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To

All parents/ carers
Warren Junior School

Case Ref 1023675

We have been notified that there has been a possible case of Hepatitis A at the school. Hepatitis A is a viral illness spread by the consumption of contaminated food or water. Hepatitis A is now an uncommon infection in the U.K and many cases are related to travel overseas. It is very likely this infection is related to overseas travel as well.

Symptoms include flu-like symptoms and jaundice (yellowing of the skin) which gradually clear over time. Often hepatitis A often does not cause any symptoms, particularly in children, who may be unaware that they have had the infection. Most people recover and have no long term problems.

Hepatitis A can be passed from person-to-person, particularly between close contacts and those living in the same household. Spread of infection can be prevented by good hygiene, especially hand washing, and vaccination.

It is very unlikely that the single case could have spread the infection to others, but as an extra precaution, a factsheet is enclosed so that parents are aware of this, and can lookout for signs and symptoms.

If you want to learn more about hepatitis A please visit:
<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/HepatitisA/>.

If you have any queries, please call your local Health Protection Team (contacts as above).

Yours sincerely,

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