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"Learning and growing together to be the best that we can be".

Thursday 5th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Helping Children Attend School When They Are Feeling "Under the Weather"

At All Saints, we know it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to come to school.

While children should always stay at home if they are genuinely unwell, many minor illnesses such as a mild cold, headache, tummy ache, tiredness or seasonal allergies do not usually prevent children from taking part in the school day. In fact, children often feel better once they are with their friends and back in their normal routine.

To support families with these decisions, we are introducing our new **'Under the Weather' Form**.

How the Form Helps

If your child is feeling a little under the weather, but is still well enough to attend school, simply complete the form and **hand it to a staff member in the morning.**

The form allows you to:

- Let staff know about any symptoms your child has.
- Tell us about any medication given before school.
- Request that authorised school staff administer medication during the school day if required.
- Make staff aware that your child may need a little extra monitoring and support.

If we have any concerns about your child's wellbeing during the day, we will contact you straight away.

Medication in School

To support children in remaining in school wherever appropriate, we will now administer certain non-prescription medicines, such as Calpol, when parental consent has been provided.

If medication is required during the school day:

- It must be brought to the school office by an adult.
- It must be in its original packaging and clearly labelled with your child's name
- The medication section of the form must be completed and signed.
- Medication must be collected from the school office at the end of the day.
- Non-prescription medicines can only be administered for a maximum of three consecutive school days.

Unfortunately, we cannot administer medication without a completed and signed form.

Working Together

This process is designed to provide families with reassurance when children are not quite feeling their best, whilst helping them benefit from as much learning time as possible.
We understand that there will always be times when children are too unwell to attend school. However, when a child is simply feeling a little under the weather, we hope this approach will make it easier for families to feel confident about sending them into school.

A copy of the form is enclosed with this letter. Additional copies are available from the school office.
Thank you, as always, for your support in helping every child achieve the very best attendance possible.

Yours sincerely,

K. O'Grady

Mrs K. O'Grady
Headteacher