



# St Thomas Becket

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that there has been another confirmed case of Strep A in Butterflies class. Thankfully the child is well and at home. This now brings the confirmed number of cases in that class to three in the last two weeks. We have sought advice from Croydon public health department and UKHSA (United Kingdom Health Security Agency). Having risk-assessed the situation, they advise the following:

- All three cases appear to be unconnected (one case involving impetigo, one involving chickenpox and one tonsillitis), however a connection cannot be ruled out.
- We will be taking the following steps to minimise the risk of transmission going forward:
  - Enhanced hand washing procedures in class (x 5 minimum per day at all major transition points, in addition to after going to the toilet) and frequent modelling of correct procedures for effective hand-washing
  - Removal of all soft toys and soft furnishings for a short period of time.
  - Frequent disinfection of door handles, table surfaces and other frequent touch areas.
  - Deep clean of the classroom this evening, and enhanced daily cleaning in the coming weeks\*

\*This means that the Butterflies classroom will not be available for parents to view work, for those attending parents evening this evening. Instead, work will be available to view in the Becket room (at the top of the stairs beside the hall. Staff on duty in the hall will point you in the right direction if you are unsure.

Kind regards,

Diarmuid Skehan