



# Banwell Primary School ..... 'putting children first'

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that we are currently experiencing a high number of absences due to illness in school. Today 15% of our children have been away. Common symptoms appear to be high temperatures, headaches and sore throats. We have been made aware of one definite diagnosis of Scarlet Fever so far in school so I would ask all parents to be extra vigilant and aware of the symptoms associated with this. Symptoms include:

- Sore throat
- High temperature (38.3C/101F or above)
- Headache
- Flushed face
- Swollen tongue
- A distinctive pink-red rash which develops 12 to 48 hours later

If you suspect that your child has Scarlet Fever it is important that they see a doctor so that an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment can be given. Please inform the school if a diagnosis is received. Scarlet Fever is also very contagious so please ensure that your child does not attend school whilst they have it.

I have included a link which contains more information below:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Please can we remind children the importance of hand washing to help with preventing the spread of germs. Also, if you are unable to obtain a Doctor's appointment please bear in mind you can consult your local Pharmacist for advice.

I hope that everyone (children and staff) who is feeling poorly at the moment makes a speedy recovery!

Best wishes,

Claire Pocock  
Headteacher

