



Dear Parents/Carers,

Data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows that scarlet fever cases continue to remain higher than we would typically see at this time of year.

Scarlet Fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. It's easily treated with antibiotics. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

The first signs of Scarlet Fever are flu-like symptoms such as:

- High temperature
- Sore throat and swollen neck glands
- A bumpy, rough feeling rash usually appears after 12 to 48 hours on the chest and tummy.

If you think your child is showing signs of Scarlet Fever it's important to contact your local GP or NHS111.

Mrs Driver  
Head of School