## NEWCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified about a case of scarlet fever in KS1 and we would like to request your support in watching out for your child displaying any of the symptoms associated with this childhood bacterial illness.

We have been in contact with our School Nurse Team who have provided us with some information on the symptoms which include sore throat, headache, high temperature, swollen neck glands, loss of appetite, nausea followed by a rash. In milder cases, the rash may be the only symptom.

Scarlet fever is contagious and symptoms usually develop two to five days after infection, although individuals will be contagious before showing any signs of the illness. Scarlet fever is usually treated with antibiotics and a child with scarlet fever can return to school 24 hours after they have started the antibiotics providing that they are well enough.

For further information please see the scarlet fever guidance sent home with this letter. This information can be found on our school website too.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued and valued support and engagement.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher