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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been lots of news in the national press urging parents to look out for symptoms of Strep A infection in their children after health officials revealed a rise in cases and the tragic deaths of 6 youngsters.

At this time of year there are lots of viruses circulating that cause sore throats, colds and coughs and these should resolve without medical support. Occasionally however, children can develop a bacterial infection on top of a viral one and that can make them more unwell.

Today I have been informed that over the weekend a pupil from year 1 has been diagnosed with Strep A. There is no reason to be alarmed, the pupil is currently at home and recuperating.

Symptoms can include a sore throat, fever and sometimes a mild skin infection. In most cases, children can be treated with antibiotics and make a full recovery. However, in rare cases Step A can become a serious illness so anyone with a high temperature, severe muscle aches, pain in one area of the body and unexplained vomiting and diarrhoea should seek medical intervention immediately.

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

If you are worried about your child contact NHS 111 or your GP and advise them there is a case of Strep A in school.

Yours sincerely,

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