



January 27, 2023

Dear TA Parents & Community:

The State of Vermont passed a new law in 2019 that requires all schools and child care providers to test their drinking water for lead. Water samples from every tap at Thetford Academy that is reasonably expected to be used for drinking or cooking were collected and sent to the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory for analysis.

Results for Thetford Academy

- **October 2022: Previous sampling of all taps on campus identified two (2) locations where lead was detected at or above 4 parts per billion (ppb). Both were sinks in the Anderson Hall kitchen. One is a handwash sink that was labeled “For Handwashing Only”. The second location was a sink faucet that has since been replaced with a “certified lead free” faucet. The Vermont Department of Health is requiring confirmation sampling and lead testing for the new faucet that was installed in the Anderson Hall kitchen. Results of those samples will be provided once we receive them.**
- **January 2023: Confirmation sampling results were returned with lead levels below 4 ppb.**

We take our responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children and staff seriously. Any tap that tested at or above 4 ppb was immediately taken out of service for drinking or cooking. We are working on fixes to permanently lower levels of lead in the water.

Lead exposure poses a special risk to children because they absorb lead into their systems more easily than adults do. Lead can slow down growth, impair development and learning, and can cause behavior problems. While the major source of lead poisoning in Vermont children is paint, lead in plumbing pipes and fixtures can add to a person’s overall exposure. Drinking water in schools and homes may contain lead from old pipes, plumbing fixtures (such as fountains and faucets), or the solder that joins pipe sections together.

More Information

- For questions about the water testing process, or the law and its requirements, call the Lead in School and Child Care Drinking Water Program, 802-863-7220 or 800-439-8550.

- View school results, remediation and follow-up testing at leadresults.vermont.gov. For more detailed information visit: healthvermont.gov/school-drinking-water.
- If you have questions or concerns about our facility and the actions we are taking, please contact Johnathan Brown, Director of Buildings & Grounds at john.brown@thet.net.
- To learn more about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention, visit healthvermont.gov/lead.
- If you want to test your home drinking water for lead, find a list of certified drinking water labs at tinyurl.com/certified-lab.

Sincerely,

Johnathan Brown, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Thetford Academy