

Date 9/1/24

Scarlet Fever

Dear parents and carers,

The school has been notified of two cases of scarlet fever amongst its pupils. As it is important that we continue to help stop the spread of all germs in the community and to vulnerable groups, UKHSA recommends that we wash our hands regularly and thoroughly, catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue, and keep our homes well ventilated. If you are unwell with any infection, you should avoid visiting vulnerable people, and stay away from school, nursery or work if you are unwell with a fever.

Please contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect you or your child have scarlet fever – with symptoms such as fever, sore throat, difficulty swallowing and a sandpapery rash.

Most illnesses can be managed at home, and <u>NHS.UK</u> has information to help parents and carers look after children with mild illnesses. Contact NHS 111 or your GP surgery if you think your child is getting worse, for instance, if they are feeding or eating less than normal, are dehydrated, have a high temperature that won't go down, are very hot and sweaty or seem more tired or irritable than normal.

Kind regards

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