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Dear parent/guardian,

**Important information for parents/guardians:**

- A team of nurses will be offering the vaccination to children at the school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 9am to 3pm.
- **Children in years 3 to 6 will be vaccinated on both Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**
- **You may have to wait after school hours for your child to be immunised but it will be no later than 4pm**
- **Please sign the consent form and return it to the school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We cannot vaccinate your child without a completed consent form.**
- Parents don't need to be at the school at the time of vaccination but can come if they would like to. Please read the attached information sheet for more information about Hepatitis A vaccination.
- We will also be in the main hall of the school from 8.30am on the morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February so we can answer any questions you may have.

You will be aware that there was a case of Hepatitis A at the school last year and we organised immunisation of children in year 2 in December 2018. We are writing to let you know that there has been a further case of hepatitis A in a child attending Eastbury Primary school. Given this new information we have repeated an assessment and now recommend vaccination of all the children of the other year groups.

We are working closely with the school, and the school are doing everything they can to support you. We wanted to reassure you that there is no reason to be concerned about the hygiene in the school.

It is important to know the symptoms of hepatitis A, because even if your child receives the vaccination there can still be a small risk of developing the infection. **Symptoms to look out for:** fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, vomiting, stomach ache, dark urine, and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and/or eyes). If your child develops any of the symptoms in the next 6 weeks, please inform the school and contact your GP, taking this letter with you (for out of hours contact, call 111).

For more information, please see the enclosed factsheet or 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 further questions, please call North East and North Central London Health Protection Team on 020 3837 7084.

Yours faithfully,

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