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Dear Parents and Carers

You are very likely to be aware that a local child in an Ealing primary school passed away recently and I am sure you will want to join us in expressing our sympathies to the affected family, relatives and friends. This child died from invasive **Group A streptococcal infection**, which is being referred to as **Strep A**.

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
- minor skin infections

This link from the UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) provides detailed information about what to look out for if you notice your child is developing symptoms.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>
www.nhs.uk also details when to seek medical advice.

If you are concerned, please contact NHS 111 or your GP practice immediately and, if appropriate, your GP can arrange for testing and treatment with antibiotics where 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 your child becomes ill with some of these symptoms, please seek urgent medical help by calling 111.

In school we are continuing to disinfect areas where there is maximum hand contact and children are being provided with handwashing opportunities during the day.

With best wishes

Helen Rai

Interim Executive Headteacher