

# Education and Skills Team Bulletin

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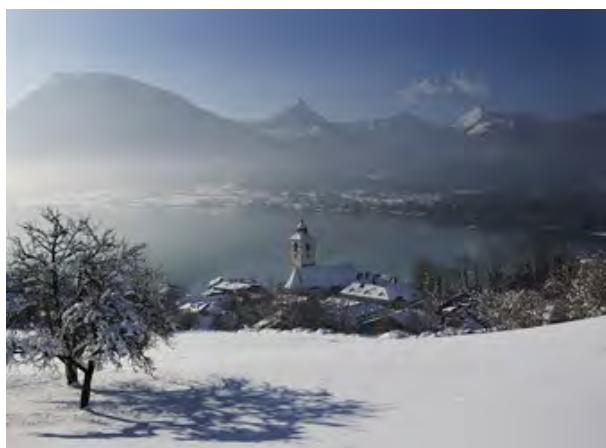
The holidays are coming (that sounds familiar. Did you sing it?) but indeed they are really close.

In this edition of the bulletin, we have information from our Public Health colleagues about Strep A. You will have seen the news and social media reporting cases, so we have some guidance and an information sheet for your settings. We also have information and a referral form for the Winter Holiday Activity & Food Programme. School leaders and other practitioners will know which families are struggling. Although HAF is aimed at children eligible for free school meals, we do have a small percentage of wriggle room in the funding for other children who we know are very vulnerable. So please keep eyes open for information about HAF and signpost to your needy families.

A reminder about the new online hub to help people with the cost of living you may wish to share with your staff, parents and carers. Derby City Council has partnered with Community Action Derby, and Derby Homes to create an [online hub](#) with advice and support about dealing with the cost of living. A phone number has also been launched, to support those who would like to access free advice. You can call 01332 346266 Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 4pm to speak to a member of the Community Action Derby team. [www.derby.gov.uk/news/2022/october/new-website-launched-to-help-with-cost-of-living-crisis/](http://www.derby.gov.uk/news/2022/october/new-website-launched-to-help-with-cost-of-living-crisis/)

Thank you to leaders that have responded to Jayne with thoughts about the school term consultation that will be started next year. Jayne is reading them all and has reported a headache and that things are looking 'clear as mud'. 😞

Stay strong  
Pauline, Jo and the E&S team



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## More CO2 Monitors

Last year, the DfE provided monitors for half of the classrooms in state-funded education settings. There are new plans to provide additional monitors for the remaining spaces, starting on November 28<sup>th</sup>. It will also be possible to apply for air cleaning units – for classrooms where adequate ventilation isn't possible and where CO2 levels are consistently over 1500ppm. [Applications](#) are open along with guides on [how to apply](#) and on [how to use](#) an air cleaning unit.



## Children and Healthy Weight

School leaders may have been party to discussions with colleagues about childhood obesity and increased concerns during the worst of the C-19 pandemic and afterwards. We have been talking to Andy White, who is a public health manager with a particular interest in this area. He is looking for a representative from a primary and a secondary school in the city to attend the 'Children's Healthier Weight Steering Group' meetings. These meetings are facilitated by Public Health and are part of our implementation of a whole systems approach to tackling childhood obesity. This is a key objective within the Childhood Obesity Plan for Derby/Derbyshire (copy available from Jo Ward on request). They are particularly keen to get some representation from education colleagues – it doesn't have to be a headteacher but it needs to be someone who can influence what happens afterwards.

More information about the whole systems approach can be found here [Health matters: whole systems approach to obesity - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The group meet bi-monthly for 90 minutes and they are aiming to facilitate a face to face summit event next calendar year to bring stakeholders (including communities) together to map out and begin to develop a shared vision.

If you are interested in joining this group or for more information please e mail [Andy.white@derby.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.white@derby.gov.uk)

## Winter Holiday Activity & Food Programme

Bookings are now open for the Winter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). Derby City Council is working in partnership with Community Action Derby to provide free holiday club places during the holidays.

The scheme offers activities and food to children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Derby. There are 22 providers offering a range of activities in all wards across the city.

The holiday clubs will offer the chance to try new and enriching activities including gardening, animation and music production, as well as sports and physical activities like street dance, circus skills and self-defence. Trips will include visits to the pantomime, ice skating, bowling and laser quest. Children will also be provided with a healthy meal and given the opportunity to learn about healthy food and nutrition.

Families can find out about all the activities and providers for Derby by visiting the Derby HAF webpage. [www.derby.gov.uk/derbyhaf](http://www.derby.gov.uk/derbyhaf)

Marketing materials will be sent out to schools over the next few days, including a postcard promoting HAF for the families of children eligible for free school meals.

Additional spaces are available for children who may not meet the free school meals eligibility but are considered vulnerable and would benefit from attending HAF provision. The attached form can be used to complete a referral for a child.

To find out more about HAF or to arrange a meeting with to find out about how your school could work more closely with the programme, please contact HAF Co-ordinator [clare.labram@derby.gov.uk](mailto:clare.labram@derby.gov.uk)

## Strep A

Group A Strep is a bacteria which causes infections in children such as scarlet fever and strep throat. In some rare circumstances Group A Strep can cause more serious illness, this is called invasive Group A Strep. We are seeing higher than usual numbers of scarlet fever cases for this time of year, so please ensure your staff and parents/carers are aware of the symptoms.

Scarlet fever symptoms include:

- High fever
- Difficulty swallowing
- Tender enlarged lymph nodes
- Sore neck or throat
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Feeling tired or unwell
- Flushed red face, but pale around the mouth

Followed 12-48 hours later by:

- Pinhead-size, red, generalised rash. The rash gives the skin a sandpaper-like texture.
- Tongue rash has strawberry-like appearance.
- On darker skin the rash may be more difficult to see but will still have a sandpaper-like texture. Please see [NHS online](#) for more information.

Scarlet fever is easily treated with antibiotics, children with these symptoms should go to their GP for treatment. It is important that children with scarlet fever receive early treatment, because this reduces the risk of any complications. Children with scarlet fever should stay away from school until 24 hours after they have started antibiotic treatment when they will no longer be infectious.

Parents should trust their own judgement if they think that their child is seriously unwell.

Parents/carers should call 999 or go to A&E if:

- their child is having difficulty breathing – they may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when their child breathes
- their child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- their child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

**We have attached an information sheet outlining what your education setting should do if you have cases of scarlet fever. Please inform the UKHSA health protection team on 0344 2254 524 if there are 2 or more scarlet fever cases within 10 days, or if scarlet fever and chickenpox are circulating at the same time in your setting.**

At this time of year there are many winter bugs starting to circulate. Good hand and respiratory hygiene is important for stopping the spread of many bugs, children should be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water and to practice 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'. The School Age Immunisation Service will attend primary and secondary settings to offer the flu vaccine to all primary aged children, and children in Y7, Y8 and Y9. Please encourage parents/carers to take up the offer of a flu vaccine to help protect their child this winter.





## Key Stage 1 and 2 Moderation

A huge thank you to all of the heads who are releasing staff to be moderators in and around Derby. We really appreciate schools allowing staff to be released for the different aspects of moderation. As many of you will know, we try to make sure we have a large number of moderators, so that each one is only called upon once or twice. We also know that this helps to spread good practice for assessment.

It was great to start getting to know new moderators at our session in November. They were all able to demonstrate a good understanding of moderation and the value of the professional dialogue around assessments. We are looking forward to working with experienced moderators and those new to moderation at training in January. We will also be coming together to complete the Standardisation Exercise set by the STA. Having worked with all of this year's team now, we are looking forward to working with our teams in in the new year.

## Did you know ...?

The DfE's Analyse School Performance website (ASP) now includes KS2 outcomes for 2021/22. At the time of writing, ASP is yet to be updated for KS4, KS1 or Phonics. Data included still relates to pupil outcomes in previous years. It is clear at the top of each page on the site to which year it is referring.

We expect School Characteristics, KS1 and Phonics to be released this month. KS4 is due for release in January. All data will be further updated in the Spring.

Headteachers and Senior Leaders are welcome to join governor training on the IDSR and ASP led by Jo Ward (Secondary – 12<sup>th</sup> January) and Vincent Hampton (Primary – 7<sup>th</sup> December) from our PACE team. Contact Jayne Hadfield if you wish to register for either session.



# Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is caused by a bacterial infection which can be very contagious. We expect to see an increase in the spring months each year.

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Complications from scarlet fever are rare and the risks are reduced by antibiotic treatment.

However, they can happen during or in the weeks after the infection, and can include ear infection, throat abscess, sinusitis, pneumonia, meningitis, and rheumatic fever.

## When should children with symptoms of scarlet fever stop coming to school, nursery, or college?

Children can return to their education setting 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment if they are well enough. They must not come back before starting antibiotic treatment as they will be infectious for several weeks.

## What should we do in the education setting?

Encourage parents to contact their GP when their child has symptoms of scarlet fever.

Inform your UKHSA health protection team on 0344 2254 524 if there is scarlet fever and chickenpox circulating at the same time in your setting.

Encourage children to practice good respiratory hygiene. They should cover their nose and mouth with a tissue (or sleeve) when sneezing or coughing, dispose of the tissue, and then wash their hands.

Encourage children to wash their hands. Children should use soap and water or alcohol hand gel regularly, but especially before eating or handling food, after using the toilet, and after coughing or sneezing.



Maintain a thorough cleaning regime, especially in kitchens, bathrooms, and areas where there are groups of children with symptoms. Objects such as light switches and handrails that are touched frequently throughout the day should be cleaned more regularly.

Equipment such as dishwashers and washing machines should be appropriately maintained to ensure they remain operational.

Discourage children from sharing cutlery, towels, clothes, bedding or baths.

Ensure there is good ventilation throughout your setting. Consider opening windows, trickle vents and grilles, whilst balancing the need for a comfortable indoor temperature.

Teaching resources:

Early years - [hand and respiratory hygiene](#)

KS1 - [hand and respiratory hygiene](#)

KS2 - [hand and respiratory hygiene and vaccinations](#)

KS3 - [hand and respiratory hygiene and vaccinations](#)

KS4 - [hand and respiratory hygiene and vaccinations](#)



## Derby Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme Referral form

### What is the Holiday Activities & Food Programme?

The Holiday Activities & Food Programme aims to provide enriching activities and a healthy meal for disadvantaged children in the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays.

School holidays can be pressure points for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced incomes. For some children, that can lead to a holiday experience gap. Children from disadvantaged families are:

- less likely to access organised out-of-school activities
- more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health
- more likely to experience social isolation

We know that returning to school in poor physical and mental condition can have a detrimental impact on children's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as their educational attainment.

Department for Education funding has been made available by Derby City Council to enable local groups to provide holiday activities and food to children aged 5-16 who are eligible for free school meals in Derby.

The aim of this funding is to make the positive benefits of holiday clubs available to all those on benefits-related free school meals for at least four hours a day, four days a week for six school holiday weeks of the year.

Additional funding is available for children who may not meet the free school meals eligibility but are considered vulnerable and would benefit from attending HAF provision. Please use the form below to complete a professional referral for a child.

### How do eligible families apply for a place?

Holiday Activities & Food programme places are available during the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays. Full details of the programme are advertised prior to each round of delivery on Derby City Council's website [www.derby.gov.uk/derbyhaf](http://www.derby.gov.uk/derbyhaf).

Parents and carers can register and book directly with HAF providers across the city. If a child has additional needs it is recommended that parents / carers make contact with providers prior to booking a place to ensure that they can be supported in the setting.



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### Who can be referred for HAF provision?

We ask that each child or young person you would like to book onto HAF provision in Derby city:

- is between 5 – 16 years old
- faces serious challenges in their life such as living in poverty, coping with caring responsibilities, suffering the effects of neglect, bereavement, abuse, or bullying, or any other situation that means they could benefit from friends, food and fun to escape their worries and pressures.

This list is not exhaustive – if you are aware of a child in other circumstances who may benefit from attending HAF, please get in touch.

### Referral agent information

Name:

Organisation:

Email:

Contact number:

What is your professional relationship to the young person you are referring?

### Young person's details

Initials of child:

Age of child:

School:

Interests of child:

Which part of Derby do they live in?

Reason for referral:

Are parents/carers aware of referral: Yes / No

Please return this form to [DerbyHAF@derby.gov.uk](mailto:DerbyHAF@derby.gov.uk)