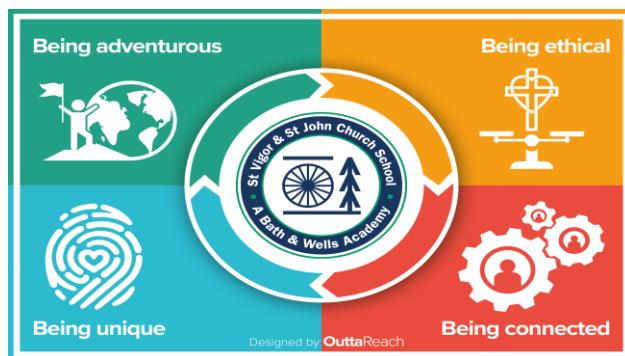




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Dear Parents and carers

We understand that recent news reports about the meningitis outbreak in Kent may be concerning for parents and staff working with children and young people. We are reaching out to share information and the correct guidance.

We would like to reassure you that there is no baseline increased risk outside of the specific outbreak in Kent at this time. Currently there is no need for school settings to take any additional actions beyond routine good practice.

There is no new or additional national guidance issued following the Kent outbreak. The existing national guidance already provides the framework you need. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

Routine prevention

Most importantly, keeping routine vaccinations up to date, including the MenACWY vaccine where applicable, is the best defence. The full UK routine schedule is available here: [Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 January 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

If a suspected case of meningitis were ever identified in our setting, the Health Protection Team would advise us directly on immediate steps, communication, and any required risk assessment.

Further information

- **UKHSA statement**, including signs and symptoms of meningitis: [Cases of invasive meningococcal disease confirmed in Kent - GOV.UK](#)



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- UKHSA Blog – [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

Further information on meningococcal disease is available from:

- The NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>
- The Meningitis Research Foundation: www.meningitis.org 0808 800 3344 (24 hours)
- Meningitis Now: www.meningitisnow.org 0808 80 10 388 (9am – 8pm)

Yours sincerely

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