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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Scarlet Fever and Slapped Cheek

We are writing to inform you that we have a case of Scarlet Fever and Slapped-Cheek 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. Antibiotic treatments used early on in the illness have helped speed recovery and reduce the severity of the symptoms. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/

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 Scarlet Fever
Please seek medical advice from the pharmacy or doctor, who will prescribe antibiotics.

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.

Slapped Cheek
Slapped cheek is common in children and should get better on its own within 3 weeks. Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/

 Symptoms of Slapped Cheek
- High temperature
- A runny nose and sore throat
- headache

Treatment Slapped Cheek
No treatment is required but if you are concerned seek medical advice from the pharmacy or doctor.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Angela Howe
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