

## **LETTER FOR PARENT WITH JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY REGARDING CONSENT FOR MEDICAL PROCESSES AT SCHOOL**

[Date]

Dear [names],

I am writing to you in regards to my son, [name], who is currently a year \_ student at your school.

As you may be aware, [name]'s mother, from whom I am separated, and I share joint legal custody of [name]. That means we are equally responsible for decision-making regarding his education and healthcare.

As such, I would like to make clear that I do not consent to [my son] receiving any medical procedures, such as vaccinations or COVID testing, on school premises. I only consent to [my son] receiving medical procedures in the appropriate medical settings where they are carried out by trusted healthcare professionals, and where both [my son]'s mother and I are present.

Please note I am aware of the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on vaccinations on school premises, and the concept of "implied consent", which states that if a child is present at school on vaccination day, this "implies consent", even if the parents have not in fact offered their consent - and may not even have been forewarned the vaccination drive is taking place. Therefore, I wish to make it unambiguously clear that I am not offering or "implying" my consent by sending [my son] to school on vaccination days. In the first instance, he only resides with me 50% of the time, and so I am not always in control of when he is or is not in school, and secondly, I do not accept my son's education should be disrupted because this is the only way of ensuring he avoids invasive and risky medical processes. Please note that all medical products come with risk, and, as such, I do not feel school is the appropriate environment for these to be administered; these should only be applied in the appropriate medical settings and in the presence of the child's parents. So, to clearly restate: I do not consent to [my son] receiving vaccinations at school under any circumstances.

Moving on, I understand that part of the school's new coronavirus protocols are to temperature test the children. I appreciate the school is required to take some action to comply with governmental directives regarding making the school "COVID secure", however, I would like to make it emphatically clear that I do not consent to [my son] being temperature checked at the forehead with an infrared ray gun. This is because I feel aiming a gun at the head of a child has very concerning psychological connotations, and I do not wish my son to become accustomed to the concept of having a gun pointed at his head. Furthermore, the short and long-term health effects of aiming an infrared ray at a rapidly developing adolescent brain are not clear. For these reasons, if it is necessary to temperature check [my son], I only consent to these checks being carried out at his wrists, which are generally a more reliable indicator of temperature than the forehead.

Please allow me to reiterate that the terms of my custody agreement with [name]'s mother dictate we have equal decision-making powers where it comes to [name]'s education and healthcare. This means that, were any medical processes to be carried out on [my son] at school without my consent, even if [my son]'s mother had offered hers, this would breach the terms of our custody agreement and therefore represent a contempt of court. Were such a situation to arise, I would be obliged to take immediate further legal action, a situation I am sure you are as keen to avoid as I am.

As professional educators, I am sure you can appreciate my son's health and well-being are my top priorities, and I take his healthcare needs extremely seriously. Therefore, it is imperative to me to ensure his medical needs are only attended to in what I consider to be the optimal and appropriate environments. As I have stated, I do not consider school to be such an environment, and only wish him to receive medical attention within medical facilities, with the full knowledge, consent, and presence of both myself and his mother.

Please reply to this letter within 14 days of today's date acknowledging that my wishes will be adhered to whilst [my son] is a student at your school.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

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