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Dear Parent/Carer

This is to inform you of a recent case of tuberculosis (TB) at Saltley Academy. The individual is receiving treatment and is responding well.

Although some forms of TB are infectious, the risk of catching it is quite small; usually close contact over a long period is needed, such as someone living in the same house or a close friend of a person with infectious TB.

We take the health and wellbeing of our students and staff very seriously and have taken advice from health experts at Public Health England (PHE) and the NHS in Birmingham. Health Services have conducted a risk assessment based on national guidance, and have advised, as a precaution, testing of family members and close friends.

The risk to your child has been assessed as not significant, and therefore there is no need for testing at this time.

For your information, the common symptoms of TB include:

- persistent cough getting worse and lasting more than 3 weeks
- weight loss for no obvious reason
- excessive sweating, especially at night
- loss of appetite
- general and unusual tiredness and feeling unwell
- coughing up blood

Anyone who is worried they may have TB should contact their GP for further advice. TB can be completely cured with a full course of antibiotics.

More information on TB is given in the enclosed leaflet. Information on TB is also available from NHS Choices (<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Tuberculosis/Pages/Introduction.aspx>); TB Alert (<http://www.tbalert.org>); or PHE website (www.gov.uk/phe, Health Protection A to Z section). You can also telephone the specialist TB nurse, Jeens Parasseril on 0121 424 1935.

Yours sincerely



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