



Wednesday 5th February 2025

RE: Syringes

Dear Families,

In the Family Update Newsletter sent on Friday 31st January 2025, we informed families that they would need to provide their child's feeding tubes and syringes for use in school. We would like to clarify that, while families already send children's feeding tubes, the **new provider will also require 60ml syringes for feeds** and any **medicine syringes** that your child uses to be sent into school.

Currently, the Derby and Derbyshire NHS Foundation Trust provides these essential items for students' feeds and/or medication. However, as their service will be leaving Ivy House School at the end of February, families will now need to supply these items to the new provider and ensure they are sent into school with their child.

To avoid any disruption, we kindly ask that you contact your current supplier as soon as possible to ensure you receive enough supplies for your child's needs in school. This change will take effect from **Monday 24th February**, the first week back after the February half-term.

As per the letter sent home on Monday 3rd February, we would also like to invite you to a Health Update Coffee Morning on Friday 14th February, at 9:20am in the Ivy House School meeting room. This will be an opportunity to meet with representatives from Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) as well as the new provider who will be taking over services from Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (DHcFT).

Unfortunately, due to restrictions associated with the formal tendering process, we are unable to provide any further updates at this time. However, we will write to you again as soon as we are able to share more information.

We wanted to ensure you had plenty of notice about this event so you can make any necessary arrangements to attend. We hope this will be a valuable opportunity for you to meet key representatives and hear from them directly.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this transition. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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