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Dear Archibald Families,

We have confirmed cases of the following illnesses in school and I am sharing this with you so that you are informed and so that you can be vigilant for signs and symptoms of the illnesses.

- Scarlet Fever
- Slapped Cheek
- Chicken Pox
- Shingles

There is no need to panic or to keep your child away from school if they are fit and well. They are common childhood illnesses which schools see throughout the year – we just happen to have a full combination this week 😊

Public Health have been contacted for their advice and they have shared the information below.

- Children with scarlet fever need to stay off school for **24 hours** after starting antibiotics [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Children with chicken pox need to stay off school until all the blisters have scabbed/crusted over [Chickenpox - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Children with slapped cheek are no longer contagious once the red rash appears – please do read how it presents before the rash shows [Slapped cheek syndrome - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

As scarlet fever is very infectious, we may see more cases in the coming days or weeks.

We have vulnerable children, families and staff in our school community and we are therefore asking you to be extra vigilant regarding your children's health. Attendance is important but not if a child is poorly or their attendance could negatively impact others through being infectious.

To prevent the spread of infection school will continue to advocate for

- Regularly washing your hands (pupils and staff)
- Respiratory hygiene (access to tissues, "Catch it, bin it, kill it")
- Regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces (i.e., door handles, hand rails, desks etc)
- Environmental cleaning are some of the best ways of preventing the spread of infection

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Turner

Headteacher

Having fun, learning together.
Curious, caring, creative and courageous.

