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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to our letter of the 12th December, we write again to inform you that we have had further confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever/Strep A across the school year groups. We would ask that with the Christmas break approaching you remain vigilant and seek medical help where required.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- stay at home, away from school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

Complications

Children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling).

If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

You can find more information in the guidance Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, and further advice can also be obtained from the Health Protection Team on 0344 225 3560 during office hours.

Yours sincerely

Martin Henton
Headteacher