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Dear Parent/Carer

You might be aware that a pupil at this school has recently been admitted to hospital with suspected meningococcal meningitis.



I have been advised by the Health Protection Agency West Midland East (Birmingham and Solihull Office) that the pupils can carry on as normal and there is no need for parents to take any specific measures.

For your information the symptoms of meningococcal infection are:

- Headache
- Drowsiness or confusion
- Dislike of bright lights
- Neck stiffness
- Fever
- Vomiting
- A rash that looks like pin pricks or small bruises, which do not disappear when, pressed.

If you would like more information about meningococcal infection, there are two national 24-hour helplines:

National Meningitis Trust  
Meningitis Research Foundation

 0800 028 1828  
 0808 800 3344

Yours faithfully

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