

Thursday 8th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Scarlet Fever and General Illness

I know there is a great deal of parental concern at the moment regarding scarlet fever which is understandable.

The main message from Walsall Public Health is that scarlet fever is generally a mild illness in children, that needs antibiotics.

If children have taken the antibiotics for 24 hours, and they feel well, then they can return to school because the contagious period has finished.

We currently have eight cases (diagnosed by a doctor) in school:

- 2 in Reception
- 2 in Year 1
- 2 in Year 2
- 1 in Year 3
- 1 in Year 5

Please do what you would normally do if your child is feeling poorly. If your child is feeling poorly they need to be at home, tucked up and warm with you. If your child shows any of the symptoms of scarlet fever, then please take to the doctors for antibiotics.

Once a child has been on the antibiotics for 24 hours and are feeling better in themselves, they can return to school.

I know this isn't the only illness around at the moment, we have a number of children off school with bad colds and coughs. It is that time of year!

We have returned to some of the Covid measures in school to help prevent the spread of these viruses. Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Children have also been spoken to about the need for hand washing and sanitising at regular points during the day. There is also greater emphasis on cleaning, particularly of high touch areas.

Let's hope the dip in temperature helps banish the viruses!

Yours sincerely

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