

Kingsfleet

Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Scarlet fever

It has been reported that we have a case of scarlet fever in school. This is generally a mild illness most commonly found in younger school-aged children.

Please see below an extract from the NHS website.

'Scarlet fever is also known as scarlatina, although this often refers to a milder form of the disease.

It usually follows a sore throat or a skin infection (impetigo) caused by particular strains of streptococcus bacteria.

Scarlet fever is a bacterial illness that causes a distinctive pink-red rash.

It is uncommon in the UK nowadays and is usually mild.

The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. It may start in one area, but soon spreads to many parts of the body, such as the ears, neck and chest. The rash may be itchy.

Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue.

Symptoms of scarlet fever usually develop two to five days after infection, although you will be contagious before showing signs of the illness.'

If you are in any doubt please contact your local GP.

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