

Introduction to the School Clinic

GEMS World Academy School Clinic and Nursery Clinic are staffed full time with a Doctor, two School Nurses and a Nursery Nurse during school hours.

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Clinic Working Hours: 7:30am – 4:00pm; Sunday – Thursday

School Clinic Phone: 04 373 6489, 04 373 6322

Nursery Clinic Phone: 04 373 6377

Aims and responsibilities of the School Clinic

School Clinic:

1. Provides first aid and symptomatic treatment for illnesses and injuries that occur within school premises.
2. Conducts annual Non-Invasive Routine Medical Examination authorized by Dubai Health Authority for ALL Newly Enrolled students and the returning students of Pre-K and Grades 1, 4, 7 and 10.
3. Conducts Immunization Program in School premises as directed by DHA.
4. Provides referrals when necessary, for illness/ injuries acquired in school premises.
5. Covers first aid treatments at scheduled sports events and after school activities hosted by the school.
6. Promotes staff and student wellness and injury prevention within the school premises.

School Clinic DOES NOT:

1. Give definitive diagnosis for illnesses or injuries (e.g. strep throat, fractures).
2. Manage or diagnose injuries or illnesses occurring outside official school activities, school premises, or timings.
3. Serve as a substitute for a personal family physician.
4. Write prescriptions for medications, or referrals to specialists.
5. Perform any diagnostic testing.
6. Provide Fitness Certificates for events/ purposes outside the school.

Infection control guidelines

Parents are requested NOT to send a child to school in case of any of the following symptoms.

- **Fever:** A student with fever can return to school only after being fever free for 24 hours without taking any medication.
- **Respiratory symptoms:** A student with any kind of upper/ lower respiratory symptoms (cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat

etc.) with/ without fever, can return to school only after being completely symptom-free.

- **Vomiting and Diarrhea:** A student is not to return to school for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/ or diarrhea.
- **Signs of Conjunctivitis:** Red, watery, and painful eyes.
- **Skin rashes** with unknown cause.
- If the student has an **infected or wet wound**, it must be covered by a well-sealed dressing or plaster.
- If a child has **contagious/ communicable health problem/ disease** (for example- Influenza, Head lice etc.), parents are expected to inform the School Nurse at the earliest so that all the necessary preventive measures are taken at school.

Points to note

- **Medications to be administered within school hours:** Any student who requires medication to be administered during school hours MUST hand over the medication at the School Clinic. Parents must complete a Consent Form for Prescribed/ Non-Prescribed Medication and specify the dosage, route, frequency, and any other specific instructions. If a doctor's prescription is available kindly provide a copy to the school clinic. All medication is to be brought in the original container, properly labeled with the student name, grade, name of medication, dosage and time it is to be given. Student's medications SHOULD be kept in the School Clinic and dispensed by/ under the supervision of the medical staff. Students are not permitted to carry or store medication at school with the exception of EpiPen, asthma inhalers and insulin injections. All such students carrying an EpiPen, asthma inhalers and Insulin injections must inform the Clinic and submit the completed and signed Action Plan.
- **Clinic Pass:** Students who may need to visit the School Clinic MUST provide a pass signed by the current teacher (applicable for Grades 4 – 12). Otherwise, students should be accompanied by an adult staff member at ALL times, except for in emergencies.
- **Lift Pass:** Students who have an acute injury that requires temporary use of elevators, or restricted PE Classes, should submit a physician's certificate mentioning the same and including the dates to be in effect. Please note that the School Medical Team can NOT excuse the students from PE or any other classes.
- **Sun Care:** In order to prevent dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, students are encouraged to wear a hat and carry their water bottles when they participate in any outside activity. They are advised to drink water regularly at school; drinking fountains are available in all common areas of the school.
- **Snack/ Lunch Boxes:** Please ensure your children have nutritious food in their snack boxes. Sweet fizzy drinks and chewing gum are not encouraged in school. Please inform the School Clinic and your child's teacher in case your child has any food allergies.

Checklist for New Students

1. DHA Medical History Form
2. GWA Medical Consent Form
3. Updated Vaccination Record, in English

** Please note all information is kept strictly confidential.

Parents are welcome to visit the School Clinic to discuss any medical condition, queries, or issues in completing the necessary forms.