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## School Protocol for unwell pupils.

If a pupil is unwell in school then the teacher will make the decision to send the pupil to Pupil Services in the first instance, to be assessed by a Qualified First Aider.

Options available to the First Aider:

- Reassurance and support
- Minor treatment – Ice pack/plaster etc.
- Issue medication if kept in school and consented for.
- Monitor the pupil, by using the Pupil Services classroom. Pupils will have their classwork collected during this time. If seen to improve, they will return to main lessons.
- Phone call home to ask for medication to be brought in e.g. Paracetamol for minor discomfort.
- Phone call home for guidance from parent/carer.
- Phone call home to arrange for the pupil to go home.

Pupils should not be making their own arrangements to go home unwell, as the alternatives listed above may remedy any ailment/symptoms.

Obviously, if the ailment is considered to require urgent treatment, then an ambulance would be called and parents informed immediately. In the event that we are unable to speak to a parent initially, then a member of staff would travel with the pupil to hospital, until a parent arrives.

Should your child contact you directly, then please support them by guiding them to Pupil Services. If you are concerned then contact 0161 921 2319 and an update on your child's wellbeing can be given.

If your child is unwell prior to school, but you are concerned about how they will cope, then please phone the above number. This will allow an email to be sent to the class teachers to monitor them more closely. Then, if they need to attend for First Aid a clearer insight will be known and care given as agreed in the phone call.

The intention is not to overrule parental care, but to ensure consistency in managing minor everyday ailments and for pupils to learn a life skill, that sometimes they need to work through minor aches and pains. This will prepare them for what would be expected in the work place, once they leave school.