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Dear Parents

SCARLET FEVER

We would like to inform you that we have had a reported case of Scarlet Fever in school. This is highly infectious so please be aware of the symptoms and keep your child at home if they exhibit any of these you should visit your doctor for antibiotic treatment and notify us if a diagnosis is confirmed.

Symptoms can be sore throat or skin infection and fever. A rash appears 12 to 48 hours after the fever. The first sign of the rash is red blotches, which turn into a fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch and looks like sunburn.

The NHS website has useful information on this disease and can be seen at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx> . I also attach a useful sheet published by Public Health England regarding Scarlet Fever which you may find helpful.

If your child has chickenpox and develops a rash that looks like scarlet fever, it may be a sign of a secondary bacterial infection. In this case you should seek immediate medical advice to reduce the risk of potentially serious complications.

Yours sincerely

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