

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU THINK THAT YOUR SON IS NOT FIT ENOUGH TO SIT THE TEST

When a child says he is not feeling well, it is sometimes difficult for a parent to decide what to do. Is he just anxious or really sick? It is important that your son is given the opportunity to do his very best in these tests which is not possible if he is not fully physically fit. He may not be fit enough if he complains of earache, severe nausea, has a very sore throat or a heavy cold. He should also not sit the test if he has any physical injury that causes continual pain or inhibits his ability to write at his normal speed. Sadly, occasionally there may be a sudden family trauma or bereavement which may also mean a child's test will need to be postponed. In such a case, we should immediately be informed of the situation.

Therefore, if your son is unwell either **before or on the day** of the test, you should telephone the school office to inform us. You will then need to consult your family doctor immediately to obtain a medical certificate giving a diagnosis and confirming that your son was not fit on the day of the test. This certificate will be required for your son to be given an alternative date for his test and therefore should be sent to us as soon as possible.

When you are sure that your son is completely better you should inform our Registrar, Mrs. Mottershead, who will then make arrangements for your son to be tested at a later date.

<p>It is important for all parents clearly to understand that no special considerations will be given to any candidate whose illness/injury/trauma has not been reported to us either before or on the day of the test.</p>

USE OF A WRIST WATCH DURING THE TESTS

Each invigilator will time the tests very carefully. However, some boys also like to monitor their own time. Not all of our examination rooms have a clock and therefore your son may wish to wear a wrist watch. If he does, it is essential that any alarm is deactivated **before** coming to the test.