

28 March 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

We have suspected cases of Scarlet Fever in Donaldson (First School), Zephaniah (Middle School), and Andersen (Upper School).

The infection is contagious from before the symptoms appear (rash and fever), until:

- 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
- Up to two or three weeks later if you don't take antibiotics.

To help stop the infection spreading:

- Keep your child away from nursery or school for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment – adults should stay off work for at least 24 hours after starting treatment
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – throw away used tissues immediately
- Wash your hands with soap and water often, especially after using or disposing of tissues
- Avoid sharing utensils, cups and glasses, clothes, baths, bed linen, towels or toys

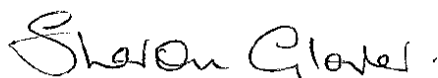
Pregnancy advice

There is no evidence to suggest that getting Scarlet Fever during pregnancy will harm your baby, but it can make you feel unwell, so it is best to avoid close contact with anyone who has it.

More information is available from the NHS website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

A deep clean of the classroom has been arranged.

Yours sincerely



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