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Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached a letter from the UK Health Security Agency. I would like to provide some additional information and to reassure you of the school's response to the cases of Strep A.

In line with guidance from Public Health England, we are requesting that all students that are ill with symptoms of flu and Strep A do not attend school; please refer to the letter from the UK Health Security Agency for symptoms and for when your child is to return to school. NHS guidance states: Children need to stay off for 24 hours after starting antibiotics. If antibiotics are not prescribed by the GP, children will need to stay away from school for 2-3 weeks, as they may still be infectious. Students are to remain at home also, if they have a sibling at home unwell with symptoms of flu and Strep A. If a student develops symptoms of flu and Strep A during the school day and reports to the school medical room, then their parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child and return after following the guidance from the UK Health Security Agency and the NHS.

We are asking please that parents and carers limit their visits to the school and front reception unless it is absolutely essential. In the first instance, where possible, please telephone reception or email the school on either (enquiries@penrice.org.uk or attendance@penrice.org.uk)

We are asking all visitors to the school to sanitise their hands on their arrival and leaving. Students will be required to sanitise their hands regularly during the school day and the school will be increasing its regular cleaning on hand contact surfaces.

The school will also follow the guidance from Public Health England on cleaning the school when the cases have stopped. The school is now planning its operational day to day response; the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors is the absolute priority.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely



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