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Title:	16 school girls of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalay fell ill after having breakfast in district Agra, Uttar Pradesh			
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Nearly 16 school girls of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalay of Akola block here fell ill after having breakfast on Thursday. The girls complained of food poisoning after having milk and grams for breakfast and were admitted to hospital where they are currently undergoing treatment.

In May, six girls of the same school had fallen ill after having their meals and were admitted to hospital. The girls who fell ill on Thursday were from class VI to VIII. As per sources, the girls were given gram and milk for breakfast at around 8 am. After some time they complained of headache, stomach ache and started vomiting. They were admitted for treatment at a hospital in Akola.

A source said the incident happened due to alleged negligence by the cooks and other staff of the school. "Some of the girls were suffering from fever before the incident and they were not sent home. Even the warden of the school, Bhavna Singh, was also not present at the time of the incident, as she was on leave," the source said, adding that Singh later arrived at the school and got the girls admitted to hospital. Basic shiksha adhikari (BSA) Agra, Dharmendra Saxena, who reached the spot after the incident, informed TOI that the girls became ill due to bad weather and have since recovered. "A probe will be made into why girls fall ill at the school, keeping the earlier incident in mind," he added.

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City president of the Uttar Pradesh Parishadiya Prathamik Shikshak Sangh, Rakesh Chahar, said the cooks and other subordinate staff had to take care of the products before giving meals to the students. "The milk is to be boiled properly and vegetables, which should be fresh, should be washed. Proper precautions should be taken, particularly during the monsoon," he added.

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