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Dear Parent/Carer

Extended School Nurse clinic and National Chlamydia Screening Programme in schools

We are writing to inform you that the School Nurse team plans to extend their service to Priestnall School. The school nurse clinic will take place during lunch time on Mondays and Wednesdays and is available for any young person who wishes to seek advice on any health issue, including advice and support around sexual health and emotional health. No appointment is necessary.

As part of this initiative we will be offering pregnancy testing and the National Chlamydia Screening Programme. This is an important national programme aimed at young people under the age of 25. This service will be available to any students in years 9, 10 and 11.

Chlamydia is the most frequently diagnosed sexually transmitted infection and is the highest in young sexually active adults: 1 in 10 sexually active people under the age of 25 have Chlamydia. The infection very often has no symptoms and so a large proportion of cases go undiagnosed. Treatment is easily administered through a course of antibiotics. If the infection remains untreated, it can result in long term conditions such as infertility (in both sexes), pelvic inflammatory disease and ectopic pregnancy. Further information about Chlamydia is available at www.ruclear.co.uk

Following a sexual health risk assessment, young people will be able to access a Chlamydia screening test in school, which will be available at the school nurse clinic. In addition pupils may access sexual health advice and support and pregnancy testing if required.

Sexual health is clearly a sensitive but important issue for young people's wellbeing, confidentiality will be assured within the school nurse NHS guidelines. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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