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Dear Parent/Carer

Health Protection briefing for early years, nurseries and schools

Notifications and [GP consultations](#) of scarlet fever in England are higher than normal for this point in the season, after remaining elevated later in the [previous season than expected](#).

Notifications of invasive group A streptococcus (iGAS) disease are following a similar trend and are slightly higher than expected for this time of year. The relatively higher rates of iGAS in children are noted and may reflect [increases in respiratory viruses](#).

Further advice provided by UKHSA can be found at [Group A Strep - What you need to know - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

You may also find these health links useful for keeping children safe this winter:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/25/5-ways-to-protect-your-under-5s-this-winter/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

Yours sincerely

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