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Dear Parents/Carer's,

There has been a confirmed case of scarlet fever within our school.

What is scarlet fever?

Scarlet fever is a scattered red rash and high temperature caused by bacteria (Group A streptococci). Prompt treatment with an antibiotic usually prevents any complications. Treatment will also prevent spread to others.

What are the symptoms of scarlet fever?

A scattered red rash that is often most marked in the creases of the joints and over the stomach. It usually blanches (goes white) when pressed on. The skin may feel rough to the touch, sometimes described as feeling like sandpaper. Someone with scarlet fever will have evidence of a streptococcal infection somewhere, usually in the throat or sometimes in the skin.

What should I do if I think my child has it?

If your child develops any of these symptoms bring him/her to your GP for examination. Tell the doctor that another child in the school has scarlet fever.

If my child has scarlet fever what should I do?

The doctor will prescribe an antibiotic for your child. It is important that your child takes the full course of medicine.

Can my child stay in school?

Your child can return to school when he/she is well enough and has finished at least one full day of antibiotic treatment.

Thank you for giving this your attention, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to come and speak to us or visit <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx> for further details.

Regards

Mrs Jane Clarke

