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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been advised to notify you that we have had an incident of Scarlet Fever. Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics as soon as possible to minimise the risk of any complications and reduce the spread to others.

The School Nurse Team have advised to look for signs of general feelings of being unwell. 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; 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 and stay at home, away from nursery or school for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

Any questions, please, as always, do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Many thanks for your continual support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Howarth
Headteacher