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Dear Parent

Children's Health and Well Being

Some of our pupils are receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles, diarrhoea and vomiting.

If your child is suspected of having any of these illnesses, you should let us know as soon as possible. It is also important to let us know if there is shingles in your household.

As with any normal case of diarrhoea and vomiting, your child should not come to school until they have been clear for **48 hours**. This means that all signs of the illness have gone. Now that we have children in school who are at a higher risk of complications arising from exposure to these illnesses, we ask you to be understanding of our request to keep your child at home until they are fully recovered or non contagious.

Head lice

We have already had a report of Head lice in school at the present time. We would respectfully ask that you check your child's head very thoroughly on a daily basis.

The Health Authority's advice to parents is as follows:

- Comb children's hair well, twice a day.
- Inspect the head regularly, taking particular care around the back of the ears and the nape of the neck.
- If lice are found, treat the whole family as advised by your pharmacist or doctor. Combs can be purchased from your pharmacist.
- Always inform the school in order that other parents may be advised to check their children.
- Further information can be found at the following website: www.headlice.org

Information about children infested with head lice is treated as strictly confidential.

Medicine in School

The School Health Service advice to schools states 'only in the case of certain children with a long term medical condition would it be necessary for medication to be administered during the school day. The conventional six hourly dosage can usually be extended to eight hours and only vary rarely is the timing critical'.

If it is essential that a dosage be given during the school day, we do allow parents to give this to their own children at lunchtime by special arrangement.

Wherever possible children should be responsible for their own inhalers. We encourage children to take their own inhalers as and when necessary. **Please name your child's inhaler.**



Jewellery in school

Children wearing earrings can provide a particular health and safety problem in school. All parents need to be aware of the **damage** an earring can do to an ear lobe, hence the County Council ruling that children wearing studs with back projections should not take part in physical activities.

If you decide to let your child have their ears pierced, please arrange for this to take place at the **beginning of the summer holiday**. This will mean your child will not miss any P.E. lessons.

Children will be responsible for their earrings. Please provide a small named box or bag for your child to put their earrings in. No adult is allowed to remove or insert childrens' earrings. It is our school policy not to place tape over an earring, as we feel it does not allow sufficient protection from injury. We take no responsibility for loss or damage to earrings. Ideally earrings should not be worn on the days your child has P.E.

It would be very helpful if Parents regarded all jewellery as items to be worn at home.

The health and well being of children does depend on the co-operation of all Parents. Children who are healthy and happy will be able to make the most of their school years.

The School Nursing Team may be contacted on 01449 776050. Please contact them to raise any concerns you may have regarding your child/ren's health and well being.

Yours sincerely

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