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Dear Parent / Carer

First Aid

South Dartmoor Community College has appropriate and suitably qualified First Aiders and comprehensive First Aid systems to ensure assistance is provided quickly to anyone requiring Emergency First Aid. We, of course, also call on emergency services when appropriate and we are happy to liaise with local healthcare providers to support the administering of vaccinations.

However, it is important to note that we are not a medical centre and we ask parents kindly to support our systems for when a child is ill. We will ensure effective First Aid assistance when required, but we are unable, for example, to diagnose children's ailments or administer medication without a carefully created and agreed care plan with home. Our aim is to provide first aid to any person to whom we have a duty of care, if they are injured or become ill while they are on school premises or involved in an off-site activity.

From January, we will be asking students, if they are beginning to feel unwell, to inform their teacher. The class teacher will then request a First Aider to visit the student. Students should remain in lesson and the First Aider will visit them at their classroom. This is the best and safest place for students to wait until the First Aider can assess them, as it avoids potential accidents from fainting, or slips and trips if dizzy, while moving to and from the First Aid room. Students will also be encouraged to stay in lessons unless they are unable to do so for medical reasons. If the First Aider thinks the student is not well enough to continue at school, they will arrange for a parent/carer to be contacted. We ask that students do not contact parent/carers directly to be collected if they feel unwell and trust the staff to act accordingly for the best outcome for the student. If a student needs to be removed from a lesson, the First Aider will accompany the student until they reach the reception, to ensure he/she is looked after, where they will await collection.

If your child needs medication or something has changed with regard to your child's medical/care plan, please contact the First Aid team at your earliest convenience by calling the school or email, firstaid@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Kind regards
Mrs Dixon
Designated Safeguarding Lead

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