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Dear Parent

I am writing to you to make you aware that a small amount of legionella bacteria has been detected in a specific part of the water system at our Brooklands Campus. This was picked up through our routine testing and inspection programme that takes place on a regular basis across our school's buildings and facilities.

While this may sound serious, I want to reassure you that we have already sought the advice and expertise of external consultants and implemented their recommendations.

I am pleased to confirm that the school is safe to open and for the school's kitchen and toilets to operate normally. Students can also continue to use the water fountains around the schools for drinking water as they already have additional filtration in place.

Any other non-essential water sources (e.g. sinks in classrooms and showers) will, however, be turned off as a precautionary measure until a complete flush of the Brooklands Campus water system has been completed at the end of the week. The system will then be re-tested over the weekend where it is expected that all water sources will be able to be turned back on.

As non-essential water sources (e.g. sinks within classrooms) are turned off, it will mean that Curriculum Areas such as Science, Food and Art will have theory lessons only during this time. PE lessons will also continue, and students will be required to wear their PE kit as normal, however lessons will be adapted as showers will not be available. Extra-curricular activities will also continue as normal.

While most of these measures are precautionary, we will continue to work with our external advisors to monitor the situation. The health and safety of everyone at the school is always our highest priority and we will update you again after the system has been re-tested.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [feedback@mket.org.uk](mailto:feedback@mket.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mr A Bennett  
Principal