



Thursday 8th December, 2022

Dear parents/ guardians of P1EC pupils,

As you will know, the Public Health Agency and Education Authority have been providing advice to schools with regard to issues relating to incidents of scarlet fever in school communities.

Consistent with the advice being given, I am writing to inform you that there has been a case of scarlet fever identified from within your child's class.

Scarlet fever is an infectious disease and passes between person to person. It is therefore not unusual to see more than one case in a class or group – particularly at times like this when prevalence is higher than usual in many communities across the north of Ireland.

The PHA have issued general advice to parents that they should be alert to symptoms in their own children and should seek medical advice if required.

Naturally, it remains the case that children should not be sent to school if they are unwell.

Children with a diagnosis of scarlet fever should not attend school for a minimum period of 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment and until they feel well enough to return to school.

Yours sincerely,

C Donnelly
Principal