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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I am just writing with a couple of updates.

Swimming Pool / Legionella

The swimming pool is currently closed. As part of routine testing a higher than expected level of legionella was found in pipes in the changing rooms. This incident has not affected the pool itself.

We have specialist contractors working to remove the legionella from the system and we are waiting for further tests to confirm that the pipes are clear before we reopen the area.

The risk to pupils is considered to be low, however please see the NHS website for information about signs and symptoms of Legionnaires disease for awareness <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/legionnaires-disease/>

Scarlet Fever

We have had a few cases of scarlet fever at the school site.

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococcus and is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Please look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.

If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Please do contact me if you have any concerns.

Have a nice weekend.

Best Wishes,

Vanessa Hickey
Executive Headteacher

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