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Dear Parents / Carers,

A gentle reminder to all from the School Nursing Team.

If your child brings medical equipment to school or takes medication, please see below to ensure we can effectively deliver safe care whilst your child is at school.

Equipment

- If you are sending medical equipment into school with your child, please make sure that it is charged and spare consumables are available.

Medications

- ***School stock medications:*** These will ideally be new bottles when brought into school. If decanted (by pharmacy) it is important that they include an expiry date and batch number on the prescription label.
- ***Rescue or emergency medication:*** If your child requires any additional medication during the night or prior to school (e.g. Midazolam / inhalers etc.), please inform class of this via phone call, home/school book or class dojo.

Respite medication

If your child attends respite before/after school and requires medication for their stay, we are happy to store this in school during the school day.

In order for this to be done safely:

- It must be kept in a separate bag (non see-through – i.e. a zip, lunch or cosmetic bag)
- It must be out of suitcases or overnight bags
- It must be separate to medications that will be used during the school day – i.e. school stock and emergency medications. These should come into school in the usual way.
- Medication bags must be labelled with child's name
- School staff must be made aware and given the sealed bag on handover. School staff are not expected to handle the medication directly and bags will be kept in a cupboard in the nurses office during the day for safe storage.

Your help and co-operation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Special School Nurse team via school reception.

Many thanks,

Alice Foster & Linda Bibby

Curnow Special School Nurse team