

Dear Parents,

After the summer break and lockdown it is good to see all the children back in school.

Medication on site:

When your child is prescribed medication by their G.P. which they need to take whilst at school, please ensure that the medication is passed to a member of staff on arrival at school in the morning; do not let your child take it into class in their bag. A letter giving clear instructions as to the dosage and time to be administered must be provided, and at the end of the school day an adult must collect the medication from the staff member discharging. Please note we are unable to administer throat lozenges such as 'strepsils' etc.

Asthma inhalers and EpiPens:

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma or having an allergy it is vital that you inform the school and provide medication such as inhalers or epiPens. Any expired medication will need to be replaced immediately on your child's return to school. If there is any change to your child's treatment, or if they no longer suffer from asthma/allergy, please inform me in writing so that their medical records can be amended.

Illness, Diarrhoea or vomiting:

Following a period of illness, children should not return to school until they are fully fit. Children should not return to school within 48 hours following their last bout of diarrhoea or sickness. Please email the school on absence@sthelenscollege.com before 9.00am to let us know your child is going to be absent. The class teacher will then be informed. Unexplained absence may result in your child's absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Covid-19 symptoms:

If your child shows signs of any symptoms, please inform welfare as soon as possible. You will then need to follow the recommended government guidelines. If you are unsure whether your child requires testing and would like more advice, please contact 119.

Flu vaccination:

At present the vaccination is booked for the 2nd December, for children in Reception – Year 6. With the uncertainty surrounding us at the moment and the changing restrictions being put in place, I am currently waiting for an update from the vaccination team as to how they are planning to proceed. If you are offered the vaccination by your G.P. I would recommend that you accept.

Please ensure that your child brings their water bottles with them each day, and on the chillier days they have warmer clothing with them.

Thank you

Mrs. Wilcock
Welfare Officer