

Important health news for parents and carers



**Scarlet Fever is on the rise.
Protect children. Look out for the signs.**

You may have heard on the news about Strep A or Group A Streptococcus.

It is a bacteria that can cause illnesses such as Scarlet Fever in young children, often between 2 and 8 years old.



It spreads very easily when people cough. Get your children to cough into a tissue, put the tissue in a bin and wash their hands

Scarlet Fever is usually not serious.



It can be treated with antibiotics and children can normally go back to school in 24 hours.



But some children can get it worse. If this happens you must tell a health professional Or ring 111 for help

On the next page are the signs to look out for →

Signs of Scarlet Fever



- Sore throat.
- Swollen neck glands – a lump on the side of the neck.



- High temperature.
- After 12 to 48 hours it causes small bumps that feel rough like sandpaper on the tummy and chest.
- On white skin the rash looks red.
On brown or black skin this can be hard to see, but you can still feel it.



If your child has any of these signs keep them off school.

Talk to your GP who will tell you if any treatment is needed.

