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Dear Thomas Fairchild families,

**Re: Scarlet Fever & STREP A**

I am sure that you will have read information about the recent increase in cases of scarlet fever in children across the United Kingdom. Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore we ask that you look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel.

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria which can also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat. You may also have heard of the recent concerns and increased cases of these across the country. In the media, this has been referred to as STREP A.

If your child is feeling unwell or is showing any of these symptoms, you should seek medical advice by contacting NHS 111 or your GP. If your child is diagnosed with scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Should your child be diagnosed with scarlet fever, STREP A or impetigo by a medical practitioner, we ask that you contact the school to inform us as soon as you can. The school office can be contacted on 0208 800 5758. If you have any questions at all, do speak to the office team.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MTrahair".

Matt Trahair  
Headteacher