulsory under the Public Health act of 1919. Such immunisation is the responsibility of the parent, and the School takes no responsibility for any boy who has not been immunised. Please ensure, therefore, that your son has been properly immunised.

### Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox and Tetanus

Before your son comes to the School you are urgently requested to check that he has been immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough can be effected through a double-purpose course of injections, which if spread over the full prescribed period, will make the resulting immunity more effective. A booster Tetanus injection will be given by the School in the event of any injury requiring such an injection.

It is also recommended that students arrive having had **Hepatitis A & B** injections and an **MMR Booster**.

#### Influenza

The School offers immunisation against influenza to all boarders in April annually. Parents will be notified to give their consent beforehand.

## Medical and dental appointments

It will be of great assistance to the School if such appointments can be made after 15h30 so that work and any other school commitments are not interrupted.

## **Medical Examinations**

All boarders will be medically examined by the School doctor when ill or injured, and parents will be notified by the School Sister where deemed necessary.

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