



Lunsford Primary School

Dear Parents/carers,

I am attaching a letter regarding Scarlet Fever (Strep A) illnesses and whilst I completely understand that this can raise anxiety and worry as parents, we are advised to do this to keep parents informed, keep children safe and support families where we can.

It is vitally important that lines of communication between parents and school remain clear and consistent. As a school, and as the headteacher of Lunsford, I put the health and safety of the children at the forefront. I have a duty of care to all the children and all members of staff here too.

As stated in the letter if your child has symptoms of Scarlet Fever please seek medical advice to get this confirmed and inform the school. We report any confirmed cases to Public Health England and are very diligent in ensuring we do so.

I have also been made aware of a suspected case of measles. We have been in consultation with Public Health England, this is an unconfirmed case and the appropriate measures have been put in place. The advice from PHE is:

- The case in question has not been confirmed
- There have been no reported cases of measles in the local population, therefore it is not currently circulating in the local population
- Ensure children are up to date with their MMR vaccines (one MMR vaccine should provide 90% for a child, even if they didn't/don't have the full course)

For the health of the children and families at school and over Christmas we need to work together.

As a school we maintain high levels of hygiene and will ensure this is increased in line with any recommendations from PHE, leading up to the end of term.

The school relies heavily on the information shared by parents with regard to their children. It is not helpful for information to be shared on social media sites with regard to the health of a child, especially if it has not been confirmed.

Please also be reassured that if we are aware of any sickness bugs that children may have, we enforce our 24 hour rule and this will be reiterated in our newsletter.

Kind regards

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