



Use of crutches in school information

Before a pupil attends school using crutches parents/carers should:

- Consider the large size of the school site and be confident that their child can use crutches safely within the school environment.
- Speak to the First Aider and/or Head of Year, in advance of your child's return to school, to discuss and make appropriate arrangements and complete a vulnerable person's risk assessment (VPRA) where necessary.
- Make the First Aider aware of any medications or medical advice that has been provided.
- On arrival at school, your child should go straight to reception and ask for the First Aider/HOY.

Stairs:

- If a student is non weight-bearing they cannot use the stairs unless they have been taught to do so by a physiotherapist and parents/carers document in their homework diary that their child is safe to use the stairs.
- If a student is partially weight-bearing they may use the stairs if parents/carers document in their homework diary that their child is safe to use the stairs.

Moving around the school:

- Parents/carers may use the disabled parking bays to drop off and collect students from school.
- Students should avoid the corridors or canteen at busy times and where possible they should stagger their movement around the school to avoid congested areas.
- Students should leave lessons 5 minutes early.
- Students should always be accompanied by another student who will open doors and carry the second crutch on stairs.
- Students should take extra care when moving around the site, especially during inclement weather.
- Students can register at reception if their tutor room is difficult to access.
- Toileting arrangements can be made with the First Aider if necessary. Disabled toilets are available in Reception/Science/Maths.
- Students should carry a rucksack and have a packed lunch with them where possible.

If unable to get to a lesson:

- Students should work in Learning Support during any lessons they are unable to access.
- The HOY/First Aider will inform staff that the student may not be able to attend some lessons and request that work is sent to the pupil if this is the case.
- Students are advised to bring a book or homework/revision to do in case appropriate work is not available at the start of the lesson.
- Participation in practical activities will be considered as part of the VPRA.