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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to inform you that there has been a case of confirmed hepatitis A infection in a person at the school.

Hepatitis A is an infection of the liver which is spread in the poo of an infected person.

You can get hepatitis A through contaminated foods or water or from close contact with an infected person. Symptoms can be very mild, particularly in children, and include fever, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and sometimes leading to jaundice. Hepatitis A infection can sometimes spread within families but the most common cause in the UK is due to foreign travel to countries where sanitation is poor. Young children with hepatitis A often have mild or no symptoms at all but can pass the infection to others.

If your child, or a member of your family, develops jaundice (yellowish tinge to the whites of the eyes) or other symptoms of Hepatitis A (fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort or dark urine) please contact your GP (Out of hours contact NHS 111) for advice and further investigation.

This information is being given as a precaution to parents and staff, and as a reminder that good hygiene offers protection. There is no evidence to suggest that there is spread of the infection, and the risk to your child is very low. We would like to reassure you that we will continue to monitor this infection over the coming weeks.

For more information about hepatitis A please type 'Hepatitis A and NHS' into your internet search engine.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Hepatitis-A/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Yours faithfully

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