



MAYO COLLEGE

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**HOSPITALISATION & ABSENCE FROM  
CLASSES AFTER OUTINGS : ANALYSIS**

Dear Parents,

1. The School wishes to share its analysis of the sick report/hospital admissions post the outings. The following trend has been observed:-
  - (a) Some boys returning from outings suffer from gastroenteritis, gastritis and stomach infections. They are required to be admitted into the hospital.
  - (b) Some boys fall sick during the journey home. Their parents inform the RMO about the illness immediately on reaching home. Either return is delayed or their ailment causes them to miss classes on return.
2. There have been a number of instances of communicable diseases such as conjunctivitis, viral fever, hepatitis *et al*, after outings. This is more so during the monsoons. Implications of all this are as under:-
  - (a) Such cases reporting back after sickness have to be admitted in the hospital and quarantined in larger interest to prevent outbreak.
  - (b) Boys thus miss out on curriculum and have to along with teachers, put in extra effort to catch up. They also miss out on important sporting and other activities
3. This has led us to the sad conclusion that in some cases, parents/guardians taking their sons/wards for outings are not taking adequate precautions. This causes the boy to miss out on classes and puts him under pressure to catch up.
4. All parents/guardians are therefore requested to accord importance to this issue and take necessary precautions during the outings in the larger interest of their wards.
5. All requests for Medical Leave should be addressed to the RMO, more so if the child is being taken for treatment during the Outings. It helps in keeping a medical record of the boys for follow up action. The RMO examines the request for leave, obtains sanction of the Principal and communicates with the parents. Under the circumstances, adequate notice needs to given while requesting for Medical Leave.
6. In order to facilitate interaction between the RMO and Parents of those boys who may have fallen sick or taken ill during an Outing, the RMO would be available at the Hospital between 6 PM to 7PM on Outing Sundays.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,