



Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Dear Families,

We hope this letter finds you well. Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Healthcare Coffee Morning, where we shared important updates about the changes in healthcare provision at Ivy House School, following the letter that was shared in December which you can find [here](#). For those unable to attend, we wanted to provide a summary of the key information discussed.

As you will be aware, the delivery of healthcare tasks within the school has historically been managed by Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, with a team of nurses and healthcare assistants. However, there have been ongoing discussions between Derby Local Authority and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) regarding the commissioning and funding of this service.

Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has issued their withdrawal notice and will no longer provide healthcare services at the school after the end of February. The ICB is in the final stages of its procurement process to appoint a new healthcare provider. We anticipate that the new provider will be named shortly, enabling a smooth transition and ensuring no disruption to the school's normal functioning.

To ensure safe and effective healthcare delivery, staff will be upskilled and trained to undertake identified tasks under the guidance of registered health professionals. Delegation will follow locally agreed clinical tools and national guidelines, with regular supervision provided to ensure competency and confidence. The ICB has assured us that there will be suitable healthcare cover during the transition period to allow the school sufficient time to implement the new model. We are also working closely with unions, the Shaw Education Trust, and other stakeholders to finalise details regarding delegation and training for staff. Where a school is unable to engage in required healthcare tasks, decisions about meeting a child's needs will involve the school and the Local Authority.

We understand that this transition may raise questions or concerns. If you would like to provide feedback or discuss the new healthcare model directly with the ICB, you can contact them at ddicb.enquiries@nhs.net. We will write to you again once we have further information regarding the appointment of the new healthcare provider and any additional updates and look to arrange a follow up coffee morning with the new provider.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work to ensure a smooth transition and maintain the highest standard of care for all our students. If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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