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Head Teacher: David Read

14th June 2016

Dear Parent

We have learnt today that one of our students has been admitted to hospital with suspected meningitis. The meningitis may be due to meningococcal infection.

I have spoken with the Public Health doctor who has advised me that meningitis/septicaemia due to meningococcal infection is a rare illness. Even where the diagnosis is confirmed, it is very unusual to see a second case. The immediate contacts have been given an antibiotic to help prevent further spread. There is no need for any other student or staff member in our school to have antibiotics.

It is extremely unusual to see linked cases of this illness. However, it is important for all parents to know the early signs of Meningococcal infection which include fever, headache, stiff neck, a dislike of noise, a dislike of bright light and possibly a rash. Meningitis or Septicaemia can develop very rapidly. If you or any one you know, have a flu like illness that is rapidly getting worse, please seek medical attention and show the doctor this letter.

Further general information about Meningitis may be obtained from:

The National Meningitis Trust Helpline

Tel: 0800 028 18 28

www.meningitis-trust.org

The Meningitis Research Foundation 24-hour Helpline

Tel: 080 8800 3344

www.meningitis.org

I am sure you will join me in wishing our ill student member a smooth and rapid recovery.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Read
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