

Head Injury Support

Dear Parent / Guardian

Ever increasing research into head injuries highlights how important it is to manage potential concussion incidents with extreme care.

Whilst guidance advocates the seeking of medical advice when concussion is suspected, our experiences in recent years indicate that such advice can be challenging for the NHS to provide quickly. Furthermore, many families have found it extremely difficult to arrange for medical appointments at the end of a recovery period to approve a return to activity. Even in circumstances when individuals have experienced repeated concussions, medical support has proved difficult to secure, unless expensive private provision has been sought.

In view of these challenges, we would like to engage the services of Return2Play (part of Meliora Medical Group) – the UK's leading sport medicine partner for schools, clubs and universities. Feedback from local clubs and schools that have used the provision has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Return2Play service operates as follows:

1. Staff / parents log a head injury on the Return2Play system.
2. Return2Play contacts parents to arrange a face to face or online appointment within 48 hours (including evenings and weekends) with a Return2Play doctor.
3. The Return2Play doctor advises on the subsequent course of action. If this is to refrain from physical activity for 2 weeks a second appointment will take place to approve and advise a graduated return to activity at the end of this two-week period. A third appointment will follow the graduated return to play process, to approve a full return to activity.
4. Return2Play's injury management software communicates with parents, staff and sports club coaches at each stage of the process.

The Return2Play service is available to subscribers throughout the twelve-month duration of the subscription and can be engaged for head injuries sustained through any type of activity at any time (school or club sport, break time accidents, recreational activities during holiday periods etc.)

Return2Play will offer a subscription to Perins students at a cost of £15 per student for the 2023-24 academic year, subject to sufficient uptake. To help us ascertain whether interest is sufficient to engage Return2Play's services, please complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/AECP3xw26g>

Before answering, please understand that subscription to the service will require the sharing of personal data with Return2Play as detailed below:

	First Name	Surname	Gender	DOB	Email Address
Student	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Parent	Yes	Yes			Yes
Club coaches	Yes	Yes			Yes

Please visit this link to view Return2Play's data protection policy:

<https://www.return2play.org.uk/downloadlinks/>

Please complete the form by Mon 19 June. If you indicate that you wish to subscribe to the Return2Play service, we will contact you again in July advise to advise on next steps.

Best wishes

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