



15th June 2017

Dear Parent or Carer

I write to reassure you about a recent incident this week involving some of our Year 9 students bringing in prescribed medication from home in the form of pain killers. Unfortunately this led to some of our students naively consuming a tablet resulting in the school having to take precautionary measures to make sure their health was not at risk. Thankfully this was not the case.

This highlights the importance of ensuring medication is stored securely at home and our children recognise the dangers and possible consequences of consuming unknown medication. Whilst our staff took all necessary safety measures and implemented follow-up procedures, this incident also highlights the importance of personal safety, a topic which is delivered through our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme. I have already started to give talks in assemblies and will ensure that an additional dedicated lesson is delivered to all students about the risks involved in the dangers of taking unknown medicines.

Staff at Newsome High School acted swiftly in ensuring that a thorough investigation took place and the students involved were dealt with appropriately. Our students, as always have been supportive and acted with care and maturity in helping us in our enquiries and this deserves to be recognised.

If you want to discuss this further, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Dean Watkin
Headteacher