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Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: SCARLET FEVER IN EARLY YEARS

We have been informed that a child who attends St. Mary's has a confirmed case of Scarlett Fever.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

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

- **See your GP or contact NHS emergency number, 111**
- **Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.**
- **Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.**

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.

More information regarding scarlet fever can be found at www.nhs.uk

Please note that this is a confirmed case.

Yours faithfully,

Jane O'Brien
Head teacher

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