



Merridale Primary School

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Dear Nursery and Reception Parents and Carers,

Reference: 418387

I am writing to let you know that there has been a case of confirmed **Hepatitis A infection** in a member of the school community at Merridale Primary School.

We have arranged a vaccination clinic at the school:

WHERE: Merridale Junior & Infant School, Aspen Way, Wolverhampton, WV3 0UP

DATE: Friday 3 November

TIME: 9.30am to 2.30pm

There is no need to book an appointment, please just arrive as convenient and you will be given a permission form to sign, before your child is vaccinated.

Public health partners would like us to take this opportunity to give you some information about Hepatitis A.

How you can get hepatitis A

Hepatitis A is caused by a virus that spreads in poo. The infection is more common in parts of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central and South America.

You can get hepatitis A from:

- drinking unclean water
- eating food that's been washed or grown in unclean water
- eating food that's been handled by an infected person

We are working with Wolverhampton Council Public Health Team, the local NHS and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) West Midlands, for advice and support. The public health professionals have advised that the chance of your child getting Hepatitis is low, but as a precaution and in line with national guidance, **children and staff from Nursery and Reception** will be offered the Hepatitis vaccination.

The attached factsheet gives information about hepatitis A vaccine. Type 'Hepatitis A and NHS choices' into your internet search engine.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Hepatitis-A/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

If you have any questions, you can call the West Midlands West Health Protection Team on [0344 225 3560](tel:03442253560)

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle
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