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Dear parents / carers,

You may have seen in the media, reports of scarlet fever causing children to become unwell. There are lots of coughs and colds around at the minute and there have been some cases of scarlet fever in a school in Hull. Scarlet fever is infectious, but it is usually a mild illness. The symptoms are

- sore throat
- headache
- fever (temperature of 38°C or higher)
- fine pink or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci. In very rare occasions the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep.

Public Health have advised us to share the symptoms of scarlet fever with you so that you can contact NHS 111 or your GP if you are concerned. Scarlet fever can be treated with antibiotics. Symptoms of scarlet fever can be found on the NHS website [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

We will be encouraging children to wash their hands regularly and to practise good hygiene measures in school.

If your child is unwell and has a high temperature you are advised to keep them at home and seek advice from your GP. A child with scarlet fever can return to school 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dodson
Headteacher

