

# Rowsley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the course of last week and the beginning of this week there has been an increasing amount of illness in school, which is expected for this time of year. However, we do now have a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever.

According to the NHS website:

*Scarlet fever is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children. **It is easily treated with antibiotics.***

*The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).*

*A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin, but you can still feel it. It also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue"). The rash does not appear on the face, but the cheeks can look red. The redness may be harder to see on brown and black skin.*

We are also seeing cases of a nasty flu/cold and tummy bugs. This seems to be the case across many schools at the moment.

Over the next few weeks, we would be very grateful that if children are not well enough to be in school, that you don't try and bring them in. We always want to see as many children in school as possible, but it is important that we try to control the spread of all the current illnesses, both to keep everyone well, but also to make sure we can run the schools effectively with enough staff.

We did have some cases last week where children had had diarrhoea and were still sent into school. We ask you to respect our school rules and please keep your children at home for 48 hours after the LAST time they have either sickness or diarrhoea. We know this can be frustrating when children seem otherwise well, but it is vital for infection control.

Kind regards,

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