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Dear Parents / Carers

### SCARLET FEVER AND INVASIVE GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in children, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

Parents/Carers should contact NHS 111 or their GP if they suspect their child has scarlet fever, early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If a child has scarlet fever, they need to be kept at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

For further information/guidance follow the [LINK to the NHS Guidance.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep)  
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Yours sincerely

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