

THE BURTON BOROUGH SCHOOL

A Specialist Arts College



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Dear Parent/Carer

In 1985 Rotary International began raising funds in an effort to eliminate Polio worldwide. By partnering with the World Health Organisation and other Government and private bodies, Rotary's campaign has achieved a 99% reduction in the number of cases of Polio, (from 350,000 every year to just over 1,500 in 2009) and it is now endemic only in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Our local Newport Rotary Club has been participating in this effort from the beginning and now wishes to involve local schools in a Purple Pinkie Project. When Rotary immunises children against Polio their little finger is dyed with Gentian Violet to prevent double dosing - hence 'Purple Pinkie',

Since 50p is the approximate cost to immunise one child against Polio the pupils are encouraged to bring 50p (or more) to help with this cause and to evidence their donation we will paint their little finger purple as a symbol of one child immunised against Polio. (We shall use non toxic, non allergenic food colouring agent).

To prevent staining on things other than fingers we shall immediately dry the finger with paper towels.

If you wish your child to take part in this project, please sign the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher.

The talks about Polio are taking place this week 8th to the 12th of March in assembly time with the 'PURPLE PINKIE' days next week 15th to 19th of March.

Year 7 - Monday 15th March

Year 8 - Tuesday 16th March

Year 9 - Wednesday 17th March

Year 10 - Thursday 18th March

Year 11 - Friday 19th March

Yours faithfully

Nigel Williams
Assistant Head Teacher

Purple Pinkie Project

I consent for my child (insert name) _____ Form _____

Parent or Guardian _____