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STREP A AWARENESS

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware of reports in the news about sad cases of Strep A in London, Surrey and Wales causing fatalities in 4 young children recently. BCP have not issued any warnings or information but we would like our community to be aware of the what symptoms to look out for in case of needing medical treatment.

What is Strep A?

Group A Streptococcus is the name given to a type of bacteria sometimes found in the throat or on the skin. It usually causes mild illness like sore throats and skin infections; in very rare cases these bacteria can cause severe and life threatening illness. Please be assured that many people carry Group A Strep harmlessly and do not develop illness. It can be passed from person to person by close contact, most people who come into contact with Group A Strep remain well and symptom free, some get mild throat or skin infections.

What are the signs and symptoms to look out for?

- fever (a high temperature above 38°C (100.4°F))
- severe muscle aches
- localised muscle tenderness
- redness at the site of a wound.

What should I do if I have symptoms?

You should contact your GP or get medical advice by calling 111. Strep A can be treated with antibiotics if necessary.

Kind regards,

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