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Dear Parents and Carers

A letter has been sent to you today from the UK Health Security Agency. I am contacting to provide some additional information and to reassure you of the school's response to the cases of Strep A.

In line with guidance from Public Health England, we are requesting that all students that are ill with symptoms of flu and Strep A do not attend school; please refer to the letter from the UK Health Security Agency for symptoms and for when your child is to return to school. NHS guidance states: Children need to stay off for 24 hours after starting antibiotics. If antibiotics are not prescribed by the GP, children will need to stay away from school for 2-3 weeks, as they may still be infectious. Students are to remain at home also, if they have a sibling at home unwell with symptoms of flu and Strep A.

If a student develops symptoms of flu and Strep A during the school day and reports to the School Nurse or a First Aider, then their parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child and return after following the guidance from the UK Health Security Agency and the NHS.

We are asking please that parents and carers limit their visits to the school and front reception unless an absolute necessity. In the first instance, where able, please telephone school or email the school or specific members of staff and await their response; contact details are on the school website. Visitors to the school will be asked to sanitise their hands on their arrival and leaving. The school is also today considering its planned visits to the school and its events, for example, the Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 8 December will now be a remote Parents' Evening; further details will be sent to Year 11 Parents and Carers in a separate communication.

Students will be required to sanitise their hands regularly during the school day and the school will be increasing its regular cleaning on hand contact surfaces. The school will also follow the guidance from Public Health England on cleaning the school when the cases have stopped.

The school is now planning its operational day to day response; the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors is the absolute priority. It might be that due to staffing levels there is the need for the school to request that whole year groups work remotely at home; further details will be provided, if this is the case. The school will inform you at the earliest opportunity of any day to day changes in its operation.

I would like to thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

With best wishes

Emma Haase

Principal