

**66%** of teddy bears contained *staphylococcus aureus*, a microbe linked to skin infections, respiratory disease and food poisoning

Almost **50%** of mums worry about germs on soft toys

Nearly **half of parents** mistakenly put teddy bears in the wash with contaminated items such as dirty underwear and tea towels



**1 in 5** teddy bears have never been washed

Almost **25%** of teddy bears contained bacteria linked to faeces

**3/4** of teddies are not washed after a child is ill