

To all Parents/Carers

7th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Scarlet Fever and Strep A

Due to the rise in the number of cases of scarlet fever being reported nationally this year, schools have been asked to share information and guidance from the UK Health Security Agency.

Scarlet fever is an infectious disease caused by bacteria called Streptococcus pyogenes or group A streptococcus (GAS). Many people carry GAS in their throats and on their skin, without any ill effect. Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, however it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

We are not aware of any cases of scarlet fever in our school community, however we are sharing further information about preventative measures and symptoms here to protect our community.

[Guidance – Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment](#)

If your child is unwell and you are concerned, please see your GP or contact NHS 111. If your child receives a clinical diagnosis of scarlet fever, you must inform the school immediately.

We will contact parents/carers if we receive any updated information or guidance.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher