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Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Scarlet Fever

We are writing to inform you that we have a case of Scarlet Fever in school.

### **What is scarlet fever?**

Scarlet fever, also known as scarlatina, is an infection that can develop in people who have strep throat. It's characterised by a bright red rash on the body, usually accompanied by a high fever and sore throat. The same bacteria that cause strep throat also cause scarlet fever. Scarlet fever mainly affects children between the ages of 5 and 15 years. It used to be a serious childhood illness, but it's often less dangerous today. Antibiotic treatments used early on in the illness have helped speed recovery and reduce the severity of the symptoms. [www.healthline.com](http://www.healthline.com)

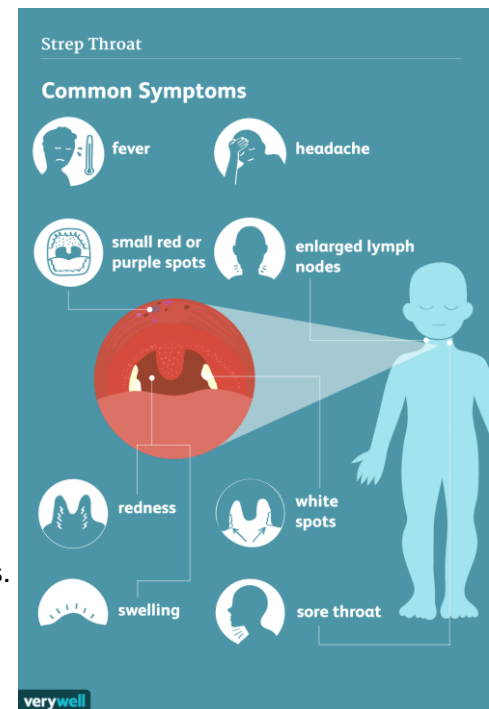
### **Symptoms of scarlet fever**

- red creases in the armpits, elbows, and knees (Pastia's lines)
- flushed face
- strawberry tongue, or a white tongue with red dots on the surface
- red, sore throat with white or yellow patches
- fever above 101°F (38.3°C)
- chills
- headaches
- swollen tonsils
- nausea and vomiting
- abdominal pain
- swollen glands along the neck
- pale skin around the lips

### **Treatment**

Please seek medical advice from your doctor, who will prescribe antibiotics.

Please be aware that pupils who are showing Scarlet Fever symptoms will be sent home, as Scarlet Fever is contagious. If your child is diagnosed with Scarlet Fever they can return to school 24-hours after commencing antibiotics or when they are well enough following a course of antibiotics.



Kind Regards

Yours faithfully



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