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Dear Parent/Carer

Partnering to support your child's health and learning time

At school, our top priority is ensuring your child feels safe, healthy, and supported throughout the school day. We are proud to provide a medical room for students who become unwell or require immediate medical attention.

Lately, we have noticed a significant increase in students visiting the medical room first thing in the morning or during core lesson times for minor issues that could be managed in class or before school. We have also noticed a significant increase in the number of children requesting paracetamol and pain relief during the first hour of school.

While we always want to care for truly sick children, frequent or non-urgent visits during these specific times can:

- **Disrupt learning:** Missing even 15 minutes of a lesson makes it harder for students to keep up with their schoolwork.
- **Delay care for others:** A busy medical room makes it more difficult for staff to promptly assist students with urgent medical needs or emergencies.

How you can help

We kindly ask that you have a conversation with your child about using the medical room responsibly. You might encourage them to bring a water bottle to school and to only check in with the medical team *during lunch or breaktime* rather than during class time, unless it is an emergency.

If your child has an ongoing medical condition that might be causing them to seek out the medical room frequently, please let us know. We want to work together with you to provide the right support.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students healthy and focused on their learning.

Kind regards,

The Thorp Office