

Dear Parents/Carers

We are aware of rising concerns about Group A Streptococcus infections nationally and wanted to share information from Public Health on how to keep children safe this winter.

It is important to note that Group A Streptococcus is a common bacteria and that the majority of infections are mild and dealt with by the bodies own defences. It causes a range of infections including sore throats, skin infections, Scarlet Fever and in rare cases bloodstream infections. Currently we are seeing higher than usual rates of infection nationally for the time of the year.

Scarlet Fever is a notifiable disease and the school is required to report infectious diseases to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) as standard practice, so if your child is diagnosed with Scarlet Fever, please let us know by phoning the main school office on 01709 512202.

The links below provide further information on Group A Streptococcus, how this is spread and what to look out for [Group A Strep - What you need to know - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Regards

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