



Friday 20 March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Invasive meningococcal disease – notified cases in the Kent area

We are aware that recent cases of invasive meningococcal disease in the Canterbury area of Kent may have raised some concerns among families. Understandably, news like this can feel worrying, so we wanted to share the latest information provided by public health authorities.

Health teams in Kent are currently focusing their response on close contacts of the confirmed cases. A targeted local vaccination programme is also being put in place, as outlined in the official government update. [Cases of invasive meningococcal disease notified in Kent - GOV.UK.](#)

At this time, there is no action that schools or early years settings in London are being asked to take. Families should continue to follow the usual schedule for routine childhood vaccinations. General information about meningitis vaccinations is available on the NHS website. [Meningitis - Vaccination - NHS](#)

It is also helpful for all parents and carers to be familiar with the signs and symptoms of meningococcal disease and to ensure that children are up to date with their routine immunisations. Staying informed is one of the best ways to protect ourselves and others.

You can find further reliable information here:

- NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>
- [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)
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If additional guidance for schools becomes available, please be assured that it will be shared with you promptly.

Yours sincerely,

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