School/college

Street name

Town

Postcode

00 month 20XX

Dear parent

Re: confirmed case of hepatitis A at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There has been <enter number> case(s) of confirmed hepatitis A in a child attending the xxx school or nursery.

Hepatitis A is a viral infection which causes a range of illness from nausea and vomiting through to liver inflammation and jaundice. In the UK it is usually spread by poor hygiene after using the toilet (the faecal-oral route) but can also be spread through contaminated food and water.

Infection is prevented by good hygiene, especially hand washing, and safe drinking water and food. Infected children under 6 years of age easily transmit the virus to others who are susceptible.

Hepatitis A vaccine reduces the risk of infection if given within 2 weeks of exposure to someone with hepatitis A infection.

To reduce the risk of your child acquiring the infection, the xxxxxxxx team is working with NHS xxx and advise that all the staff and children in xxx class be offered hepatitis A vaccine.

An immunisation session will take place, in school, on \_\_\_ at \_\_\_ am. It is important for your child to be immunised with hepatitis A vaccine so that he or she will be personally protected.

If you wish to accompany your child to the immunisation session, you may do so.

Please complete the attached consent form and return it to the school nurse by in the envelope provided.

A second dose of hepatitis A vaccine in 6 to 12 months will give protection beyond 25 years if this is required.

If you require further information on hepatitis A please call NHS 111 or refer to either the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hepatitis-a/) or the [government guidance, data and analysis](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hepatitis-a-guidance-data-and-analysis).

Yours sincerely

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