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Parents and carers (Year 8)
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Someone with Hepatitis A at HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

We are writing to let you know that someone at Hampstead School has been unwell with Hepatitis A. This letter is for information only; **if your child is well, there is no need for vaccination against hepatitis A.** We have undertaken a risk assessment and the chances that people in school have been exposed to this infection is very low. We would like to reassure you that we will continue to monitor the situation over the coming weeks.

Hepatitis A is a viral infection of the liver which can be commonly transmitted through person to person spread or through contaminated foods or water. Symptoms can include fever, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and sometimes jaundice. Most people make a full recovery within a couple of months and have no long-term problems.

If your child develops any of the symptoms above in the coming 2-6 weeks, please contact your GP for advice and show them this letter (Out of hours contact NHS 111); and remember to inform the school. Children with suspected hepatitis A infection should not attend school until their doctor advises that it is safe to return. This is usually for a period of one week.

This letter is being given as a precaution to parents/guardians of Year 8 for information, and to raise awareness that spread of infection can be prevented by good hygiene, including excellent handwashing.

For more information, please see the enclosed factsheet or type 'Hepatitis A and NHS choices' into your internet search engine. <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Hepatitis-A/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

Dr Alice Kadri
Specialty Registrar in Public Health
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Are you going on holiday/visiting friends and family in countries where there is a higher risk of travel related illness?

If “yes” or you are unsure of the travel related infection risks, then please contact your travel clinic or GP surgery who can advise you if you and your family require any pre-travel advice and/or immunisations.