



Shepeau Stow Primary School

Our Vision is to ignite imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning

2nd March 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

We have been informed that there is a confirmed case in Shepeau Stow Primary School of Strep A.

Strep A is a common type of bacteria. Most Strep A infections are mild and easily treated but some are more serious. Strep A infections are spread by close contact with an infected person.

They can be passed on through coughs and sneezes or from a wound.

The symptoms of Strep A include:

- flu-like symptoms such as high temperature, swollen glands or an aching body.
- sore throat
- a rash that feels rough like sandpaper (Scarlet fever)
- scabs and sores (impetigo)
- pain and swelling (cellulitis)
- severe muscle aches
- nausea and vomiting

It can be difficult to tell when a child is seriously ill, but the main thing is to trust your instincts, most Strep A infections are not serious and can be treated with antibiotics.

If you think you, or your child has symptoms of Strep A

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible for advice
- make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection

If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

You can find more information on the guidance of Strep A: symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a>

Yours Sincerely

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