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Dear Colleague

Scarlet Fever

We have been informed that a child who attends Notre Dame Catholic College has been diagnosed with confirmed scarlet fever.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible;
- Make sure that you take the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor;
- Stay at home, away from school for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

If you have an underlying condition which affects your immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher