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Dear Parents,

As part of our ongoing cycle of reviewing existing policies we have just reviewed our Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy. There have been no major changes and the entire policy can be found on the school website but I would like to draw your attention to a few important points.

In line with the policy we will only administer *prescribed* medication in school. This medication must be brought in to school by a parent or carer and must contain the prescription label outlining the dose and child's name. Following a discussion with the class teacher the appropriate parental consent paperwork is to be completed.

This does mean that children are *not allowed* to bring medication to school themselves (either whilst travelling on the bus or in their book bag) for obvious safety reasons.

It also means that we will not be able to administer any shop bought medicines or remedies such as paracetamol or anti-histamines, (except in exceptional circumstances such as during the Residential visit, or if we have a letter from a doctor).

In the instance of prescribed paracetamol, this will only be given for pain relief not for a high temperature/ fever. If a child has such a high temperature then they are not well enough to be in school.

If your child has a Health Care Plan in place and school has prescribed medicines for your child, then you need to take no action. We will check through all medicines kept at school and any out of date or shop bought medicines will be returned to you to be replaced with prescribed in date medication only.

In the event of a short lived or sudden problem such as toothache or a sprained wrist, then parents may come to the school at lunch time to administer shop bought paracetamol if it is deemed necessary.

Obviously our main focus is the health and well-being of your child, and these measures are in place to protect your child and every other child in school and to ensure that accidental overdoses do not take place.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison