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To Whom It May Concern

Student's Name:

DOB:

Diagnosis: Type 1 Diabetes

The National Clinical Network for Children and Young People support the concept that cellphones can be a significant distraction from learning. However, for taitamariki living with diabetes it is a necessary medical device and we trust that your school policy will allow for this.

Your student, named above, requires use of their cellphone to operate their glucose monitoring system to manage their type 1 diabetes. Glucose levels are transmitted from the sensor that they wear, to the glucose monitoring app on their phone. This app alerts the student to any issue with their glucose level. If the student is wearing an insulin pump, the information from this app will then be used by their insulin pump to adjust the rate of insulin delivery according to the student's needs.

Although this does not mean that the student needs to have their phone on their person in the classroom, there are some requirements for safe diabetes management:

- The phone can be no more than 6 metres away from their person,
- The student will need access to the phone whenever they feel it is needed,
- The student will need to be close enough to hear any alarms that go off.

If you do have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the treating medical team.

Kind regards,

**National Clinical Network for Children and Young People with Diabetes**

*As kaitiaki (caregivers/guardians) of diabetes related services, it is a collective responsibility to establish an environment that facilitates a pathway for people with diabetes to navigate te ao mate huka - the world of diabetes*

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