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Dear Parent / Carer,

Scarlet Fever

I know that many of you will have seen the reports on the news about the increase of Scarlet Fever in young children. The Local Authority have not received any guidance for schools from the government, however I would like to share the following information with you.

The symptoms of Scarlet Fever are:

- sore throat
- headache
- fever
- nausea and vomiting
- red rash on the body

The red skin rash usually appears on the chest and stomach first and then spreads to other parts of the body. The scarlet rash may be hard to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be red, but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, has scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you or your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- A throat swab will confirm if its Scarlet Fever
- Stay at home, away from nursery or school for 24 hours after starting the antibiotics, to avoid spreading the infection.

Chicken Pox

Children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop a more serious infection of Scarlet Fever. Parents of children who have recently had chickenpox, should check for the following symptoms:

- high fever
- skin infections
- swollen, painful joints

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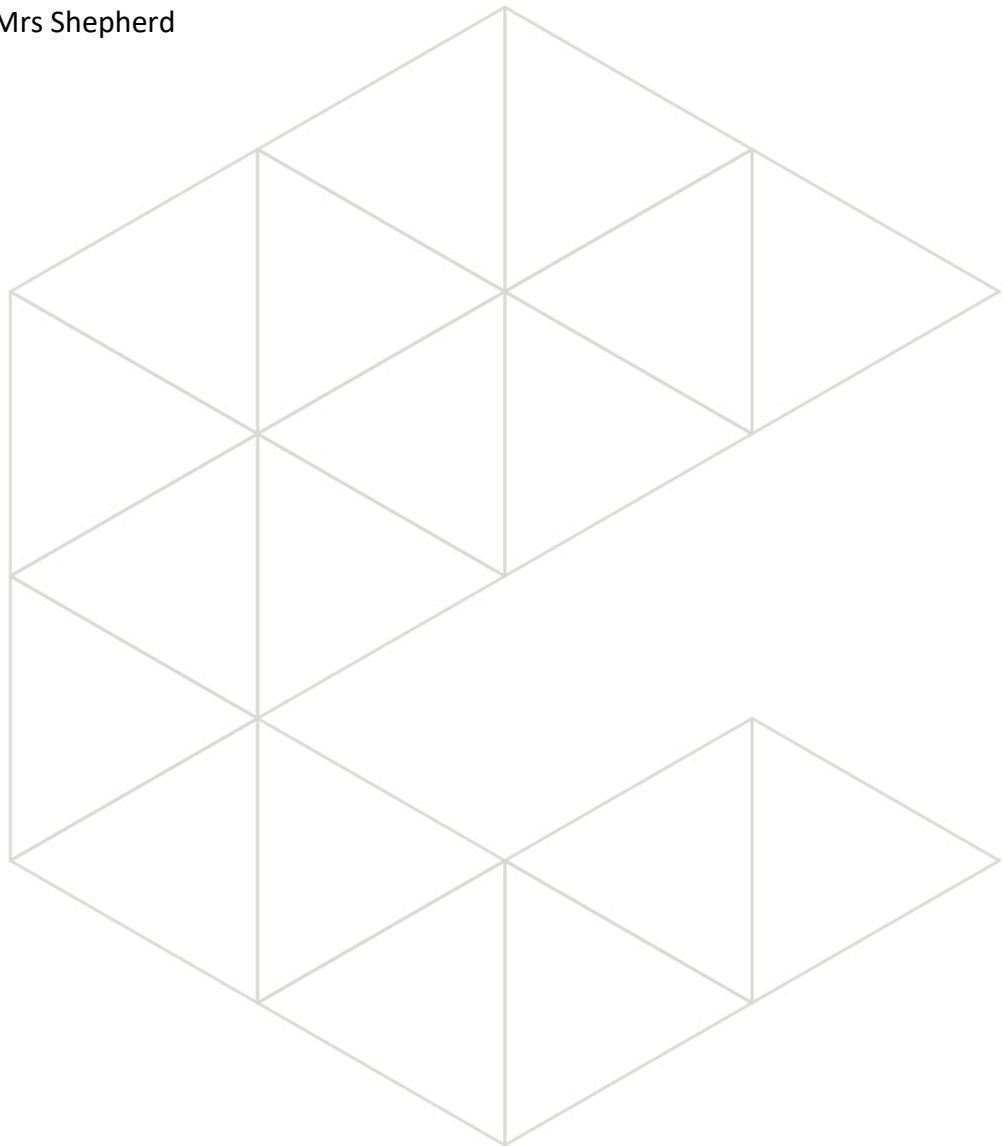
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If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss your concerns with them.

You may also contact the LBD Health Protection Team on 020 3837 7084 for further advice.

Best Wishes

Mrs Shepherd



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