



BYE-BYE GERMS

Be a Handwashing Superhero!

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Jess and her brother Joe were playing with their toys when Jess felt a tickle in her throat. The little tickle turned into a bigger tickle. And the bigger tickle turned into a giant cough and sneeze! Can they stop the germs from spreading?

Join them on their journey and learn how to become a handwashing superhero!

Bye-Bye Germs includes fact boxes to inform both children and parents/carers of the science behind the story.

De Montfort University's Dr Katie Laird (Microbiologist) and Professor Sarah Younie (Educationalist) have teamed up with author/illustrator Jules Marriner, and put together a brand new entertaining, educational book to help keep everyone safe, including:

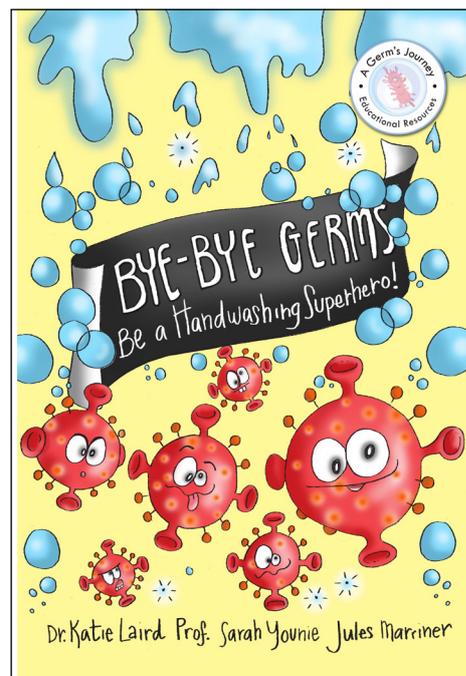
- *Top tips for parents on how to prevent spreading viruses at home*
- *A picture guide on how to wash your hands properly*
- *A 'Spot the Germs' illustration to help children identify where viruses can be contracted*

Bye-Bye Germs is part of a 'A Germ's Journey' series. More activities and information can be found on www.germjourney.com.

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Jules Marriner writes and illustrates picture books for children. Working from her hobbit hole studio on the Isle of Wight, she is inspired by the forest, the sea and the creatures that live in them. Visit www.julesmarrinerbooks.com.



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