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Dear parent/carer,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to remind you of our policy on students bringing non prescribed medication to school.

We want to advise you that **students are permitted to bring a small amount of paracetamol or pain relief medication to school** in their bags for self-administration when they experience mild illnesses or discomfort. This policy is designed to support our students' wellbeing whilst maintaining appropriate safeguards.

We have noticed a significant increase in students requesting that we contact parents to bring over-the-counter pain relief to school. To streamline this process and reduce unnecessary disruption to your day, we wanted to clarify that students may bring their own paracetamol for personal use.

Important points to note:

- Students are allowed to carry a small amount of over the counter medication in their school bags
- They may self-administer this medication as needed for mild ailments
- **We will no longer be making calls home** requesting parents to bring non-prescribed medication to school
- Students must understand that **sharing medication with other students is strictly prohibited**

For parents sending paracetamol with their child:

Please remember to check with your child if they have needed to take any medication during the school day, and ensure you remind them regularly that they must not share their medication with other students under any circumstances.

This approach will help ensure students can manage minor discomfort independently whilst reducing interruptions to both the school day and your own schedule. If you have any concerns about your child's health or medication needs, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Our full medication policy is available below:

<https://www.covmat.org/multi-academy-trust-policies/>

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this updated approach.



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