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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Meningitis & Meningococcal Septicaemia

You may have heard that a child at the school was admitted to hospital on Wednesday with meningococcal septicaemia.

I have taken advice from the South London Health Protection Team. The risk to your child is extremely small. The bacteria that cause meningitis and septicaemia are very common. They are found naturally at the back of the throat or nose in about one person in ten in the UK. Most people have a natural resistance to the bacteria, and it is rare for two or more cases to occur together.

Antibiotics have been recommended for members of the child's family and all those who need antibiotics have already been contacted. Nobody else needs to receive antibiotics. There is no need to keep children away from school or school activities.

It is important to know the early signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia. I have attached an information sheet. Please read this carefully.

General information on meningitis can also be obtained from:

The Meningitis Research Foundation 24-hour help line **0808 800 3344**
or www.meningitis.org

NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Meningitis/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

If your child is unwell and you think that he or she could have this infection, please seek medical help immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Phillips
Head of School

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