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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to give you a brief update on the progress of the Drop-in Health Clinic which is run by Jo Healy, a Registered School Nurse.

The clinic has been in place since September 2006 and sessions take place during Wednesday lunchtimes. It provides a confidential Nurse-led source of health and emotional wellbeing advice and support for our students. In addition, Jo can refer on to Primary Healthcare and acute services where appropriate. Jo also supports the school's PSHEE curriculum and delivers Health Care sessions to a variety of year groups. As parents are you aware that any child over the age of 13 years old is now able to buy emergency contraception from the Chemist, without having to have a full health assessment or have a conversation with a health professions. School Health Clinics across Somerset are also starting to administer emergency contraception to ensure students receive the appropriate support.

If a child receives emergency contraception from a school nurse, they have to complete a full sexual health assessment with a qualified health professional and will be provided with on-going advice and guidance. If they return within a month, the nurse will automatically refer this information to a doctor. Also, any student under the age of 13 seeking emergency contraception will be seen as a Child Protection concern and if any other information is disclosed which causes concerns in regards to your child's safety, contact will be made to all relevant persons.

The school is seeking your views in regards to this confidential service becoming available at the Health Clinic at Chilton Trinity. We would really appreciate and value your opinions on the benefits of this service or of any concerns. Your views will be put forward to the school's Governing Body to consider before any decisions are made.

If you have any concerns please phone me and I will arrange for Jo to speak with you so that any of your questions may be answered.

Yours sincerely

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