

# Dormers Wells High School

## MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have seen reported in the news that there has been a tragic death of a child in Ealing from invasive Group A Streptococcal infection.

As a precaution, we are sharing information on the signs and symptoms of Group A Streptococcal infections, and what to do if you think your child develops these.

**The most common infections caused by Group A streptococcus are mild:** sore throats (strep throat), fever, scarlet fever and minor skin infections.

Further Information is also available at NHS Choices:

- [Sore throat - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If concerned, please contact NHS 111 or your GP practice. If appropriate, your GP can arrange for testing and treatment with antibiotics if necessary.

In **very rare cases**, this infection can be more serious and cause invasive disease. Although the risk is very small, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of invasive Group A streptococcal infection, which are detailed below:

- Very high fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle pain
- Unexplained diarrhoea or vomiting

If someone becomes ill with some of these symptoms, please seek urgent medical help by calling 111.

We will provide you with updates as and when we receive them.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh  
Headteacher



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