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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Strep A Infection

As you may be aware, there is a severe strain of Strep A which has been reported in the UK over the last couple of weeks. Last week, we were sadly made aware that this strain had reached some schools in Ealing.

As a precaution, we are sharing information on the signs and symptoms of Group A Streptococcal infections, and what to do if you think your child develops these.

The most common infections caused by Group A streptococcus are mild: sore throats (strep throat), fever, scarlet fever and minor skin infections.

Further Information is also available at NHS Choices:

- [Sore throat - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If concerned, please contact NHS 111 or your GP practice. If appropriate, your GP can arrange for testing and treatment with antibiotics if necessary.

In **very rare cases**, this infection can be more serious and cause invasive disease. Although the risk is very small, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of invasive Group A streptococcal infection, which are detailed below:

- Very high fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle pain
- Unexplained diarrhoea or vomiting

If someone becomes ill with some of these symptoms, please seek urgent medical help by calling 111.

As usual, we will continue to monitor children for temperatures and if there is any sign of temperature or diarrhoea, we will contact you immediately to collect them. We will continue, as we have since Covid, to promote hand washing and hygiene practices.

As soon as we have any more information from Ealing, we will update you accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely
Ms Hasker
Headteacher