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Scarlet fever

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now had a number of confirmed cases of scarlet fever in school & nursery. As a result of this we have reported the outbreak to UK Health Security Agency and we have been given the following advice.

Actions for the school/nursery to take:

- **Parents/Carers of symptomatic children to contact the GP for clinical assessment as soon as possible**
- **Confirmed cases must take antibiotics, given by their GP, for 24 hours before they can consider returning to their usual activity (returning to school/nursery)**
- **Non-symptomatic siblings do not need exclusion**
- **Heightened cleaning and infection control arrangements in place in the school and nursery**

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. If a child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, they should contact their GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Further information is available at:

Scarlet fever - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Please call the school office as soon as possible if your child is showing signs of scarlet fever or has been diagnosed with it.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

Miss Hanson
Headteacher