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Dear Lordswood Families

Group A streptococcus bacteria and Scarlet Fever

We have all been made aware through the media recently that there are currently persistently high cases of Strep A and Scarlett Fever across the country.

At Lordswood we have just been notified of a confirmed case of Strep A in our year 4 class. The child has been seen by a doctor and has started on antibiotics.

Current guidance from the UK Health Security Agency is that if your child exhibits the following symptoms to seek medical advice from your GP. Possible symptoms include

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- Fine, pink or red rash
- A rash with a 'sandpapery feel'

Scarlet Fever and Strep A are usually both mild illnesses, but they are highly contagious so if you or your child do have the above symptoms, please contact NHS 111 or your GP. If your child is diagnosed with Scarlett Fever or Strep A please keep them at home for at least 24 hours after beginning their antibiotics to ensure that they do not spread the infection.

As we have had a confirmed case in school, we have completed a risk assessment and initiated deeper cleaning including regular wiping down of surfaces. We will also be instigating regular handwashing during the school day.

Further information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/group-a-streptococcal-infections-guidance-and-data>

I have also attached an additional information sheet.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss this further, please do contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards



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