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**Health Announcement.**

**Scarlet Fever**

I am sure that you have all read in the press about the increasing numbers of scarlet fever cases in young children.

Scarlet fever is mainly a mild disease in children but it can lead to very serious complications including loss of life.

Please look out for the following signs and symptoms in your child and contact your doctor straight away if you are concerned.

* sore throat,
* headache,
* fever,
* nausea and vomiting.
* After 12 to 48 hours a red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.
* This may be accompanied by a ‘strawberry tongue’. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Regards

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