Darley National School

PARTAKING OF MEDICINES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Children who bring prescribed or non-prescribed medicines to school, with parents' permission is viewed as a very serious matter.

The Board of Management dissuade parents from engaging in this practice. However, occasions may arise when certain pupils, who suffer from on-going or chronic illness, must have access to their prescribed medicines at regular intervals. In cases such as these, a letter from the parents must be sent to the Principal teacher stating the necessity for their child's access to these. The exact dosage required by the child for a school day, should only accompany the child. Such medicines should be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the school day, for safe keeping, and at the appropriate time, it is preferable that the child should administer her/himself, having been trained to do so at home previously.

At no time will staff administer pain killers (Aspirin, Anadin, Dispirin, Calpol, etc.) to children during the school day. If a child is feeling unwell, the school Principal will notify his/her parents, by phone, to collect this pupil as soon as possible.

When children need medication for temporary illnesses, it will be best that they stay at home until completely recovered or take their medicine before or after school time, under the supervision of their parents.