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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are very aware, there has been a recent increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever. I have been asked to share the attached letter with you, which has been issued today by the UK Health Security Agency, Southwest Health Protection Team.

I would ask that you read the letter carefully and make yourself familiar with the contents.

At school, as part of our ongoing COVID awareness work, we continue to promote good hand hygiene and thorough, regular cleaning of communal areas. However, I will be reinforcing with all staff the need to maintain this and be extra vigilant at this time.

We will also remain alert to the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever and wish to continue to work closely with you to protect your child's health and wellbeing, and to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children in the school.

With this in mind, please avoid sending your child to school if they present as unwell with any of the symptoms outlined in the attached letter. Similarly, if your child becomes unwell in school we will, as we do now, contact you to liaise over the best course of action, which may result in you needing to come to school and collect them.

To aid this, please ensure that you notify us with immediate effect if there have been any recent changes to contact details, and to your emergency contact information.

As with every issue that we have had to face in recent years, we endeavour to take a sensible and measured approach, designed to best support everyone without wishing to create unnecessary anxiety or concern. Please, as always, contact me via the school office if you wish to discuss this issue further or need any further advice or support.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Doswell

Headteacher