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Dear Parent/Carer

We have learnt today that one of our students has been admitted to hospital with suspected meningitis. The meningitis may be due to meningococcal infection.

I have spoken with the Public Health doctor who has advised me that meningitis/septicaemia due to meningococcal infection is a rare illness. Even where the diagnosis is confirmed, it is very unusual to see a second case. The immediate contacts have been given an antibiotic to help prevent further spread. There is no need for any other student or staff member in our school to have antibiotics.

It is extremely unusual to see linked cases of this illness. However, it is important for all parents to know the early signs of Meningococcal infection which include fever, headache, stiff neck, a dislike of noise, a dislike of bright light and possibly a rash. If your son/daughter displays any of these signs, please have them seen by a doctor and show the doctor this letter.

Further general information about Meningitis may be obtained from:

The National Meningitis Trust Helpline Tel: 0800 028 18 28

www.meningitis-trust.org

The Meningitis Research Foundation 24-hour Helpline Tel: 080 8800 3344 <a href="https://www.meningitis.org">www.meningitis.org</a>

I'm sure you will join me in wishing our ill student member a smooth and rapid recovery.

Yours sincerely

D A McCready Headteacher









