



BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

Bacterial meningitis is a rare disease with a high mortality rate and transmission to close contacts. It is therefore a health emergency.

To prevent the spread of the germ if a case of meningitis occurs at school, prophylaxis should be given as soon as possible (ideally 24 hours) to anyone who has had high-risk contact with the patient during the 7 days prior to the onset of the illness, regardless of your child's vaccination status.

This is a single dose of an antibiotic drug: ciprofloxacin.

This medication will only be given after assessment by the COCOM Hygiene Inspector and only to pupils who have had high-risk contact with the index case, i.e:

- People who have had close and repeated contact with the sick student
- To the whole class of the sick student
- People living in the same household as the sick student

Any student who has not received this medication should be kept out of school for 7 days from the last high-risk contact.

In order to be able to administer this medicine to your child if necessary, we ask you to return the attached form duly filled and signed.

To do this, please ask your doctor if your child has any contraindications to taking ciprofloxacin.

I, the undersigned/legal representative

of the student

- authorise the school doctor to administer the prophylactic treatment against bacterial meningitis to my child if necessary (Ciprofloxacin)
- do not authorise the school doctor to give my child prophylactic treatment against bacterial meningitis and undertake to
 - pick up my child as soon as possible and have their treating physician prescribe them appropriate treatment;
 - provide a certificate from the school doctor stating that the treatment has been administered and that the student can return to school.

Date and signature,

This document is valid for the duration of your child's schooling in our school and will be kept in his/her medical file in order to preserve the confidentiality of the information. If you wish to withdraw your consent, please send an e-mail to UCC-INFIRMARY@eursc.eu