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Dear RPPS Families,

You may have seen information in the media a recent rise in confirmed cases of scarlet fever and streptococcal disease. Scarlet fever is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children under the age of 10. It is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes.

The common symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue.

The signs of scarlet fever:

- can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).
- A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper.
- A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue").

It is important to seek your Doctor's advice as soon as you notice the symptoms described above. Scarlet fever can be easily treated with antibiotics.

- **If your child is unwell, please be cautious and keep them home from school.**
- **If your child is diagnosed as having scarlet fever by a Doctor, please let us know at school.**
- **Your child should not return to school until they are well enough or have completed a 24-hour course of prescribed antibiotics.**
- **Medication may need to be administered in school so please complete a medical form at the school office. This will give us permission to administer the medication correctly on your behalf.**

We have increased our cleaning measures at school and are promoting good hand hygiene in a bid to reduce the spread of scarlet fever.

Kind regards,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

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