



## Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December Week B

### Strep A Virus

You may have heard news reports about the Strep A virus. This virus is common and results in mild or no symptoms in most people who carry it. However, there have been a small number of fatalities in young children across England.

We are awaiting Government guidance about the virus, but in the meantime are advised to follow guidance relating to scarlet fever, which is caused by the Strep A virus. If the school has two or more confirmed cases of Strep A within a year group within a 10-day period, then we will inform the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and act of their advice.

Should we have an outbreak of Strep A at the school we would let parents know.

**Please notify the school by leaving a message on the absence line if:**

- **Your child has a confirmed case of Strep A i.e. has received a positive result from a test carried out by a GP.**
- **Your GP has carried out a test on your child, but you have not yet received a result.**

You do not need to let us know if other members of the family have tested positive for Strep A or if your child has symptoms like a sore throat.

This BBC article from yesterday provides a good overview and advice to parents: [Click here](#)

There are many cold viruses circulating currently so if your child is ill then this is the likely reason. However, do not hesitate to contact your GP if you are concerned.

### Notices:

- **All years: Cover supervisor and Senior Caretaker** vacancy please click the link to find out more [Click here](#)
- **All years:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December-End of term, school finishes at 1.25pm Pulham's buses leave site at 1.35pm, this includes the service buses 77 and 78.

### Safeguarding:

Do check out all the support out there, as listed on the Mental Health Z Card. This is a Gloucestershire publication, but a lot of the agencies/charities are national and will apply to families living in Swindon, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire too. [Click here.](#)

### Letters to parents: [Here](#)

- **All years:** Parent Governor Letter.
- **All Years:** Cotswold district HAF, Christmas Engineering fun.
- **Year 8:** Living Rainforest trip.