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Dear Emmie

Gloucestershire County Council is delighted to support this year's Better Backs campaign to tackle back pain in the work place.

We are serious about managing the risks of back pain at work and will be demonstrating our support by taking the following actions:

- **Providing advice and guidance on preventative actions that can be taken to prevent back pain to staff through the use of information stands.**
- **Occupational Health Unit will target specific staff groups for detailed guidance on preventative actions and exercises that can be undertaken to prevent back pain**
- **Provide managers with an information pack and briefing materials**
- **Include information on better backs campaign in "That Friday Feeling" a weekly e-newsletter.**
- **Distribute information packs to controlled schools.**
- **Global email to be sent to remind staff of the need for workstation assessment to be undertaken and the need for correct posture when using display screens.**

By doing these things we plan to achieve the following:

- **Increase staff awareness of actions that can they can undertake to prevent, or reduce the possibility of back pain.**
- **Provide targeted groups with specific information to refresh their knowledge of handling techniques.**
- **Encourage managers to brief their teams on preventative measures that can be taken to prevent back care.**
- **Raise awareness of all staff on the need to manage their own back care**
- **Encourage schools to involve staff, particularly custodian and maintenance teams to review their procedures for manual handling to ensure they are correct.**
- **Prevent to the occurrence of back pain through incorrect posture whilst working with display screens**

Gloucestershire County Council is committed to working with HSE on this issue - together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely
Stephen Billington

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