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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed of a case of scarlet fever in Year 3. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red, sandpaper like rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body.

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
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 48 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

You can find out more about scarlet fever at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Hasina Khan
Head of School

