**<Parent/Carer/NOK name>**
**<Address line 1>**

**<Address line 2>**

**<Date>**

 Dear <**Parent/NOK name>**

Re: **<child’s name>, <dob>, <mrn>**

You are receiving this letter because a laboratory test taken on **<date>** during your child’s recent admission to **<name>** hospitalshowed that your child is carrying a bacterium (or germ) called **<MRO>** that requires special management.

This bacterium is known to be resistant to a number of antibiotics (this means that these antibiotics are no longer effective), and it is known to spread easily between patients within hospitals. When a bacterium becomes resistant to multiple antibiotics, we call this a multi-resistant organism or MRO. We have enclosed a fact sheet on **< MRO**> to provide you with more information.

Because it is necessary to take extra care to prevent the spread of these bacteria in hospital, information about your child’s MRO has been stored on the hospital computer system which is confidential and securely protected. If your child is readmitted to hospital, the staff will see this information and make sure correct measures are taken to protect your child and other patients in the hospital. This means your child may be cared for in a single room and staff may wear gowns or aprons and gloves when caring for your child. This helps prevent the spread of these MROs to other people.

As there is not a standardised computer system used across all Western Australian hospitals, if your child is admitted to a different hospital, the staff may not be able to see this information. It is important that you tell the staff at any hospital you are admitted to that your child has previously tested positive for **<MRO>** and you should take this letter with you to show them.

Finally, we would like to reassure you that having this MRO should not be a problem for your child or your family at home, or in school or in daycare, and you do not have to do anything differently. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact **<name or service>** on **<telephone>** between **<days / hours of access>**

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Yours sincerely

**<name>**

**<position>**

**<department>**