

24 September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

This is just a short note to remind you of a letter sent to you on the 2nd of September 2021. The letter is sent on an annual basis and in the letter it details our medicines policy and the need for the school to have copies of diagnosis and supporting information prior to the administration of medicines in school or adjustments to patterns of learning etc.. I have to say, that for the most part you are brilliant at sharing information like this, but occasionally we are pushed by parents to accept a note or a phone call from home instead of a diagnosis. As a school we need copies of information in order that we can understand our role if any in supporting the health and well-being of your children. We owe it to your children to get this right!

We cannot and will not accept a diagnosis from a parent over the phone or a conversation around treatments in school. We cannot accept this, because inevitably this will lead to misunderstandings and mistakes. Equally, every young person has the right to have their bodies, treatment plans and health needs respected and we are not medical professionals, and therefore we must always take a lead from medical professionals or we risk doing more harm than good. To do this we need information that comes directly from those professionals.

Please keep talking to pastoral staff with regard to on-going investigations, medical appointments and please keep us abreast of your children's health, but please understand that in order that we keep your children safe, we can only act when we are sure of what we are doing.

Your support is invaluable, thank you to all of you who have shared all medical paperwork.

Yours faithfully



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