

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, one of our pupils has been taken poorly with Scarlet Fever. Thankfully, she is doing well and has been treated by medical staff and is now back home again.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The **symptoms** of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection.

### Complications

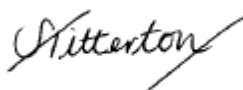
Children who have had **chickenpox** recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling).

If you are concerned in any way, please seek immediate medical advice.

***Today the school will have a thorough deep clean by our cleaning company to minimise the spread of any bacteria.***

If you have any further questions or queries please contact the school office or myself  
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Yours Sincerely



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