

FAO: All DNEAT schools – parents/carers

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may already be aware of the rise in cases of whooping cough in the UK currently, which now includes one suspected case in a DNEAT primary school, which we have duly reported to Public Health England (now UKHSA).

Anyone with [whooping cough symptoms](#) should seek a medical review/guidance via their GP. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have advised that it's the very young and pregnant women who are most at risk. Immunisation is the best defence - this is part of routine national childhood immunisation schedule (in the UK). If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status or have any concerns please contact your GP in the usual way.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/04/12/what-is-whooping-cough-and-how-can-i-prevent-my-children-catching-it/>

We also continue to implement and encourage good [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory hygiene](#) practices including:

- All individuals to [clean their hands](#) after using the toilet, before eating or handling food, after playtime and after touching animals
- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing, dispose of used tissue in a waste bin, and clean hands
- Cough or sneeze into the inner elbow (upper sleeve) if no tissues are available, rather than into the hand

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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