



Assalamu Aleykum Parents and Carers,

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Re: Information on Scarlet Fever

We are writing to inform you that our school has reported a scarlet fever case. While the risk of complications is low with prompt treatment, we would like to provide some key information to ensure the health and well-being of all our children and staff.

Scarlet fever is a bacterial illness caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* (Group A streptococcus). It is most common in children aged 2–8 years and is usually mild when treated promptly.

Symptoms to Look Out For

- A sore throat, headache, or fever.
- A fine, pinkish-red rash that feels like sandpaper, often appearing on the chest and spreading to other areas.
- A "strawberry" tongue (red and bumpy appearance).
- Flushed cheeks with a pale area around the mouth.

What to Do If You Suspect Scarlet Fever

If your child shows symptoms of scarlet fever, please:

1. Contact your GP for advice. Scarlet fever is treatable with antibiotics, which can help reduce the spread and speed up recovery.
2. Keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment to prevent the infection from spreading.

Preventative Measures

- Encourage frequent handwashing with soap and water.
- Teach children to cover their mouths and noses with a tissue or elbow when sneezing or coughing.
- Dispose of tissues promptly and hygienically.

If you have any concerns or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school or refer to NHS guidance on scarlet fever, available at www.nhs.uk.

Jazak Allah Kheiran, thank you for cooperating to keep our school community healthy and safe.

Headteacher

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