

Second Child Dies of Mystery Illness

Another child has succumbed to the mystery illness which is plaguing Montrose schools. Darren Whitelaw, only 6 years old, was rushed to Ninewells Hospital yesterday after collapsing with a high fever. Despite the best efforts of the staff, Darren died a few hours later. Doctors are still baffled as to the cause.

Darren is the second child from Lochee Primary School in Montrose to die of this mystery illness. A classmate - Billy McKelvie - passed away last week, again after a fierce fever. Several other children at the school have displayed symptoms, but all have recovered safely.

Since this second death, many parents have decided to keep their children home from Lochee School. Headmaster Ian Duncan said: "I understand the parents' concerns and hope that the NHS will have this under control as soon as possible."

Our reporter has learned that medical opinion is still divided as to the cause of these illnesses, though there are rumours it may be tropical in origin. Many parents fear it is a new strain of meningitis and are demanding vaccinations for their children.

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