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Dear Parent/Carers

We have received advice from Derby City Health Service that a higher number of cases of Scarlet Fever have been reported in the city and so we ask parent/carers to be vigilant if their child becomes ill. We have a number of children in school and their siblings who may be detrimentally affected by Scarlet Fever and it is very important that we are informed straight away should your child be diagnosed with Scarlet Fever so that we can let other parents know.

The GP can diagnose the illness and will prescribe antibiotic treatment. Children must be absent from school for at least 24 hours after starting the treatment.

Symptoms of Scarlet Fever include:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever over 38.3° (101°F)
- Fine, red rash which first appears on chest and stomach spreading to other parts of the body (if you touch it, it feels like sandpaper)
- White coating on the tongue, which peels after a few days
- Swollen glands in the neck
- Feeling tired and unwell
- Flushed, red face but pale around the mouth
- Peeling skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area as the rash fades

If you are concerned about your child's health please contact your GP.

Please remember to let us know if your child is absent from school by calling the School Office on Derby 760372 before 9am.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S A Wilson
Headteacher

