



BROADLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

A child who attends Broadlea Primary School has a possible *E. Coli 0157* infection. We are not currently aware of any other cases at school and it's not thought to have originated from the school. A possible external source is being investigated.

E. Coli 0157 can cause a range of illnesses, varying from carriage of *E. Coli 0157* with no symptoms, through to abdominal pain with diarrhoea, and in a very small number of cases, very severe illness and kidney failure. *E. Coli 0157* infections are often sporadic cases, and it can be difficult to find the likely cause.

Possible causes of infection in this country include inadequately cooked minced beef (often in the form of beef burgers) and unpasteurised milk. The infection can also spread from person to person, and from contact with farm animals or their faeces. Hand washing is very important in preventing the spread of infection.

The symptoms of *E. Coli 0157* infection may include:-


- Feeling sick
- Abdominal pains
- Diarrhoea with blood
- Diarrhoea
- Blood in urine
- Passing smaller amounts of urine than usual

If you are concerned about your child please contact your local GP. Local GPs are being kept informed.

Advice can be obtained from NHS 111 or the UK *E. Coli* Support Group on 0800 731 4679. Further information is available from the PHE website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vero-cytotoxin-producing-escherichia-coli-vtec-guidance-data-and-analysis>

Yours sincerely,


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