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**To: Parents and Carers**

**Re: Support for your children's health needs whilst in school**

We hope this letter finds you well. As you may be aware, the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has been in the process of securing a new healthcare provider for Derby and Derbyshire schools.

The ICB has now confirmed that following a formal tendering process, a new provider has not been appointed. Therefore, the ICB are commissioning NurtureCare to undertake a comprehensive clinical needs analysis of the children in school. This means NurtureCare will be reviewing care plans and medication charts during half term to ensure the information held about your child is up to date and accurate.

Once this piece of work has taken place, the commissioner will work with NurtureCare to make a recommendation of the staffing requirements going forward. This will include both the immediate interim and the longer-term service provision. This will ensure we have safe provision in place after the existing services comes to a closure.

NurtureCare have been working with the school since September 2024, providing care for the latest cohort of children. They are already commissioned as a provider of service to children and young people with complex healthcare needs. Rated Outstanding for care by the Care Quality Commission, we are delighted that they give their expertise and help in navigating us through this interim period.

Following this transition, the ICB will run another procurement exercise to secure a longer-term provider. This will be informed by the wider piece of work that NurtureCare will be undertaking across all schools across Derby and Derbyshire.

We understand that this may be a time of uncertainty for you and your family. Please rest assured that we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and to maintaining the highest standards of care for our students. Your continued support and dedication are greatly appreciated.

NurtureCare will contact you within the next week or so to provide more information about their services, distribute consent forms, and share updated care plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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