

12th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are keeping well, and that your child is looking forward to the winter break.

As you may have seen in the news recently, Group A Streptococcus (GAS) has been spreading amongst school aged children and, in a very small number of cases, has sadly resulted in fatalities.

We want to reassure you that we have not had any confirmed cases of invasive Strep A thus far. However, we wanted to share some advice from the UK Health Security Agency with you as a precautionary measure to help keep everyone as healthy as possible. This advice is also just generally a helpful reminder as we are now in cold and flu season and of course we are nearing the Christmas break which everyone is looking forward to enjoying.

In the interest of ensuring every child continues to be safe, we urge you to please read through the attached advice carefully and let us know if you have any further questions or concerns. It outlines symptoms and suggests when to seek further help.

We would also like to reiterate that, as always, please do not send your child to academy if they are feeling unwell, particularly if they are displaying any of the symptoms outlined in the attached advice. This includes diarrhoea, vomiting, a high temperature or generally feeling unwell. Furthermore, if your child is displaying any of these symptoms it is also important that they do not mix with others outside of the academy.

If you are concerned about your child's health, you should contact your GP practice or NHS 111 immediately.

Thank you for playing your part in helping to keep our whole academy community safe.

Yours sincerely



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