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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Sickness and Medication at School

There seem to be a lot of viruses around at the moment and whilst we encourage children to return as soon as they can, children need to remain at home until they are well enough to return to school.

We have an unusually high amount of medication being brought in to school for staff to administer. Unlike other schools, our staff are prepared to give pupils their medication if really necessary. In view of this I would like to remind parents of our school policy and guidelines regarding this.

1. Any medication brought into school must be handed into the school office by the parent or carer and permission for staff to administer must be signed for.
2. If your child needs antibiotics, please try to give all doses at home wherever possible.
3. If your child has to have a dose of antibiotic or paracetamol at school, please send it into the office (not in their book bag) in a measured dose (syringe) and not the whole bottle. Staff are not permitted to measure the dose as there is the risk of overdose and the bottle being left at school overnight.
4. Any type of anti-inflammatory i.e. Nurofen, ibuprofen, is not permitted in school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor.
5. If your child needs several doses of medicine during the day to keep them going, please consider whether they are actually well enough to be in school.
6. If your child is suffering vomiting and or diarrhoea they must be kept at home for a further 48 hours following the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Thank you for your co-operation - we hope this current virus soon fades away!

Yours sincerely

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