



9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following our return to school last week, a number of parents/carers have queried the circumstances in which they should keep their child off school if unwell. To address this, please see the attached information issued by the UK Health Security Agency and Department for Education regarding winter illnesses that are continuing to circulate at high levels. Additionally, we have also included an overview of 'Is my Child too Ill for School' from the NHS which outlines which common illnesses require you to keep your child off school. Whilst this is not a comprehensive list of illnesses, it does provide guidance on how to address some of the illnesses currently circulating within the community. Any other illnesses, particularly those which have high levels of transmissibility will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis in line with government guidance. Further to the included overview, given the vulnerability of some of our young people, we have made an amendment to the COVID-19 guidance, asking that any young people who test positive for COVID-19 should remain off school for the 5-day isolation period, even if their symptoms are mild, to limit the transition within the school community.

I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce Mill Green's Administration of Paracetamol in School Policy (attached) including parental/carers consent to administer paracetamol to young people at Mill Green.

In order for secondary schools to administer paracetamol to pupils the written consent of parents and carers is required.

The school will hold a supply of 500mg paracetamol. Following consent paracetamol may be administered by members of staff who have received the required first aid and administration of medication training in the event of a headache, toothache, period pain or any type of mild to moderate pain.

We will contact you by phone before any paracetamol is given to obtain your verbal consent and to confirm whether your child has taken any medicines before attending school. Please note that paracetamol will not be issued without written and verbal consent.

Please complete the reply slip and return to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Sean Lenahan

**Headteacher**

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REPLY SLIP

To: The School Office

**Paracetamol Consent**

I agree that my child can be given a dose of paracetamol in school following consent from me by telephone.

I give my consent for my child to be given \*1 / 2 paracetamol tablets.

*(\*Delete as applicable to specify the maximum number of tablets that can be given at any one time.)*

PUPIL'S NAME.....

CLASS.....

SIGNED.....

DATE.....

Person with parental responsibility